U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

RIPE OLIVES FROM SPAIN

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by March 15, 2018

See last page for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing duty and antidumping investigations concerning ripe olives from Spain (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-582 and 731-TA-1377 (Final)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your firm's possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)).

Name of firm

City	State Zip Code	.
Website		.
Has your firm 2015?	imported ripe olives (as defined on next page) from any country at any time since January 1,	
☐ NO	(Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)	
YES	(Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)	
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background. --This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition instituted on June 22, 2017, by the Coalition for Fair Trade in Ripe Olives, consisting of Bell-Carter Foods, Walnut Creek, CA, and Musco Family Olive Company, Tracy, CA. Countervailing and/or antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these proceedings if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce ("Commerce") makes an affirmative determination of subsidization and/or dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at

https://usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2017/ripe olives spain/final.htm.

<u>Ripe olives</u> covered by these investigations are certain processed olives, usually referred to as "ripe olives." The subject merchandise includes all colors of olives; all shapes and sizes of olives, whether pitted or not pitted, and whether whole, sliced, chopped, minced, wedged, broken, or otherwise reduced in size; all types of packaging, whether for consumer (retail) or institutional (food service) sale, and whether canned or packaged in glass, metal, plastic, multi-layered airtight containers (including pouches), or otherwise; and all manners of preparation and preservation, whether low acid or acidified, stuffed or not stuffed, with or without flavoring and/or saline solution, and including in ambient, refrigerated, or frozen conditions.

Included are all ripe olives grown, processed in whole or in part, or packaged in Spain. Subject merchandise includes ripe olives that have been further processed in Spain or a third country, including but not limited to curing, fermenting, rinsing, oxidizing, pitting, slicing, chopping, segmenting, wedging, stuffing, packaging, or heat treating, or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigations if performed in Spain.

Excluded from the scope are: (1) Specialty olives¹ (including "Spanish-style," "Sicilian-Style," and other similar olives) that have been processed by fermentation only, or by being cured in an alkaline solution for not longer than 12 hours and subsequently fermented; and (2) provisionally prepared olives unsuitable for immediate consumption (currently classifiable in subheading 0711.20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS)).

¹ Some of the major types of specialty olives and their curing methods are:

[&]quot;Spanish-style" green olives. Spanish-style green olives have a mildly salty, slightly bitter taste, and are usually pitted and stuffed. This style of olive is primarily produced in Spain and can be made from various olive varieties. Most are stuffed with pimento; other popular stuffings are jalapeno, garlic, and cheese. The raw olives that are used to produce Spanish-style green olives are picked while they are unripe, after which they are submerged in an alkaline solution for typically less than a day to partially remove their bitterness, rinsed, and fermented in a strong salt brine, giving them their characteristic flavor.

[&]quot;Sicilian-style" green olives. Sicilian-style olives are large, firm green olives with a natural bitter and savory flavor. This style of olive is produced in small quantities in the United States using a Sevillano variety of olive and harvested green with a firm texture. Sicilian-style olives are processed using a brine-cured method, and undergo a full fermentation in a salt and lactic acid brine for 4 to 9 months. These olives may be sold whole unpitted, pitted, or stuffed.

[&]quot;Kalamata" olives: Kalamata olives are slightly curved in shape, tender in texture, and purple in color, and have a rich natural tangy and savory flavor. This style of olive is produced in Greece using a Kalamata variety olive. The olives are harvested after they are fully ripened on the tree, and typically use a brine-cured fermentation method over 4 to 9 months in a salt brine.

Other specialty olives in a full range of colors, sizes, and origins, typically fermented in a salt brine for 3 months or more.

The merchandise subject to these investigations is currently classifiable under subheadings 2005.70.0230, 2005.70.0260, 2005.70.0430, 2005.70.0460, 2005.70.5030, 2005.70.5060, 2005.70.6020, 2005.70.6030, 2005.70.6050, 2005.70.6060, 2005.70.6070, 2005.70.7000, 2005.70.7510, 2005.70.7515, 2005.70.7520, and 2005.70.7525 HTSUS.

Subject merchandise may also be imported under subheadings 2005.70.0600, 2005.70.0800, 2005.70.1200, 2005.70.1600, 2005.70.1800, 2005.70.2300, 2005.70.2510, 2005.70.2520, 2005.70.2530, 2005.70.2540, 2005.70.2550, 2005.70.2560, 2005.70.9100, 2005.70.9300, and 2005.70.9700. Although HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and US Customs purposes, they do not define the scope of the investigations; rather, the written description of the subject merchandise is dispositive.

<u>Importer</u>.--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing ripe olives (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

Reporting of information.--If information is not readily available from your records, provide carefully prepared estimates. If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire (i.e., a producer, importer, and/or purchaser questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions.

<u>Confidentiality</u>.--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to this questionnaire that reveal the individual operations of your firm will be treated as confidential by the Commission to the extent that such data are not otherwise available to the public and will not be disclosed except as may be required by law (see 19 U.S.C. § 1677f). Such confidential information will not be published in a manner that will reveal the individual operations of your firm; however, general characterizations of numerical business proprietary information (such as discussion of trends) will be treated as confidential business information only at the request of the submitter for good cause shown.

<u>Verification</u>.-- The information submitted in this questionnaire is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all files, worksheets, and supporting documents used in the preparation of the questionnaire response. Please also retain a copy of the final document that you submit.

Release of information.--The information provided by your firm in response to this questionnaire, as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with this proceeding, may become subject to, and released under, the administrative protective order provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1677f) and section 207.7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.7). This means that certain lawyers and other authorized individuals may temporarily be given access to the information for use in connection with this proceeding or other import-injury proceedings conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise; those individuals would be subject to severe penalties if the information were divulged to unauthorized individuals.

<u>Valid number error messages.</u>--If you are completing this form in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 rather than \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete this form. Detailed instructions on how to resolve this issue are provided at the end of this questionnaire and are available upon request from Jordan Harriman (202-205-2610, jordan.harriman@usitc.gov).

I-1. OMB statistics.--Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this questionnaire.

Hours	Dollars

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 40 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire.

We welcome comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate, suggestions for reducing the burden, and any suggestions for improving this questionnaire. Please attach such comments to your response or send to the Office of Investigations, USITC, 500 E St. SW, Washington, DC 20436.

I-2. <u>Establishments covered</u>.--Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire. If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

"Establishment" Each facility of a firm involved in the importation of ripe olives, including
auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) sucl
facilities.

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I-3.	OwnershipIs yo	ur firm owned, in whole or in par	t, by any other firm?	
	□ No □	YesList the following informat	ion	
	Firm name	Address		Extent of ownership (percent)
I-4.	foreign, that are e	Exporters. Does your firm have ngaged in importing ripe olives fring ripe olives from Spain to the U	rom Spain into the United United States?	
	Firm name	Country		Affiliation
-5.	-	sDoes your firm have any related oduction of ripe olives? YesList the following informat		or foreign, that are
	Firm name	Country		Affiliation

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I-6.	Importing operations Please indicate the nature of your firm's importing operations on ripe
	olives. More than one answer may be applicable.

Importer of record	Takes title to the imported product(s)	Consignee of the imported products(s)	Customs broker or freight forwarder

I-7.	Consignee If your firm is an importer of record of ripe olives but is not the consignee, please
	list the consignees below (firm name, address, telephone number, and individual to contact).

Firm name	Address	Contact person and phone number

I-8. FTZ, TIB, or bonded warehouses.--Please indicate whether your firm enters ripe olives into, or withdraws such merchandise from, foreign trade zones or bonded warehouses. Also indicate whether your firm imports ripe olives under the TIB (temporary importation under bond) program.

"Foreign trade zone" is a designated location in the United States where firms utilize special procedures that allow delayed or reduced customs duty payments on foreign merchandise, as well as other savings. A foreign trade zone must be designed as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in the Foreign-Trade Zones Act.

"Bonded warehouse" is a secured facility supervised by U.S. customs, where dutiable landed imports are stored pending their re-export, or release after payment of import duties, taxes, and other charges. A bonded warehouse must be designed as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in 19 U.S.C. § 1555.

"Temporary Importation under Bond ("TIB") program" is a procedure whereby imported merchandise may be entered under certain conditions for a limited time into the United States free of duty. Under the program, an importer posts a bond for twice the amount of duty, taxes, etc. that would otherwise be owed on the importation and agrees to export or destroy the merchandise within a specified time or pay liquidated damages. This program is restricted to certain categories of merchandise listed in subheadings 9813.00.05 through 9813.00.75 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States(HTS).

Item	No	Yes
Foreign trade zones		
Bonded warehouses		
Temporary importation under bond		

I-9.	Other trade actions To your knowledge, have the products subject to this proceeding beer subject of any other import relief proceedings in the United States or in any other countries?		
	No	Yes-Please specify.	

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Jordan Harriman (202-205-2610, <u>jordan.harriman@usitc.gov</u>). **Supply all data requested on a <u>calendar-year</u> basis**.

II-1.		ationPlease identify the responsible aff may contact that individual regardin	individual and the manner by which ng the confidential information submitted
	Name		
	Title		
	Email		
	Telephone		

II-2. <u>Changes in operations.</u>—Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the importation of ripe olives since January 1, 2015.

(check as many as appropriate)		(If checked, please describe; leave blank if not applicable)
	Office/warehouse openings	
	Office/warehouse closings	
	Relocations	
	Expansions	
	Acquisitions	
	Consolidations	
	Prolonged shutdowns or importation curtailments	
	Changes due to weather conditions (drought)	
	Revised labor agreements	
	Other (e.g., technology)	

_	<u>Arranged imports</u> Has your firm imported or arranged for the importation of ripe olives for delivery after December 31, 2017 ? "Arranged imports" are imports for which your firm has placed an order with a foreign supplier for subject merchandise, but delivery of those imports is not scheduled to occur until after the date listed above.					
for subjec						
No	Yes–Fill ou	t the table below.				
			Specific three	month periods		
	Source	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sept 2018	Oct-Dec 2	
		Qua	antity (in short t	ons, drained we	ight)	
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Definitions

"Imports" –Those products identified for Customs purposes as imports for consumption for which your firm was the importer of record (i.e., was responsible for paying any import duty) or consignee (i.e., to which the merchandise was first delivered).

"Import quantities" –Quantities reported should be net of returns.

"Import values" — Values reported should be landed, duty-paid values at the U.S. port of entry, including ocean freight and insurance costs, brokerage charges, and import duties (i.e., all charges except inland freight in the United States).

"U.S. commercial shipments"— Shipments made within the United States as a result of an arm's length commercial transaction in the ordinary course of business. Report net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods) in U.S. dollars, f.o.b. your point of shipment.

"Internal consumption" – Product consumed internally by your firm. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.

"Transfers to related firms" – Shipments made to related domestic firms. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.

"Related firm" —A firm that your firm solely or jointly owns, manages, or otherwise controls.

"Export shipments"— Shipments to destinations outside the United States, including shipments to related firms.

"Inventories" -- Finished goods inventory, not raw materials or work in progress.

Note: As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/records used in the preparation of the trade data, as Commission staff may contact your firm regarding questions on the trade data. The Commission may also request that your company submit copies of the supporting documents/records (such as production and sales schedules, inventory records, etc.) used to compile these data.

II-6a. <u>U.S. imports from Spain</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of ripe olives imported from Spain by your firm during the specified periods.

Spain

Quantity (in short ton	s, drained weight),	value (in \$1,000)	
	Calendar years		
Item	2015	2016	2017
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)			
Imports: ¹			
Quantity (B)			
Value (C)			
U.S. shipments:			
Commercial shipments:			
Quantity (D)			
Value (E)			
Internal consumption: ²			
Quantity (F)			
Value ² (G)			
Transfers to related firms: ²			
Quantity (H)			
Value ² (I)			
Export shipments: ³			
Quantity (J)			
Value (K)			
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (L)			
¹ Please identify the foreign producers, if known: ² Sales to related firms (including internal consumption different basis for valuing these sales within your compardata using that basis for each of the periods noted above dentify your firm's principal export markets:	n) must be valued at fany, please specify that	air market value. In the e basis (e.g., cost, cost plu	event that your firm uses a us, etc.) and provide value

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line L) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, H, and J). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather actually reflect your firm's records; and also provide any likely explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.

	Calendar years		
Reconciliation	2015	2016	2017
A + B - D - F - H - J - L = should equal zero ("0") or			
provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	0
		0	

¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate: _____.

II-6b. Channels of distribution: Spain.--Report your firm's commercial U.S. shipments of imports from Spain by channel of distribution during the specified periods.

Spain

Quantity (in short tons, drained weight)				
	Calendar years			
Item	2015	2016	2017	
Commercial U.S. shipments: To distributors: branded product (M)				
To distributors: private label product (N)				
To distributors: institutional product (O)				
To retailers: branded (P)				
To retailers: private label (Q)				
To institutional / food processors (R)				

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.</u>--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines M through R) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line D) in each time period in part "a" of this question. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

	Calendar years		
Reconciliation	2015	2016	2017
M + N + O + P + Q + R - D = zero ("0"), if not			
revise.	0	0	0

II-6c. <u>Historical ripe olives shipment data (2013-14): Spain</u>--Report the quantity and value of your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of ripe olives imported from Spain.

Spain

Quantity (in short tons, drained weight) and value (in \$1,000)			
Calendar years			
Item	2013	2014	
U.S. shipments: Quantity			
Value			

II-6d. <u>Commercial U.S. shipments by olive variety and type of processing: Spain</u>.--Report your firm's commercial U.S. shipments of imports from Spain by olive variety and type of processing in calendar year 2017.

Spain

Quantity (in short tons, drained weight)				
	Olive variety			
ltem	Manzanilla	Sevillano	Hojiblanca	Other ¹
2017: Commercial U.S. shipments: Whole with pit (S)				
Whole pitted (T)				
Segmented (U)				
Sliced (V)				
Chopped (W)				
Other ² (X)				
 Please identify these other varieties: Please identify these other processing styles: 	·		•	

<u>RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS.</u>--Please ensure that the quantities reported for olive variety and type of processing (i.e., lines S through X) for 2017 (all rows and columns in this question) equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line D) in 2017 in part "a" of this question. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

Reconciliation	Calendar year 2017
S + T + U + V + W + X (for all varieties/ columns) – D = zero ("0"), if	
not revise.	0

Describe any issues and/or assumptions in how your firm classified its 2017 commercial U.S. shipments above.	

II-7a. <u>U.S. imports from Morocco</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of ripe olives imported from Morocco by your firm during the specified periods.

Morocco

Quantity (in short to	ns, drained weight),	value (<i>in \$1,000</i>)	
	Calendar years		
Item	2015	2016	2017
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)			
Imports: ¹			
Quantity (B)			
Value (C)			
U.S. shipments:			
Commercial shipments:			
Quantity (D)			
Value (E)			
Internal consumption: ²			
Quantity (F)			
Value ² (G)			
Transfers to related firms: ²			
Quantity (H)			
Value ² (I)			
Export shipments: ³			
Quantity (J)			
Value (K)			
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (L)			
¹ Please identify the foreign producers, if known: ² Sales to related firms (including internal consumption different basis for valuing these sales within your compadata using that basis for each of the periods noted above dentify your firm's principal export markets:	n) must be valued at f ny, please specify tha e:		

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line L) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, H, and J). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather actually reflect your firm's records; and also provide any likely explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.

	Calendar years		
Reconciliation	2015	2016	2017
A + B - D - F - H - J - L = should equal zero ("0") or			
provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	0

¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate: _____.

II-7b. <u>Channels of distribution: Morocco</u>.--Report your firm's commercial U.S. shipments of imports from Morocco by channel of distribution during the specified periods.

Morocco

Quantity (in short tons, drained weight)					
	Calendar years 2015 2016 2017				
ltem					
Commercial U.S. shipments: To distributors: branded product (M)					
To distributors: private label product (N)					
To distributors: institutional product (O)					
To retailers: branded (P)					
To retailers: private label (Q)					
To institutional / food processors (R)					

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.</u>--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines M through R) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line D) in each time period in part "a" of this question. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

	Calendar years		
Reconciliation	2015	2016	2017
M + N + O + P + Q + R - D = zero ("0"), if not			
revise.	0	0	0

II-7c. <u>Historical ripe olives shipment data (2013-14): Morocco</u>--Report the quantity and value of your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of ripe olives imported from Morocco.

Morocco

Quantity (in short tons, drained weight) and value (in \$1,000)				
Calendar years				
Item 2013 2014				
U.S. shipments: Quantity				
Value				

II-7d. <u>Commercial U.S. shipments by olive variety and type of processing: Morocco</u>.--Report your firm's commercial U.S. shipments of imports from Morocco by olive variety and type of processing in calendar year 2017.

Morocco

Quantity (in short tons, drained weight)					
	Olive variety				
Item	Manzanilla	Sevillano	Hojiblanca	Other	
2017: Commercial U.S. shipments: Whole with pit (S)					
Whole pitted (T)					
Segmented (U)					
Sliced (V)					
Chopped (W)					
Other ² (X)					
¹ Please identify these other varieties: ² Please identify these other processing styles:					

<u>RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS.</u>--Please ensure that the quantities reported for olive variety and type of processing (i.e., lines S through X) for 2017 (all rows and columns in this question) equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line D) in 2017 in part "a" of this question. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

Reconciliation	Calendar year 2017
S + T + U + V + W + X (for all varieties/ columns) – D = zero ("0"), if	
not revise.	0

Describe any issues and/or assumptions in how your firm classified its 2017 commercial U.S. shipments above.

II-8a. <u>Imports from all other sources</u>.— Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of ripe olives imported from all other sources (i.e., from sources other than Spain or Morocco) by your firm during the specified periods.

All other sources

(list sources:	_)

Quantity (in short tons, drained weight), value (in \$1,000)				
	Calendar years			
Item	2015	2016	2017	
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)				
Imports: ¹				
Quantity (B)				
Value (C)				
U.S. shipments:				
Commercial shipments:				
Quantity (D)				
Value (E)				
Internal consumption: ²				
Quantity (F)				
Value ² (G)				
Transfers to related firms: ²				
Quantity (H)				
Value ² (I)				
Export shipments: ³				
Quantity (J)				
Value (K)				
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (L)				
¹ Please identify the foreign producers, if known:				
² Sales to related firms (including internal consumption)	must be valued at f	air market value. In the ev	vent that your firm uses a	
different basis for valuing these sales within your company		t basis (e.g., cost, cost plus	, etc.) and provide value	
data using that basis for each of the periods noted above:	·			
³ Identify your firm's principal export markets: .				

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.—Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line L) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, H, and J). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather actually reflect your firm's records; and also provide any

likely explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.

	Calendar years		
Reconciliation	2015	2016	2017
A + B - D - F - H - J - L = should equal zero ("0") or			
provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	0

¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate: _____.

II-8b. <u>Channels of distribution: All other sources</u>.--Report your firm's commercial U.S. shipments of imports from all other sources by channel of distribution during the specified periods.

All other sources

Quantity (in short tons, drained weight)					
	Calendar years				
Item	2015	2016	2017		
Commercial U.S. shipments: To distributors: branded product (M)					
To distributors: private label product (N)					
To distributors: institutional product (O)					
To retailers: branded (P)					
To retailers: private label (Q)					
To institutional / food processors (R)					

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.</u>--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines M through R) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line D) in each time period in part "a" of this question. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

	Calendar years		
Reconciliation	2015	2016	2017
M + N + O + P + Q + R - D = zero ("0"), if not			
revise.	0	0	0

II-8c. <u>Historical ripe olives shipment data (2013-14): All other sources</u>--Report the quantity and value of your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of ripe olives imported from all other sources.

All other sources

Quantity (in short tons, drained weight) and value (in \$1,000)							
Calendar years							
Item	2013	2014					
U.S. shipments: Quantity							
Value							

II-8d. Commercial U.S. shipments by olive variety and type of processing: All other sources.—Report your firm's commercial U.S. shipments of imports from All other sources by olive variety and type of processing in calendar year 2017.

All other sources

	y (in short tons, drai	ned weight)		
		Olive	variety	
ltem	Manzanilla	Sevillano	Hojiblanca	Other ¹
2017: Commercial U.S. shipments: Whole with pit (S)				
Whole pitted (T)				
Segmented (U)				
Sliced (V)				
Chopped (W)				
Other ² (X)				
¹ Please identify these other varieties: ² Please identify these other processing style			1	
fields below return values other than zer submission to the Commission.	o (i.e., "0"), the data	reported must	be revised prior to)
Reconciliation			Calendar vear 20	17
Reconciliation $S + T + U + V + W + X$ (for all varieties/ colum not revise.	ns) – D = zero ("0"), it	:	Calendar year 20	17
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PART III.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Amelia Preece (202-205-3250, amelia.preece@usitc.gov).

III-1. <u>Contact information.</u>--Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part III.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

PRICE DATA

- III-2. This question requests quarterly quantity and value data for your firm's commercial shipments to unrelated U.S. customers since January 1, 2015 of the following products your firm imported from Spain:
- <u>Product 1</u>.--(Retail Branded).--Medium pitted black ripe olives in 300 cans, 24 cans per case. Report BRANDED sales only. Can size is 300 x 407. Drain weight is 6 oz. per can, 144 oz. (4.08 kg) per case.
- <u>Product 2</u>.--(Retail Private Label).--Sliced black ripe olives in 211 cans, 24 cans per case. Report PRIVATE LABEL sales only. Can size is 211 x 200. Drain weight is 2.25 oz. per can, 54 oz. (1.53 kg) per case.
- <u>Product 3</u>.--(Institutional).--Sliced black ripe olives in #10 cans, 6 cans per case. Can size is 603 x 700. Drain weight is 55 oz. per can, 330 oz. (9.36 kg) per case.
- <u>Product 4</u>.--(Institutional).—sliced black ripe olives in retortable pouches, 10 pouches per case. Drained weight is 33 oz. per pouch, 330 oz. (9.36 kg) per case.

Please note that values should be <u>f.o.b.</u>, <u>U.S.</u> <u>point of shipment</u> and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Values should reflect the *final net* amount paid to your firm (i.e., should be net of all deductions for discounts or rebates). Do not adjust prices for slotting fee payments.

Slotting fees should be included in the value of the pricing product(s) for which they are paid in the quarter(s) in which the slotting fee payments are made.

During January 2015-December 2017, did your firm import from Spain or Morocco and sell to unrelated U.S. customers any of the above listed products (or any products that were competitive with these products)?

YesPlease complete the following pricing data tables as appropriate.
NoSkip to question III-3.

Product 3: Product 4:

III-2(a). <u>Price data</u>.--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from Spain and sold by your firm.

Spain

Report data in *cases* (not short tons) and *actual dollars* (not 1,000s).

		(Qua	antity <i>in actual c</i>	ases, value in	dollars)			
	Product 1		Produ	uct 2	Prod	Product 3		uct 4
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2015:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2016:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2017:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
¹ Net values (i.e., gross U.S. point of shipment. ² Pricing product defin NoteIf your firm's product of your firm's product. Also	itions are provid	ded on the firs	t page of Part III.	ions but is co	mpetitive with th			
Product 1:								
Product 2:								

Product 2: Product 3: Product 4:

III-2(b). <u>Price data</u>.--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from Morocco and sold by your firm.

Morocco

Report data in *cases* (not short tons) and *actual dollars* (not 1,000s).

		(Qua	ntity in actual c	ases, value in	dollars)			
	Prod	uct 1	Prod	uct 2	Product 3		Prod	uct 4
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2015:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2016:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2017:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
¹ Net values (i.e., gross U.S. point of shipment. ² Pricing product defin					freight, and the	value of retu	rned goods), f.o.l	o. your firm's
Note -If your firm's product of your firm's product. Also						ne specified pi	roduct, provide a	description
Product 1:								

III-2 (c). <u>Price data checklist.</u>--Please check that the pricing data in questions III-2(a and b) have been correctly reported.

Is the price data reported above:	√ if Yes
In actual dollars (not \$1,000)?	
In actual cases?	
F.o.b. U.S. point of shipment (i.e., does not include U.S. transport costs)?	
Net of all discounts and rebates?	
Have returns credited to the quarter in which the sale occurred?	
If you paid slotting fees, where these included in the value of the product(s) covered by these fees in the quarters in which the fees were paid? (If you did r	not
pay any slotting fees please check yes.)	
Less than reported commercial shipments in question II-6 and II-7 in each ye	ar?
III-2(d). Pricing data methodologyPlease describe the method and the kinds of documenthat were used to compile your price data.	nents/records

Note: As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/records used in the preparation of the price data, as Commission staff may contact your firm regarding questions on the price data. The Commission may also request that your company submit copies of the supporting documents/records (such as sales journal, invoices, etc.) used to compile these data.

III-3.	<u>Price setting.</u> How does your firm determine the prices that it charges for sales of ripe olives
	(check all that apply)? If your firm issues price lists, please submit sample pages of a recent list.

	Transaction by transaction	Contracts	Set price lists	Other	If other, describe
Retailers					
Institutional purchasers					

III-4. <u>Discount policy</u>.--Please indicate and describe your firm's discount policies (*check all that apply*).

Quantity discounts	Annual or total volume discounts	No discounts	Other	Describe

,	_				
_	No	YesPleas	se fill out the table.		
			Value (in \$1,	000)	
				Calendar years	
	ltei		2015	2016	201
Total amo	unt of slot	ting fees paid			
		Customer		Check if yes (check all that apply)	
		hipments:			
		branded product			
		private label prod			
	ailers: bra	institutional prod	uct		
		vate label			
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(c) Wha	at types o	f product does you	ur firm pay for slott	ting fees?	
(d) A	clottic = f	and the same	um ant?		
(d) Are	slotting fe	ees a one-time pay	vment?		
(d) Are	slotting fe	1		me payment, how often are	e slotting
(d) Are	slotting fo	1		me payment, how often are	e slotting
		If no slotting fee		me payment, how often are	e slotting

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vertisir	ng and/or	promotional fees	.–				
a) Doe	s your firn	n pay advertising	and/or promotiona	al fees?			
	No	YesPleas	se fill out the table				
			Value (in \$1,	,000)			
				Calendar years			
	Iten	n	2015	2016	2017		
		-					
		gories of custome	ers does your firm p	pay advertising and/or pro	omotional		
		Customer		Check if yes (check all that apply)			
		-					
To dis	tributors:	private label prod	luct				
To dis	tributors:	institutional prod	uct				
To ret	ailers: bra	nded					
To ret	ailers: priv	ate label					
To ins	titutional ,	food processors					
c) Wha	at types of	product does you	ur firm pay for adv	ertising and/or promotion	al fees?		
d) Are	advertisin				ne navment		
Yes	No	_	•		• •		
	tal amo omotio b) To v fees To dis To dis To ret To ins c) Wha	Item tal amount of adveomotional fees pa b) To which cate fees? Immercial U.S. sh To distributors: To distributors: To distributors: To retailers: bra To retailers: priv To institutional paid. C) What types of the distributors of the distributor of the	Item Item	Item Item 2015 Item To which categories of customers does your firm page fees? Customer Immercial U.S. shipments: To distributors: branded product To distributors: private label product To retailers: branded To retailers: private label To institutional / food processors To what types of product does your firm pay for advection of the product of the pro	A) Does your firm pay advertising and/or promotional fees? No YesPlease fill out the table. Value (in \$1,000)		

III-7.	Pricing	terms
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(a) What are your firm's typical sales terms for ripe olives imported from Spain?

Net 30 days	Net 60 days	2/10 net 30 days	Other	Other (specify)

(b) On what basis are your firm's prices of imported ripe olives from Spain usually quoted (check one)?

Delivered	F.o.b.	If f.o.b., specify point

III-8. **Bundling sales.-**-Does your firm bundle sales of ripe olives with other products?

No	Yes	Estimate share of your ripe olive sales in 2017 that were sold in a bundle	Describe other product that are typically in bundled sales

III-9. <u>Contract versus spot.</u>—Approximately what share of your firm's sales of ripe olives imported from Spain in 2017 was on a (1) long-term contract basis, (2) annual contract basis, (3) short-term contract basis, and (4) spot sales basis?

		Туре о	f sale			
Item	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Spot sales (for a single delivery)	Total (should sum to 100.0%)	
Share of 2017 sales	%	%	%	%	0.0	%

III-10. <u>Contract</u>.--Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical sales contracts for ripe olives from Spain (or check "not applicable" if your firm does not sell on a long-term, short-term and/or annual contract basis).

Typical sales contract provisions	Item	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)
Average contract duration	No. of days		365	
Price renegotiation	Yes			
(during contract period)	No			
	Quantity			
Fixed quantity and/or price	Price			
aa, a. paa	Both			
Meet or release	Yes			
provision	No			
Not applicab	le			

III-11. <u>Lead times.--</u>What is your firm's share of sales of ripe olives imported from Spain from inventory and produced to order and what is the typical lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of ripe olives?

Source	Share of 2017 sales	Lead time (average number of days)
From your firm's U.S. inventory	%	
From foreign manufacturers' inventory	%	
Produced to order	%	
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	

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III-12. Shipping information.—

(a)	what is the approximate percentage of the cost of ripe olives imported from Spain that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs? percent.
(b)	Who generally arranges the transportation to your firm's customers' locations? Your firm Purchaser (check one)
(c)	When your firm sells ripe olives imported from Spain, from where is it shipped? Point of importation Storage facility (check one)
(d)	Indicate the approximate percentage of your firm's sales of ripe olives imported from Spain that are delivered the following distances from your firm's U.S. point of shipment.

Distance from your firm's U.S. point of shipment	Share
Within 100 miles	%
101 to 1,000 miles	%
Over 1,000 miles	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

III-13. <u>Geographical shipments.--</u>In which U.S. geographic market area(s) has your firm sold ripe olives imported from subject countries since January 1, 2015 (check all that apply)?

Geographic area	Spain
Northeast.–CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.	
MidwestIL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, and WI.	
Southeast.—AL, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV.	
Central Southwest.—AR, LA, OK, and TX.	
MountainsAZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.	
Pacific Coast.–CA, OR, and WA.	
Other.—All other markets in the United States not previously listed, including AK, HI, PR, and VI.	

III-14. **End uses.--**List the end uses of the ripe olives that your firm imports.

End use product			

			No		YesP	lease fill ou	t the ta	ble.				
				End	duse in v	which this	Н		_		-	this substitut e olives?
		Substitute		End use in which this substitute is used			No	Yes			Explanat	ion
1.												
2.												
III-1	16.	Demand tr States (if kr describe th	own) for	r ripe	olives ha	s changed s	since Jai	nuary	1, 20	15. Expl	ain any t	
III-1	l6. ∕lark	States (if kr describe th	own) for	r ripe al fact	olives ha	s changed s	since Jai	nuary se chai	1, 20 nges ith	15. Expl in dema	ain any t	
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III-18. Conditions of competition.	—
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(a)	s the ripe olives market subject to business cycles (other than general economy-wic	эb
	conditions) and/or other conditions of competition distinctive to ripe olives?	

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	Check all	that apply	.	Please describe.
		No		Skip to question III-17.
		Yes-Busin seasonal	-	(e.g.
		Yes-Other condition		
		have there		changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for 2015?
	No	Yes	If yes,	describe.
	retail or in allocation customers	stitutional or "contro , deliverin	customer lled order g less than	firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply ripe olives to its since January 1, 2015 (examples include placing customers on entry," declining to accept new customers or renew existing in the quantity promised, being unable to providing the sizes of the to meet timely shipment commitments, etc.)?
Туре	of sales	No	Yes	If yes, please describe.
R	etail			
Instit	tutional			
III-20.	-20. Private label limits Have you ever re			ever refused or declined to sell private label olives?
	No	Yes	If yes,	describe.

III-21. Raw materials.--How have ripe olives raw material prices changed since January 1, 2015?

Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explain, noting how raw material price changes have affected your firm's selling prices for ripe olives.

III-22. <u>Interchangeability.</u>—Is ripe olives produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (i.e., can they physically be used in the same applications)?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 in the table below:

- A = the products from a specified country-pair are *always* interchangeable
- F = the products are *frequently* interchangeable
- S = the products are *sometimes* interchangeable
- N = the products are *never* interchangeable
- 0 = *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	Spain	Morocco	Other countries	
United States				
Spain				
Morocco				
For any country-pair producing ripe olives that is <i>sometimes</i> or <i>never</i> interchangeable, identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:				

III-23. <u>Factors other than price</u>.--Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between ripe olives produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's sales of the products?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 in the table below:

A = such differences are *always* significant

F = such differences are *frequently* significant

S = such differences are *sometimes* significant

N = such differences are *never* significant

0 = *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	Spain	Morocco	Other countries
United States			
Spain			
Morocco			

For any country-pair for which factors other than price *always* or *frequently* are a significant factor in your firm's sales of ripe olives, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:

III-24. <u>Customer identification.</u>--List the names and contact information for your firm's 10 largest U.S. customers for ripe olives since January 1, 2015. Indicate the share of the quantity of your firm's total shipments of ripe olives that each of these customers accounted for in 2017.

	Customer's name	City	State	Share of 2017 sales (%)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

III-25.	Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part III that did not provide a narrative response box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with the MS Word questionnaire.

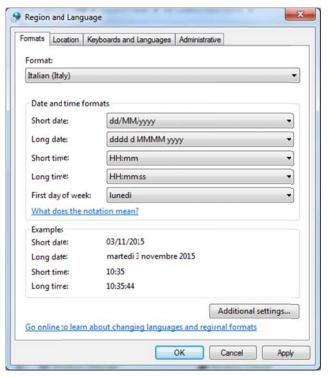
Correcting Valid number error messages.--If you are completing a Commission questionnaire in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 instead of as \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. This issues stem from your computer number formatting setting (e.g., not the MS Word document itself, but the computer from which you are opening up the document). In the United States commas (,) delineate multiples of 1000 and periods (.) delineate fractions less than one. Many EU countries use the reverse where multiples of 1000 are delineated with periods (.) and fractions less than one are delineated with commas (,). The US International Trade Commission's questionnaires are set-up in the United States with the U.S. number formatting. When this formatting interacts with a computer set to EU number formatting, we believe this may cause this issue.

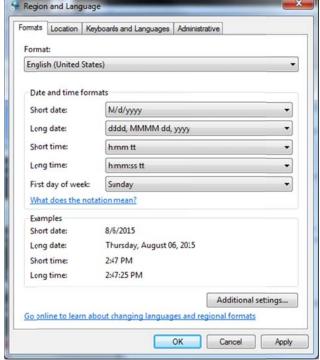
The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete the questionnaire.

To temporarily change your computer's number settings to U.S. settings, please do the following (for Microsoft Windows Operating system):

- START
- Control Panel
- Region and Language (under Clock, Language, and Region category)
- Format tab
- Change the Format from your existing one (e.g. "Italian (Italy)") to "English (United States)" (see screen shots below)

When you do this the number "twelve million dollars and thirty five cents" would change from \$12.000.000,35 (Italy format) to \$12,000,000.35 (U.S. format), and then there will be no conflict with the questionnaire. When you finish reporting the data then you can close the questionnaire and switch back to Italy settings.





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This questionnaire is available as a "fillable" form in MS Word format on the Commission's website at:

https://usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2017/ripe olives spain/final.htm.

Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the questionnaire document. Please submit the completed questionnaire using one of the methods noted below. If your firm is unable to complete the MS Word questionnaire or cannot use one of the electronic methods of submission, please contact the Commission for further instructions.

• <u>Upload via Secure Drop Box</u>.—Upload the MS Word questionnaire along with a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1) through the Commission's secure upload facility:

Web address: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/ Pin: RIPE

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to jordan.harriman@usitc.gov; include a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1). Submitters are strongly encouraged to encrypt nonpublic documents that are electronically transmitted to the Commission to protect your sensitive information from unauthorized disclosure. The USITC secure drop-box system and the Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) use Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 140-2 cryptographic algorithms to encrypt data in transit. Submitting your nonpublic documents by a means that does not use these encryption algorithms (such as by email) may subject your firm's nonpublic information to unauthorized disclosure during transmission. If you choose a non-encrypted method of electronic transmission, the Commission warns you that the risk of such possible unauthorized disclosure is assumed by you and not by the Commission.

If your firm did not import this product, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.

<u>Parties to this proceeding</u>.—If your firm is a party to this proceeding, it is required to serve a copy of the completed questionnaire on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 207.7). A list of such parties may be obtained from the Commission's Secretary (202-205-1803). A certificate of service must accompany the completed questionnaire you submit (see 19 CFR § 207.7). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.