U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

GLYCINE FROM CHINA, INDIA, JAPAN, AND THAILAND

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>January 7, 2019</u>

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 countervailing duty investigations concerning glycine and certain precursor products from China, India and Thailand and in connection with antidumping investigations concerning glycine and certain precursor products from India, Japan and Thailand (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-603-605 and 731-TA-1413-1415 (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 possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from Nabil Abbyad (202-708-1446, Nabil.Abbyad@usitc.gov).

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City	State Zip Code
Website	
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YES (Compl	ete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

<u>Background.</u>-- This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on March 28, 2018, by GEO Specialty Chemical, Lafayette, Indiana and Chattem Chemicals, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee. Countervailing and 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 dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at: https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2018/glycine_china_india_japan_and_thailand/final.htm.

<u>Glycine</u> covered by these investigations is glycine at any purity level or grade. This includes glycine of all purity levels, which covers all forms of crude or technical glycine including but not limited to sodium glycinate, glycine slurry and any other forms of amino acetic acid or glycine. Subject merchandise also includes glycine and precursors of dried crystalline glycine that are processed in a third country, including, but not limited to, refining or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigations if performed in the country of manufacture of the inscope glycine or precursors of dried crystalline glycine.

Glycine has the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry number of 56-40-6. Glycine and glycine slurry are classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 2922.49.43.00. Sodium glycinate is classified in the HTSUS under 2922.49.80.00. While the HTSUS subheadings and CAS registry number are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.

<u>Purchaser</u>.--Any firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in purchasing glycine from another firm that produces, imports, or otherwise distributes glycine.

<u>Reporting of information</u>.-- 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.

<u>Release of information</u>.--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.

•	if different from that listed on the	ss of your U.S. establishment(s) cover cover page. Firms operating more ablishments into a single response.
		ourchase of glycine, including auxilia ohysically separate from) such faciliti
OwnershipIs your fir	m owned, in whole or in part, by	any other firm?
	rm owned, in whole or in part, by sList the following information.	any other firm?
	, , ,	Extent of ownership (percent)
□ No □ Yes	sList the following information.	Extent of ownership

U.S. Purchasers' Questionnaire - Glycine (Final) I-3. Related importers/exporters.--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which import glycine into the United States or which export glycine to the United States? Yes--List the following information. No Firm name Country Affiliation I-4. Related producers. -- Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which produce glycine? ☐ No Yes--List the following information. Affiliation Firm name Country

PART II.--PURCHASES

<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 this questionnaire.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

II-1. Purchases.—

(a) Report <u>separately</u> your firm's total U.S. purchases and U.S. imports of glycine. Please report purchases and/or imports based on country-of-origin of initial glycine slurry manufacture regardless of country of final processing (if different).

"Purchase" – Purchase from a U.S. entity such as a U.S. producer, a U.S. importer, or other U.S. firm.

"Import" – Purchase directly from a foreign supplier and your firm is the importer of record.

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)					
	Ca	alendar years	January –September		
Item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Purchases of glycine produced in— United States					
China					
India					
Japan					
Thailand					
All other countries ¹					
Sources unknown					
Total purchases	0	0	0	0	0
Imports ² of glycine from— China					
India					
Japan					
Thailand					
All other countries ¹					
Total imports	0	0	0	0	0

¹ Please identify these countries:

(b) Report your firm's total U.S. purchases and/or imports of injectable glycine (a subset of the data reported in part "a").

		Calendar years	January –September		
Item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Injectable glycine ¹					
¹ Please identify the countries of the	se nurchases a	nd/or imports:	•		

² If your firm imported glycine at any time since January 1, 2015, please also complete and return a U.S. importers' questionnaire in this proceeding.

II-2. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns.</u>--Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of glycine from different sources have changed since January 1, 2015.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States						
China						
India						
Japan						
Thailand						
All other countries						
Sources unknown						

II-3. <u>Country knowledge.</u>--Please indicate the countries of origin with which your firm has experience or information in the glycine market.

United States	China	India	Japan	Thailand	Other countries	Other countries (specify)

II-4. <u>Supplier identification</u>.--Please list your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for glycine since January 1, 2015. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of glycine that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2017.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2017 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

III-1.	<u>Firm type.</u> Which of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of glycine (check all
	that apply)?

End user (pharmaceutical)	End user (food products)	End user (personal hygiene)	End user (industrial)	Distributor	Other	Describe other

If your firm is a distributor of glycine, please answer questions III-2 and III-3.

III-2.	Competition for salesDoes your firm compete for sales to customers with the manufacturers
	or importers from which your firm purchases glycine?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-3.	Types of customersWhat are the major types of consumers to which your firm sells gly	cine

If your firm is an end user of glycine, please answer questions III-4 and III-5.

III-4. <u>End uses.</u>—List the top 3 products your firm makes using glycine and estimate the percent of your <u>total production cost</u> that is accounted for by glycine and by other inputs (such as labor, energy, and other raw materials).

	of the product(s) you ounted for by	r	Total (should		
Product(s) your firm produces	Glycine		Other inputs		sum to 100.0% across)
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
	%	+	%	ш	0.0 %
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %

III-5.	Demand for	r end use	products.
III-5.	Demand to	r end use	products

(a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating glycine changed since January 1, 2015?

Increased	No change	Decreased	Fluctuated

(b) Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for glycine?

No	Yes	Explain

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	III-6. <u>Substitutes</u> Can other products be substituted for glycine?									??
☐ No ☐ YesPlease fill or							Please fill out	the tal	ole.	
						End use in which this			Have	changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for glycine?
	Substitute				substitut		No	Yes	Explanation	
1.										
	2.									
	3.									
III-7. <u>Demand trends.</u> Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for glycine has changed since January 1, 2015. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.								2015. Explain any trends and describe emand.		
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Withi	n th	e Un	ited State	s						
Outsio	Outside the United States [
III-8. <u>Country preferences</u> Do you or your customers ever specifically order glycine from one country in particular over other possible sources of supply?							, -,			
	No Yes			es If	yes, identify	the countrie	s and e	explai	n.	
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III-9.	Importance of purchasing domestic productPlease fill out the table below, estimating the
	percentage of your firm's total 2017 purchases of glycine that required glycine produced in the
	United States.

	Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2017 purchases of glycine
Purchases that did not require domestic product	%
Purchases that were required by law or regulation to be domestic product (e.g., government purchases under "Buy American" provisions)	%
Purchases that were not required by law or regulation, but were required by your customers to be domestic product	%
Purchases that were required to be domestic product for other reasons	0/
(explain:)	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

III-10. Conditions of competition.--

(a) Is the glycine market subject to business cycles (other than general economy-wide conditions) and/or other conditions of competition distinctive to glycine?

Check a	ll that apply.	Please describe.
	No	Skip to question III-11.
	Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)	
	Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition	

(b) Have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for glycine since January 1, 2015?

No	Yes	If yes, describe.

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III-12.

III-11.	Decision	s based on	produce	er and coun	try-of-orig	<u>in</u> How	often do	es your	firm, a	and if knov	٧n,
	do your	customers,	make	purchasing	decisions	involving	glycine	based	on its	producer	or
	country	of origin?									

Item	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, explain.	
	Decision based on producer					
Your firm						
Your customers						
	Decision based on country of origin					
Your firm						
Your customers						
Availability of 2015?	Availability of supplyHas the availability of glycine in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2015?					
Availability in the U.S.			Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the			

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market	No	Yes	changes.
U.Sproduced product			
Subject imports			
Nonsubject imports			

III-13. <u>Supply constraints.</u>--Has any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with glycine since January 1, 2015 (examples include placing customers on allocation or "controlled order entry," declining to accept new customers or renew existing customers, delivering less than the quantity promised, being unable to meet timely shipment commitments, etc.)?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-14. **Availability of specific product types.**--Are certain grades/types/sizes of glycine only available from certain country sources?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the countries and the grade/type/size.

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III-15.	<u>Purcha</u>	Purchasing frequency							
	(a)	How fre	quently	does your firm	make purch	ases of glycir	ne (check	one)?	
		Daily	Weekl	y Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify	
	(b)	Has this	purcha	sing frequency	changed sinc	e January 1,	2015?		
		No	Yes	If yes, please	describe.				
III-16.	Raw ma	aterial p	rices.—						
	(a)	Is your f	irm fam	iliar with the p	rices for raw	materials us	ed in the	production of glycine?	
		N	o	Yes – please	answer (b)				
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				on raw material prices affected your firm's negotiations or contracts to since 2015?					
		No	Yes E	xplain					
III-17.	7. Number of suppliers contactedHow many suppliers does your firm generally contact before making a purchase? Between and firms								
III-18.		_		·Do your firm's urchaser?	purchases of	glycine usua	ally involv	re negotiations	
		No	Voc	1			-	egotiates and note	

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III-19.	Change in suppliersHas your firm changed suppliers since January 1, 2015?						
		No		yes, please list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or opped, and the reasons for the change.			
III-20.	-	-	-	vare of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have nuary 1, 2015?			
	No	Yes	If yes, pl	ease identify the firms.			
III-21.	 21. Supplier qualificationDo you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell glycine to your firm? If yes, provide the following information. The number of days to qualify a new supplier. A general description of the certification or qualification process. Also, a brief description of the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., qualiform of product, reliability of supplier, etc.). 						
	No	Yes	Number of days	Process and factors			
III-22.	-22. Failure to certifySince January 1, 2015, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in the attempts to certify or qualify their glycine with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?						
	If yes, please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, No Yes and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification.						

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III-23.	Major purchasing factorsPlease list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm
	considers in deciding from whom to purchase glycine (examples include availability, extension of
	credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).

1.	
2.	
3.	
Ple	ease list any other factors that are very important in your purchase decisions:

III-24. <u>Purchasing factors.</u>—Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for glycine.

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Antidumping duty orders (prior)			
Availability			
Certification (FDA)			
Certification (EDQM)			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Extension of credit			
Injectability			
Minimum quantity requirements			
Packaging			
Price			
Product consistency			
Product range			
Purity			
Qualification as USP grade			
Qualification(s) beyond USP grade			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs			

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III-25.	Quality characteristics quality of glycine?	Wha	t characterist	ics does your	firm consider	when determi	ning the
III-26.	Minimum qualityHorspecifications for your				owing countr	ies meet minin	num quality
	Source		Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never	Don't know
	United States						
	China						
	India						
	Japan						
	Thailand						
	Other						
III-27.	Frequency of decisions offered at the lowest p		l on priceHo	ow often does	s your firm pu	rchase the glyo	cine that is
	Always		Usually	Som	etimes	Never	
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III-28. <u>Price leaders.</u>--A price leader is defined as (1) one or more firms that initiate a price change, either upward or downward, that is followed by other firms, or (2) one or more firms that have a significant impact on prices. A price leader is not necessarily the lowest-priced supplier.

Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the glycine market since January 1, 2015.

Firm(s)	Describe how the firm(s) exhibited price leadership

III-29. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.—

(a)	Since January 2015, did your firm purchase imports of glycine from China, India, Japan,
	and/or Thailand instead of U.Sproduced glycine? Respond for each subject country.

Source	Yes (also respond to parts (b) and (c))	No (If "No" for all countries, skip to next question)
China		
India		
Japan		
Thailand		

(b) If you responded "Yes" to part (a), was the imported product priced lower than the domestic product?

Source	Yes	No
China		
India		
Japan		
Thailand		

(c) If you responded "Yes" to part (a), was price a primary reason for purchasing subject imports rather than domestic product?

Source	Yes	If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports purchased instead of domestic product since January 2015 (in 1,000 pounds)	No	If No, please indicate the reason your firm purchased imports instead of domestic product. If your firm's response differs by country, indicate so in the narrative.
China				
India				
Japan				
Thailand				

III-30. <u>U.S. producers and import competition.</u>—

(a) Since January 1, 2015, in connection with a sale or offer to sell glycine to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced glycine in order to compete with lower-priced imports of glycine from the subject countries? Respond for each subject country.

Source	Yes (also respond to question part (b))	No (If "No" for all countries, skip to next question)	Don't know
China			
India			
Japan			
Thailand			

(b) If your firm responded "yes" to any of the above countries, please provide an estimate of the reduction in U.S. producers' prices, and any additional explanations, such as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors.

Source	Estimated reduction in U.S. prices (percent)	Additional explanation, including such information as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors. If your firm's response differs by country, indicate so in the narrative.
China	%	
India	%	
Japan	%	
Thailand	%	

PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1. <u>Interchangeability.--</u>ls glycine 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	China	India	Japan	Thailand	Other countries
United States					
China					
India					
Japan					
Thailand					

For any country-pair producing glycine which is *sometimes* or *never* interchangeable, please identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

IV-2. <u>Factors other than price.</u>—Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between glycine produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's purchases 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	China	India	Japan	Thailand	Other countries
United States					
China					
India					
Japan					
Thailand					

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

IV-3. <u>Factor country comparisons.</u>—For the factors listed below, please rate how glycine produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with glycine produced in each of the other countries you identified.

	<u>Un</u>	oduct fr ited Sta mpared oduct fr China	ites I to	<u>Uni</u> coi	Product fr <u>United Sta</u> compared product fr <u>India</u>		<u>Un</u>	oduct fr ited Sta mpared oduct fr Japan	ates I to
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Antidumping duty orders (prior)									
Availability									
Certification (FDA)									
Certification (EDQM)									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Injectability									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price ¹									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Purity									
Qualification as USP grade									
Qualification(s) beyond USP grade									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

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Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Antidumping duty orders (prior)									
Availability									
Certification (FDA)									
Certification (EDQM)									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Injectability									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price ¹									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Purity									
Qualification as USP grade									
Qualification(s) beyond USP grade									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

IV-3. **Continued.**

	<u>Chi</u> compa produc		oduct from <u>China</u> mpared to oduct from <u>Japan</u>		Product from <u>China</u> compared to product from <u>Thailand</u>			Product from China compared to product from all other source		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	
Antidumping duty orders (prior)										
Availability										
Certification (FDA)										
Certification (EDQM)										
Delivery terms										
Delivery time										
Discounts offered										
Extension of credit										
Injectability										
Minimum quantity requirements										
Packaging										
Price ¹										
Product consistency										
Product range										
Purity										
Qualification as USP grade										
Qualification(s) beyond USP grade										
Reliability of supply										
Technical support/service										
U.S. transportation costs ¹										

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

IV-3. **Continued.**

	<u>Indi</u> compar product		oduct from India mpared to oduct from Japan		Product from India compared to product from Thailand			Product from India compared to product from all other source		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	
Antidumping duty orders (prior)										
Availability										
Certification (FDA)										
Certification (EDQM)										
Delivery terms										
Delivery time										
Discounts offered										
Extension of credit										
Injectability										
Minimum quantity requirements										
Packaging										
Price ¹										
Product consistency										
Product range										
Purity										
Qualification as USP grade										
Qualification(s) beyond USP grade										
Reliability of supply										
Technical support/service										
U.S. transportation costs ¹										

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

IV-3. **Continued.**

	coi	Product from Japan compared to product from Thailand			Product from Japan compared to product from all other sources			Product from Thailand compared to product from all other sources		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	
Antidumping duty orders (prior)										
Availability										
Certification (FDA)										
Certification (EDQM)										
Delivery terms										
Delivery time										
Discounts offered										
Extension of credit										
Injectability										
Minimum quantity requirements										
Packaging										
Price ¹										
Product consistency										
Product range										
Purity										
Qualification as USP grade										
Qualification(s) beyond USP grade										
Reliability of supply										
Technical support/service										
U.S. transportation costs ¹										

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

PART V.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

V-1.	Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to any question that					
	did not provide a narrative response box, please note the question number and the explanation					
	in the space provided below.					

V-2. **OMB statistics.**--Please report 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 25 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.

HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

This questionnaire is available as a "fillable" form in MS Word format on the Commission's website at: https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2018/glycine-china-india-japan-and-thailand/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: GLYC

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If your firm <u>does not </u>**purchase 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 your firm submits (see 19 CFR § 207.7). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.