### **U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE**

## RAW HONEY FROM ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, INDIA, UKRAINE, AND VIETNAM

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>February 1, 2021</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 its antidumping investigations concerning raw honey from Argentina, Brazil, India, Ukraine, and Vietnam (Inv. Nos. 731-TA-1560-1564 (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 questionnaire can be obtained from Lauren McLemore (lauren.mclemore@usitc.gov, 202-205-3489).

Name of firm

City		State	Zip	Code			_
Website							_
Has your firm p since January 1	urchased raw honey (as def 2018?	fined on next page) fr	om <u>any</u> so	ource (dom	estic or forei	ign) at any ti	me
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#### PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

**Background.** --This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on April 21, 2021, by the American Honey Producers Association ("AHPA"), Bruce, South Dakota, and the Sioux Honey Association ("SHA"), Sioux City, Iowa. 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 dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2021/raw honey argentina brazil india ukraine and/pr eliminary.htm.

**Raw honey** covered by these investigations is honey as it exists in the beehive or as obtained by extraction, settling and skimming, or coarse straining. Raw honey has not been filtered to a level that results in the removal of most or all of the pollen. The subject products include all grades, floral sources and colors of raw honey and also includes organic raw honey.

Excluded from the scope is comb honey or honey that is packaged for retail sale (e.g., in bottles or other retail containers of five (5) lbs or less).

Raw honey is currently imported under statistical reporting numbers 0409.00.0005, 0409.00.0035, 0409.00.0045, 0409.00.0056, and 0409.00.0065 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). The HTSUS provisions are for convenience and customs purposes; 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 raw honey from another firm that produces, imports, or otherwise distributes raw honey.

<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.

I-1a.	by this questionnaire	, if differen	t from that listed o	on the cover page.	i. establishment(s) covered Firms operating more than into a single response.
	"Establishment" Ead auxiliary facilities ope facilities.	•			aw honey, including ically separate from) such
I-1b.	Stock symbol inform stock exchange and t		•	firm is publicly tra	aded, please specify the
l-1c.	External counsel If this proceeding, plea	•	•	· ·	rnal counsel in relation to d attorney(s).
	Law firm:				
	Lead attorney(s):				
I-2.	OwnershipIs your f		•		m? e ultimate parent/owner.
	Firm name		Country		Extent of ownership (percent)

No Yes	List the following information.	
Firm name	Country	Affiliation
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produce raw honey?	es your firm have any related firm	ns, either domestic or foreign, w
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#### **PART II.--PURCHASES**

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II-1. 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	

#### **PURCHASE PRICE DATA**

- II-2. This question requests quarterly quantity and value data for your firm's purchases from unrelated U.S. suppliers since January 1, 2018 of the following products from the United States, Argentina, Brazil, India, Ukraine, and/or Vietnam:
  - **Product 1.** Raw white honey (0 34 mm), packaged in 55-gallon drums.
  - **Product 2.** Raw extra light amber honey (35 50 mm), packaged in 55-gallon drums.
  - **Product 3.** Raw light amber honey (51 85 mm), packaged in 55-gallon drums.
  - **Product 4.** Raw amber honey (greater than 86 mm), packaged in 55-gallon drums.

Please note that values should be reported on a <u>delivered</u> basis and purchases should be reported during the quarter they were delivered. Values should reflect the *final net* amount paid by your firm (i.e., should be net of all deductions for discounts or rebates). <u>Do not include product imported by your firm.</u>

During January 2018-September 2021, did your firm purchase any of the above listed products (or any products that were competitive with these products) sourced from the United States, Argentina, Brazil, India, Ukraine, and/or Vietnam from unrelated suppliers?

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

Product 3: Product 4:

II-2a. Purchase price data.--Report below the quarterly purchase price data<sup>1</sup> for pricing products<sup>2</sup> produced in the United States by U.S. beekeepers.

## **United States**

<u> </u>		(Quanti	ity in pounds	, value <i>in d</i>	iollars)			
	Produ	ict 1	Produ	uct 2	Produ	ıct 3	Produ	ict 4
Period of delivery	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2018:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2019:								
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2020:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
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2021:								
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April-June								
July-September								
<sup>1</sup> Net values (i.e., gross sa Please subtract any discounts, <sup>2</sup> Pricing product definition	, rebates, and re	eturns from t	the quarter in w			e value of ret	urned goods), d	elivered.
<b>Note</b> -If your firm's product description of your							product, provid	e a
Product 1:								
Product 2:								

Product 3: Product 4:

II-2b. <u>Purchase price data.--</u>Report below the quarterly purchase price data1 for pricing products<sup>2</sup> from Argentina and purchased by your firm.

# **Argentina**

		(Quanti	ity in pounds	, value <i>in d</i>	lollars)			
	Produ	ıct 1	Produ	uct 2	Produ	ıct 3	Produ	ıct 4
Period of delivery	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2018:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
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Product 1:								
Product 2:								

Product 2: Product 3: Product 4:

II-2c. Purchase price data.-- Report below the quarterly purchase price data<sup>1</sup> for pricing products<sup>2</sup> from Brazil and purchased by your firm.

## **Brazil**

		(Quanti	ty in pounds,	value in a	lollars)			
	Produ	ıct 1	Produ	ict 2	Produ	ct 3	Produ	ct 4
Period of delivery	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2018:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2019:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
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II-2d. <u>Purchase price data</u>.-- Report below the quarterly purchase price data<sup>1</sup> for pricing products<sup>2</sup> from India and purchased by your firm.

## India

	I		ty in pounds,		1		_	
	Produ	ıct 1	Produ	ict 2	Produ	ict 3	Produ	ct 4
Period of delivery	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2018:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
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Product 1:								

Product 1:		
Product 2:		
Product 3:		
Product 4:		

Product 3: Product 4:

II-2e. Purchase price data.-- Report below the quarterly purchase price data<sup>1</sup> for pricing products<sup>2</sup> from Ukraine and purchased by your firm.

# **Ukraine**

	(Quantity in pounds, value in dollars)								
	Produ	ict 1	Produ	ıct 2	Produ	ıct 3	Produ	ıct 4	
Period of delivery	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
2018:									
January-March									
April-June									
July-September									
October-December									
2019:									
January-March									
April-June									
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<b>Note</b> -If your firm's product of description of your firm's product of the second se							product, provid	e a	
Product 1:									
Product 2:									

Product 4:

II-2f. Purchase price data.-- Report below the quarterly purchase price data<sup>1</sup> for pricing products<sup>2</sup> from Vietnam and purchased by your firm.

## **Vietnam**

		(Quant	ity <i>in pounds</i>	, value <i>in d</i>	lollars)			
	Produ	ıct 1	Produ	uct 2	Produ	ıct 3	Produ	ict 4
Period of delivery	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2018:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2019:								
January-March								
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Product 3:								

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II-2g. Purchase price data checklist.--Please check that the purchase price data in questions II-2a through II-2f have been correctly reported.

Are the purchase price data reported above:	√ if Yes
In actual dollars ( <i>not</i> \$1,000) and pounds?	
Reported on a delivered basis?	
Net of all discounts and rebates?	
Have discounts, rebates, and returns been credited to the quarter in which the delivery occurred?	
Explanation(s) for any boxes not checked:	

II-2h. Pricing data methodology.--Please describe the method and the kinds of documents/records that were used to compile your price data.

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II-3. <u>Contract versus spot.</u>—Approximately what share of your firm's purchases of raw honey in 2020 was on a (1) short-term contract basis, (2) annual contract basis, (3) long-term contract basis, and (4) spot sales basis?

	Type of sale							
Share of 2020 purchases	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)	<b>Spot sales</b> (for a single delivery)	Total (should sum to 100.0%)			
United States	%	%	%	%	0.0	%		
Argentina	%	%	%	%	0.0	%		
Brazil	%	%	%	%	0.0	%		
India	%	%	%	%	0.0	%		
Ukraine	%	%	%	%	0.0	%		
Vietnam	%	%	%	%	0.0	%		
Please explain any	notable differen	ces between source	es:					

II-4. <u>Contract provisions.</u>--Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical purchase contracts for raw honey (or check "not applicable" if your firm does not purchase on a short-term, annual and/or long-term contract basis).

Typical sales contract provisions	ltem	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			
3.1.5, 5.1 p.1.55	Both			
Indexed to raw	Yes			
material costs <sup>1</sup>	No			
Not applicab	le			
<sup>1</sup> Please identify the in	dexes used:	•		

II-5. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns.</u>--Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of raw honey from different sources have changed since January 1, 2018.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States						
Argentina						
Brazil						
India						
Ukraine						
Vietnam						
All other countries						
Sources unknown						

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II-6.	Country knowledgePlease indicate the countries of origin with which your firm has
	experience or information in the raw honey market.

United States	Argentina	Brazil	India	Ukraine	Vietnam	Other countries	Other countries (specify)

II-7. <u>Supplier identification</u>.--Please list your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for raw honey since January 1, 2018. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of raw honey that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2020.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2020 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

### PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

Please note any differences specific to certain types of raw honey (e.g. organic or conventional honey, honey color, monofloral or polyfloral sources, etc.) in available narrative spaces, or at question V-1 Other explanations.

III-1. **Firm type.--**Which of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of raw honey (check all that apply)?

End user (Packer/ processor)	End user (Retailer)	End user (Ingredient)	End user (Institutional)	Distributor	Other	Describe other

If your firm is a distributor of raw honey, 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 manufacturers or importers from which your firm purchases raw honey?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-3.	<u>Types of customers</u> What are the major types of consumers to which your firm sells raw honey?
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If your firm is an end user of raw honey, please answer questions III-4 and III-5.

#### III-4. End uses.--

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

	Share of total cost in e	<b>Total</b> (should				
Product(s) your firm produces	Raw honey		Other inputs		sum to 100.0% across)	
Packaged for retail	%	+	%	=	0.0 %	
Packaged for ingredients	%	+	%	=	0.0 %	
Packaged for food service	%	+	%	Ш	0.0 %	
	%	+	%	II	0.0 %	
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %	

III-4.	End	uses	Contir	nued
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(b) F	Please indicate	which cole	ors can be	used in the	following	applications.
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	End use	s V	Vhite	light amber	Light amber	Amber	Additional exp	lanation	
For p	ackaging/r	etail							
	ndustrial dients								
Institutional applications (restaurants, etc.)									
	Do end	uses for or			ional raw h		?		
Designation				End uses in which this designation is used					
1.	Organic								
2.	Convention	onal							
III-5.	Deman	d for end-u	se prod	ucts					
(a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating raw honey changed since January 1, 2018?									
		Increase	d	No change	e Dec	creased	Fluctuated		
	(b)	Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for raw honey?							
		No	Yes				Explain		

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III-6.	Substitutes				
	(a) Can other pro	ducts be substituted for raw h	oney	in the	e <u>production</u> of packaged honey?
	No	YesPlease fill out tl	ne tak	ole.	
		End use in which this	На		nanges in the price of this substitute ected the price for raw honey?
	Substitute	substitute is used	No	Yes	Explanation
1.					
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	(b) Can other pro	ducts be substituted by the co	nsum	er fo	r raw honey or packaged honey?
	□No	YesPlease fill out th			,
		End use in which this	На		nanges in the price of this substitute ected the price for raw honey?
	Substitute	substitute is used	No	Yes	Explanation
1.					
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III-7. <u>Demand trends.</u>--Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for raw honey has changed since January 1, 2018. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.

Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explanation and factors
Within the United States, overall					
Retai					
Ingredient					
Food service					
Outside the United States, overall					
Retai					
Ingredient					
Food service					
country in p	articular ov	er other po	ssible sourc	es of supply?	ically order raw honey from one any preferences.
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III-9. <u>Importance of purchasing domestic product.</u>--Please fill out the table below, estimating the percentage of your firm's total 2020 purchases of raw honey that required raw honey produced in the United States.

	Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2020 purchases of raw honey
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	
(explain:)	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

III-10.	<b>Conditions</b>	of com	petition

(a)	Is the raw honey market subject to business cycles and/or other conditions of
	competition distinctive to raw honey?

Check all that apply.			Please describe.
	No		Skip to next question.
	Yes-Business seasonal busi	,	
	Yes-Other dis		
	Have there bee	, ,	in the business cycles or conditions of competition for raw
No	Yes	If yes, describe	e.

III-11. <u>Decisions based on producer and country-of-origin.</u>--How often does your firm, and if known, do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving raw honey 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								
		Decis	ion based on c	ountry of	origin			
Your firm								
Your customers								

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III-12.	Availability of supplyHas the availability of raw honey in the U.S. market changed since
	January 1, 2018?

Availability in the U.S. market	No	Yes	Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the changes.
U.Sproduced product			
Argentina			
Brazil			
India			
Ukraine			
Vietnam			
Nonsubject imports			

#### III-13. Supply constraints.—

(a) Has any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with raw honey between January 1, 2018 and April 21, 2021 (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	If yes, please describe, including the reason, timing, and duration of the constraint.	

(b) Has any firm experienced any supply constraints since the petition was filed on April 21, 2021?

No	If yes, please describe, including the reason, timing, and duration of the constraint.

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

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

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III-15.	Purchasing frequency												
	(a)	How frequently does your firm make purchases of raw honey (check one)?											
		Daily Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annually Other If other, specify											
	(b)	Has this	purchasing	g frequency	changed sinc	e January 1,	2018?						
		No	Yes If	yes, please	describe.								
III-16.	Raw ma	terial pri	ices.—										
		(c) Is your firm familiar with the prices for raw materials used in the production of raw honey?											
		No	) \	<b>/es</b> – please	answer (b)								
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				raw materia y since 2018		ted your firn	n's negot	iations or contracts to					
		No	Yes Exp	lain									
III-17.	7. Number of suppliers contactedHow many suppliers does your firm generally contact before making a purchase? Between and firms												
III-18.	<u>Supplier negotiations.</u> Do your firm's purchases of raw honey usually involve negotiations between supplier and purchaser?												
	No	Yes	_	-	actors your fi mpeting pric	-		tes and note whether ns.					

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III-19.	Change in suppliersHas your firm changed suppliers since January 1, 2018?									
	No	No Yes If yes, please list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or dropped, and the reasons for the change.								
III-20.				•	ire of any n uary 1, 201		ign or domestic, that have			
	No	Yes		If yes, plea	ase identify	y the firms.				
III-21.	<ul> <li>Supplier certification or qualification Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell raw honey to your firm?</li> <li>If yes, provide the following information.         <ul> <li>The number of days to certify and/or qualify a new supplier.</li> <ul> <li>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.), and/or a brief description of the certification and its requirements.</li> </ul> </ul></li> </ul>									
			No	Yes	Number of days	Process and factors	Description			
	Certifica	ation								
	Qualifica	ation								
III-22. Failure to certifySince January 1, 2018, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in attempts to certify, qualify, or meet relevant specifications for their raw honey with your have any producers lost their approved status?										
	No	Yes		and the re	easons why	y these firms, the countri they failed the ation/specification.	ies where they are located,			

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III-23. <u>Major purchasing factors.</u>--Please list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase raw honey (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. Organic raw honey.—Please estimate the share of your firm's purchases that were organic and other than organic in 2020, and explain any preferences or specific end uses that require organic raw honey.

	Shar	e of 2020 pur	chases	Please explain any preferences or
Country	Organic	Other than organic	Total (should sum to 100%)	specific end uses that require organic raw honey.
United States				
Argentina				
Brazil				
India				
Ukraine				
Vietnam				

III-25. <u>Color interchangeability.</u>--Are the different colors of raw honey 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 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

Color pair	Extra light amber	Light amber	Amber
White			
Extra light amber			
Light amber			
Amber			

For any product-pair of raw honey that is *sometimes* or *never* interchangeable, identify the product-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

III-26. <u>Purchasing factors.</u>--Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for raw honey.

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability			
Crystallization			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Honey color			
Honey flavor			
Locally sourced			
Minimum quantity requirements			
Monofloral source			
Organic			
Packaging			
Payment terms			
Price			
Product consistency			
Product range			
Quality meets industry standards			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs			

Minimum qual quality specific			•		wing cou	intries meet minimum
Source	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never	Don't know	Additional explana
United States						
Argentina						
Brazil						
India						
Ukraine						
Vietnam						
Other:						
Frequency of dois offered at the	e lowest pri	-		n does you		rchase the raw honey  Never
either upward significant imp	or downwai act on price	rd, that is fo s. <i>A price le</i>	ollowed by otl ader is not ne	her firms, c ecessarily ti	or (2) one he lowes	nitiate a price change e or more firms that h t-priced supplier. raw honey market sin

## III-31. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.—

(a)	Since January 2018, did your firm import and/or purchase imports of raw honey from
	Argentina, Brazil, India, Ukraine, and Vietnam instead of purchasing U.Sproduced raw
	honey? Respond for each subject country.

Source	Yes (also respond to parts (b) and (c))	No (If "No" for all countries, skip to next question)
Argentina		
Brazil		
India		
Ukraine		
Vietnam		

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

Source	Yes	No
Argentina		
Brazil		
India		
Ukraine		
Vietnam		

(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 2018 (in pounds)	No	If No, please indicate the reason your firm imported and/or purchased imports instead of domestic product
Argentina				
Brazil				
India				
Ukraine				
Vietnam				

#### III-32. <u>U.S. producers and import competition.</u>—

(a) Since January 1, 2018, in connection with a sale or offer to sell raw honey to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced raw honey in order to compete with lower-priced imports of raw honey 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
Argentina			
Brazil			
India			
Ukraine			
Vietnam			

(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.

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
Argentina	%	
Brazil	%	
India	%	
Ukraine	%	
Vietnam	%	

#### PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1. <u>Interchangeability</u>.--Is raw honey 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	Argentina	Brazil	India	Ukraine	Vietnam	Other countries
United States						
Argentina						
Brazil		$\nearrow$				
India			$\times$			
Ukraine						
Vietnam						

For any country-pair producing raw honey that is *sometimes* or *never* interchangeable, 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 raw honey 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	Argentina	Brazil	India	Ukraine	Vietnam	Other countries
United States						
Argentina						
Brazil						
India			$\times$			
Ukraine						
Vietnam						

For any country-pair for which factors other than price are *always* or *frequently* a significant factor in your firm's sales of raw honey, identify the country-pair and relevant factors 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 raw honey produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with raw honey produced in each of the other countries you identified.

	<u>Un</u> compa	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Argentina</u>			Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Brazil</u>			<u>Un</u>	oduct fro lited Sta lired to p from India	<u>tes</u>
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability										
Crystallization										
Delivery terms										
Delivery time										
Discounts offered										
Honey color										
Honey flavor										
Minimum quantity requirements										
Monofloral source										
Organic										
Packaging										
Payment terms										
Price <sup>1</sup>										
Product consistency										
Product range										
Quality meets industry standards										
Quality exceeds industry standards										
Reliability of supply										
Technical support/service										
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>										

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.**

	Un compa	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Ukraine</u>		Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Vietnam</u>			Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>all other countries</u>		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Crystallization									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Honey color									
Honey flavor									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Monofloral source									
Organic									
Packaging									
Payment terms									
Price <sup>1</sup>									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>									

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.**

	compa	Product from Argentina compared to product from all other countries		Product from <u>Brazil</u> compared to product  from <u>all other countries</u>		Product from India compared to produ from all other countrie		roduct	
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Crystallization									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Honey color									
Honey flavor									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Monofloral source									
Organic									
Packaging									
Payment terms									
Price <sup>1</sup>									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>									

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.**

	Product from <u>Ukraine</u> compared to product from <u>all other countries</u>			Product from <u>Vietnam</u> compared to product from <u>all other countries</u>			
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	
Availability							
Crystallization							
Delivery terms							
Delivery time							
Discounts offered							
Honey color							
Honey flavor							
Minimum quantity requirements							
Monofloral source							
Organic							
Packaging							
Payment terms							
Price <sup>1</sup>							
Product consistency							
Product range							
Quality meets industry standards							
Quality exceeds industry standards							
Reliability of supply							
Technical support/service							
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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. — <u>ALTERNATIVE PRODUCT INFORMATION</u>

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Andres Andrade (202-205-2078, Andres.Andrade@usitc.gov).

V-1. Comparability of U.S.-produced raw honey (as defined on page 2 of this questionnaire) that has not been packaged for retail sale and U.S.-produced raw honey packaged for retail sale.—
For each of the following indicate whether listed honey products produced in the United States are: fully comparable or the same, i.e., have no differentiation between them; mostly comparable or similar; somewhat comparable or similar; never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or no familiarity with products.

F: fully comparable or the same, i.e., have no differentiation between them;

M: mostly comparable or similar;

S: somewhat comparable or similar;

N: never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or

0: no familiarity with products.

(a) <u>Physical Characteristics and End Uses</u>. —The differences and similarities in the physical characteristics and end uses.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their physical characteristics and uses:
Raw honey not packaged for retail sale (i.e., not processed nor packaged for retail level sale) vs. raw honey packaged for retail sale (i.e., not processed but is packaged for retail level sale)		

# V-1. <u>Comparability of U.S.-produced raw honey not been packaged for retail sale and U.S.-produced raw honey packaged for retail sale.</u> —continued.

F: fully comparable or the same, *i.e.*, have no differentiation between them;

M: mostly comparable or similar;

S: somewhat comparable or similar;

N: never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or

0: no familiarity with products.

(b) Interchangeability. —The ability to substitute the products in the same application.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their interchangeability:
Raw honey not packaged for retail sale (i.e., not processed nor packaged for retail level sale) vs. raw honey packaged for retail sale (i.e., not processed but is packaged for retail level sale)		

(c) <u>Channels of distribution</u>. —Channels of distribution/market situation through which the products are sold (i.e., sold direct to end users, through wholesaler/distributors, etc.).

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their channels of distribution:
Raw honey not packaged for retail sale (i.e., not processed nor packaged for retail level sale) vs. raw honey packaged for retail sale (i.e., not processed but is packaged for retail level sale)		

# V-1. Comparability of U.S.-produced raw honey not been packaged for retail sale and U.S.-produced raw honey packaged for retail sale —continued

F: fully comparable or the same, *i.e.*, have no differentiation between them;

M: mostly comparable or similar;

S: somewhat comparable or similar;

N: never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or

0: no familiarity with products.

(d) <u>Manufacturing facilities, production processes, and production employees</u>.—Whether manufactured in the same facilities, from the same inputs, on the same machinery and equipment, and using the same employees.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their manufacturing facilities, production processes, and production employees:
Raw honey not packaged for retail sale (i.e., not processed nor packaged for retail level sale) vs. raw honey packaged for retail sale (i.e., not processed but is packaged for retail level sale)		

(e) <u>Customer and producer perceptions</u>. —Perceptions as to the differences and/or similarities in the market (*e.g.*, sales/marketing practices).

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their customer and product perceptions:
Raw honey not packaged for retail sale (i.e., not processed nor packaged for retail level sale) vs. raw honey packaged for retail sale (i.e., not processed but is packaged for retail level sale)		

# V-1. <u>Comparability of U.S.-produced raw honey not been packaged for retail sale and U.S.-produced raw honey packaged for retail sale</u> —continued.

F: fully comparable or the same, i.e., have no differentiation between them;

M: mostly comparable or similar;

S: somewhat comparable or similar;

N: never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or

0: no familiarity with products.

(f) **Price**. —Whether prices are comparable or differ between the products.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>price</u> :
Raw honey not packaged for retail sale (i.e., not processed nor packaged for retail level sale) vs. raw honey packaged for retail sale (i.e., not processed but is packaged for retail level sale)		

#### PART VI.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

VI-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.

VI-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.

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

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