U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

DRIED TART CHERRIES FROM TURKEY

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by October 22, 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 (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)). Further information on this survey can be obtained from James Horne (202-205-2722, James.Horne@usitc.gov).

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PART I.—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/final.htm.

<u>Dried tart cherries</u> covered by these investigations 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 these investigations regardless of the horticulture method through which the cherries were produced (e.g., organic or not), 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 scope includes partially rehydrated dried tart cherries that retain the character of dried fruit. The subject merchandise covers all shapes, sizes, and colors of dried tart cherries, whether pitted or unpitted, and whether whole, chopped, minced, crumbled, 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 these investigations 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, where the smallest individual packaging unit of any such product contains a majority (i.e., 50 percent or more) of dried tart cherries by dry net weight. 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 these investigations are dried tart cherries that have been further processed in a third country, including but not limited to processing by stabilizing, preserving, sweetening, adding oil or syrup, 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 these investigations if performed in the country of manufacture of the dried tart cherries.

Excluded from the scope of these investigations are dried tart cherries that have been incorporated as an ingredient in finished bakery and confectionary items (cakes, cookies, candy, granola bars, etc.).

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, 2006.00.5000, 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.

<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.

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.

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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. <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 pounds)				
Purchases of dried tart cherries produced in— United States					
Turkey					
All other countries ¹					
Sources unknown ²					
Total purchases	0	0	0		
Imports of dried tart cherries from— Turkey					
All other countries ¹					
Total imports ³	0	0	0		
¹ Please identify these countries:		1			

¹ Please identify these countries: _____.

² Please indicate the firm(s) from which you purchased this merchandise: _____

³ 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.

II-2. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns.</u>--Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of dried tart cherries from different sources have changed since January 1, 2016.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States						
Turkey						
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 dried tart cherries market.

United States	Turkey	Other countries	Other countries (specify)

II-4. <u>Supplier identification</u>.--Please list your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for dried tart cherries since January 1, 2016. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of dried tart cherries that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2018.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2018 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 dried tart cherries (check all that apply)?

Retailer	Distributor	Other	Describe other

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

III-2. <u>Competition for sales.</u>--Does your firm compete for sales to customers with the producers or importers from which your firm purchases dried tart cherries?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-3.	Types of customersWhat are the major types of consumers to which your firm sells dried tart
	cherries?

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

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

	Share of total cost in each of the product(s) your firm produces accounted for by				Total (should
Product(s) your firm produces	Dried tart cherries Other inputs		sum to 100.0% across)		
	%	+	%	Ш	0.0 %
	%	+	%	Ш	0.0 %
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %

U.S. Purchasers' Questionnaire - Dried Tart Cherries (Final) Page 8 III-5. Demand for end-use products.--(a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating dried tart cherries changed since January 1, 2016? Increased Decreased **Fluctuated** No change (b) Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for dried tart cherries? No Yes **Explain** III-6. **Substitutes.--**Can other products be substituted for dried tart cherries? ☐ No Yes--Please fill out the table. Have changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for dried tart cherries? End use in which this Substitute substitute is used No Yes **Explanation** 2.

III-7. <u>Demand trends.</u>--Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for dried tart cherries has changed since January 1, 2016. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.

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Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explanation and factors
Within the United States					
Outside the United States					

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	No	Yes	If ye	s, identify the	countries and explain.		
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III-10.	W	the drie	d tart	cherries marke	et subject to business cycles (other to conditions of competition distinctive		
	Check a	II that ap	ply.		Please describe.		
		No			Skip to question III-11.		
	Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition						
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III-11.	Decisions based on producer and country-of-originHow often does your firm, and if known, do
	your customers, make purchasing decisions involving dried tart cherries 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							

III-12. **Availability of supply.--**Has the availability of dried tart cherries in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2016?

Availability in the U.S. market	No	Yes	Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the changes.
U.Sproduced product			
Imports from Turkey			
Imports from all other countries			

III-13. Required to buy organic. -- Please estimate the percentage of your firm's total 2018 purchases of dried tart cherries that required dried tart cherries to be USDA certified organic.

	Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2018 purchases of dried tart cherries
Purchases that required dried tart cherries to be organic	%
Purchases that did not require dried tart cherries to be organic	%

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III-14.	dried tart	cherries ed order	since Janu entry," de	uary 1, 2016 clining to ac	(examples ir cept new cus	nclude placin stomers or re	g custom enew exis	oply your firm with ers on allocation or ting customers, hipment commitments,
	No	Yes	If yes,	please desc	ribe.			
III-15.	15. Availability of specific product typesAre certain grades/types/sizes of dried tart cherries or available from certain country sources?				ried tart cherries only			
	No	Yes	If yes, pl	ease identif	y the countri	ies and the g	rade/typ	e/size.
III-16.	Purchasir	ng freque	ency					
	(a) H	low frequ	ently doe	s your firm r	make purcha	ses of dried t	art cherr	ies (check one)?
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify
	(b) H	as this pu	urchasing	frequency cl	hanged since	January 1, 2	016?	
	Ī	No	Yes If	yes, please o	describe.			

III-17.	Raw ma	terial pric	<u>es</u> .—	<u>s. —</u>					
		(a) Is your firm familiar with the prices for raw materials used in the production of dried tart cherries?							
		No		Yes – please answer (b)					
				on raw material prices affecte art cherries since 2016?	ed your firm's negotiations or contracts to				
		No	Yes	Explain					
III-18.				ontactedHow many supplier tween and firms	s does your firm generally contact before				
III-19.		_		-Do your firm's purchases of dupplier and purchaser?	ried tart cherries usually involve				
	No	Yes	_	es, explain the factors your fir r firm quotes competing price	m generally negotiates and note whether es during negotiations.				
III-20.	Change	in supplie	<u>rs</u> H	as your firm changed supplier	s since January 1, 2016?				
	No	Yes	1 -	es, please list the supplier(s), the reasons for the change.	whether the firm was added or dropped,				
III-21.	New suppliersAre you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since January 1, 2016?								
	No	Yes	If ye	es, please identify the firms.					

III-22.	<u>Supplier qualification</u> Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified
	to sell dried tart cherries 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., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.).

No	Yes	Number of days	Process and factors

III-23. <u>Failure to certify</u>.--Since January 1, 2016, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their dried tart cherries with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?

No	If yes, please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification.

III-24. <u>Major purchasing factors</u>.--Please list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase dried tart cherries (examples include availability, extension of credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).

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DI-	ase list any other factors that are very important in your purchase decisions:
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III-25. Purchasing factors.--Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for dried tart cherries.

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Minimum quantity requirements			
Packaging			
Payment terms			
Price			
Product consistency			
Product range			
Quality meets industry standards			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
USDA certified organic			
U.S. transportation costs			
Variety			

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III-26.	Minimum qualityHow often do dried tart cherries from the following countries meet
	minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

Source	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never	Don't know
United States					
Turkey					
Other:					

III-27. Organic vs non-organic.—

(a)	Are USDA certified organic dried tart cherries interchangeable with non-organic dried tart
	cherries?

No	Yes – please answer (b)

(b) How often does your firm use USDA certified organic dried tart cherries in place of non-organic dried tart cherries, and vice versa?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never
USDA certified organic for non-organic dried tart cherries				
Non-organic for USDA certified dried tart cherries				

III-28. <u>Frequency of decisions based on price</u>.--How often does your firm purchase the dried tart cherries that is offered at the lowest price?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never

III-29.	Price leadersA 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 dried tart cherries market since January 1, 2016.

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

III-30. Purchasing subject 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.S.-produced 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				

III-31. <u>U.S. producers and import competition.</u>—

(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", 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	%	

PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1. <u>Interchangeability.--</u> Are dried tart cherries 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	Turkey	Other countries					
United States							
Turkey							
For any country-pair producing dried tart cherries which is <i>sometimes</i> or <i>never</i> interchangeable, please identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:							

IV-2. **Factors other than price.**--Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between dried tart cherries 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	Turkey	Other countries				
United States						
Turkey						
For any country-pair for which factors other than price <i>always</i> or <i>frequently</i> are a significant factor in your firm's purchases of dried tart cherries, 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 dried tart cherries produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with dried tart cherries produced in each of the other countries you identified.

If you are unfamiliar with the product from a particular country, please leave the boxes for those country comparisons blank.

<u>Unit</u> compar		Product from <u>United States</u> pared to product from <u>Turkey</u>		Product from United States compared to product from Other Countries			Product from <u>Turkey</u> compared to product from <u>Other Countries</u>		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Payment terms									
Price ¹									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
USDA certified organic									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									
Variety									

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					
	for which a narrative response box was not provided, 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/701731/2019/dried_tart_cherries_turkey/final.ht m.

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: TART

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to <u>James.Horne@usitc.gov</u>; 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 <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.