DRIED TART CHERRIES FROM TURKEY

This survey must be received by the Commission by May 7, 2019

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 dried tart cherries from Turkey (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-622 and 731-TA-1448 (Preliminary)). 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)). Further information on this survey can be obtained from James Horne (202-205-2722, James.Horne@usitc.gov).

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☐ YES	(Complete all parts of the survey, and return the er	ntire survey to the Commission)	
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•	firm purchased or imported for own use dried tart cauary 1, 2016?	cherries (as defined on next page) at any time	
Website	2		
		Zip Code	
City	State		

GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.-- This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on April 23, 2019, by the Dried Tart Cherry Trade Committee. 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://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2019/dried tart cherries turkey/preliminary.htm.

<u>Dried tart cherries</u> covered by these investigations is dried tart cherries, which may also be referred to as dried sour cherries or dried red tart cherries. Dried tart cherries may be processed from any variety of tart cherries. Tart cherries are generally classified as *Prunus cerasus*. Types of tart cherries include, but are not limited to, Amarelle, Kutahya, Lutowka, Montmorency, Morello, and Oblacinska. Dried tart cherries are covered by the scope of this investigation regardless of the horticulture method through which the cherries were produced (*e.g.*, organic or not).

Dried tart cherries are covered by the scope of this investigation whether or not they contain any added sugar or other sweetening matter, whether or not they are coated in oil or rice flour, whether infused or not infused, and regardless of the infusion ingredients, including sugar, sucrose, fruit juice, and any other infusion ingredients. The subject merchandise covers all shapes, sizes, and colors of dried tart cherries, whether pitted or unpitted, and whether whole, chopped, minced, crumbled, in granules, broken, or otherwise reduced in size. The scope covers dried tart cherries in all types of packaging, regardless of the size or packaging material.

Included in the scope of this investigation are dried tart cherries that otherwise meet the definition above that are packaged with non-subject products, including, but not limited to, mixtures of dried fruits and mixtures of dried fruits and nuts. Only the dried tart cherry components of such products are covered by this investigation; the scope does not include the non-subject components of such products.

Included in the scope of this investigation are all dried tart cherries produced in Turkey, including dried tart cherries that have been further processed in a third country, including but not limited to processing by sweetening, coating, chopping, mincing, crumbling, packaging with non-subject products, or other packaging, or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in Turkey.

The scope of this investigation does not cover finished bakery and confectionery items (cakes, cookies, candy, etc.) that incorporate dried tart cherries as an ingredient.

The subject merchandise is currently classifiable under 0813.40.3000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The subject merchandise may also enter under subheadings 0813.40.9000, 0813.50.0020, 0813.50.0060, 2006.00.2000, and 2008.60.0060. The HTSUS subheadings set forth above are provided for convenience and U.S. Customs purposes only. The written description of the scope is dispositive.

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

Reporting of information.-- If information is not readily available from your records, provide carefully prepared estimates.

<u>Confidentiality</u>.--The data furnished in response to this survey 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.

Release of information.--The information provided by your firm in response to this survey, 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. Please also retain a copy of the final document that you submit.

<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 survey. This may or may not be the person whose signature is at the bottom of page 1.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single response.

PURCHASE INFORMATION

1. <u>Purchases and imports.</u>— Report <u>separately</u> your firm's domestic purchases and imports of dried tart cherries.

"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.

	2016	2017	2018
Item		Quantity (in pound	s)
Purchases of dried tart cherries produced in— United States			
Turkey			
All other countries ¹			
Sources unknown			
Total purchases	0	0	0
Imports of dried tart cherries from— Turkey			
All other countries ¹			
Total imports ²	0	0	0

¹ Please identify these countries: _____.

² If your firm imported dried tart cherries at any time since January 1, 2016, please also complete and return a U.S. importers' questionnaire in this proceeding.

2. Changes in purchasing patterns.—Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of dried

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3.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States						
Turkey						
All other countries						
Sources unknown						
considers in					•	ce, the main factors your firn
1.						
1. 2.						

4.	Purchasing sub	ject imports	rather than	domestic	products.

(a)	Since January 2016, did your firm import and/or purchase imports of dried tart cherries
	from Turkey instead of purchasing U.Sproduced dried tart cherries?

	Yes	No
Source	(also respond to parts (b) and (c))	(If "No" skip to next question)
Turkey		

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

Source	Yes	No
Turkey		

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

Source	Yes	If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports purchased and/or imported instead of domestic product since January 2016 (in pounds)	No	If No, please indicate the reason your firm imported and/or purchased imports instead of domestic product
Turkey				

5.	U.S. producers and import competition. –
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(a)	Since January 1, 2016, in connection with a sale or offer to sell dried tart cherries to your
	firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced dried tart cherries
	in order to compete with lower-priced imports of dried tart cherries from the subject
	countries?

Source	Yes (also respond to question part (b))	No (If "No", skip to next question)	Don't know
Turkey			

(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
Turkey	%	

6.	Other explanations Please provide any additional comments in this box.

OMB INFORMATION

7. **OMB statistics.**--Please report the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this survey.

Dollars

The questions in this survey 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 survey is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the survey.

We welcome comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate, suggestions for reducing the burden, and any suggestions for improving this survey. 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 SURVEY RESPONSE

Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the survey document. Please submit the completed survey using one of the methods noted below. If your firm is unable to complete the MS Word survey 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 survey 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: TART

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word survey to James.Horne@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 purchase this product, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.