

## U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

### MELAMINE FROM GERMANY, INDIA, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, QATAR, AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by **October 18, 2024**  
*See last page for instructions regarding how to file this questionnaire.*

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing and antidumping duty investigations concerning melamine from Germany, India, Japan, Netherlands, Qatar, and Trinidad and Tobago (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-706-709 and 731-TA-1667-1672 (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 Lauren McLemore, (202-205-3489, [lauren.mclemore@usitc.gov](mailto:lauren.mclemore@usitc.gov)).

Name of firm \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Website \_\_\_\_\_

Has your firm purchased, or imported for its own use or retail sale, melamine (as defined on next page) from any source (domestic or foreign) at any time since January 1, 2021?

- ☐ **NO** (Sign the certification below and promptly return **only** this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)  
☐ **YES** (Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)

Return questionnaire via the U.S. International Trade Commission **Drop Box** by clicking on the following link: <https://usitc.gov/qportal>. (PIN: **MEL6**). See last page for detailed instructions.

#### CERTIFICATION

*I certify that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. By submitting this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this questionnaire and throughout this proceeding in any other import-injury proceedings conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise.*

*I, the undersigned, acknowledge that information submitted in response to this request for information and throughout this proceeding or other proceedings may be disclosed to and used: (i) by the Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of this or a related proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3; or (ii) by U.S. government employees and contract personnel, solely for cybersecurity purposes. I understand that all contract personnel will sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address

**PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Background.**--This proceeding was instituted in response to petitions filed on February 14, 2024, by Cornerstone Chemical Company, Waggaman, Louisiana. 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.

Pertinent information to this proceeding is available at:

Questionnaires: [https://usitc.gov/reports/active\\_import\\_injury\\_questionnaires](https://usitc.gov/reports/active_import_injury_questionnaires).

Other case information: <https://ids.usitc.gov/case/8176/investigation/8560>

**Melamine** covered by this proceeding is melamine (Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry number 108–78–01, molecular formula  $C_3H_6N_6$ ). Melamine is also known as 2,4,6-triamino-s-triazine; 1,3,5-Triazine-2,4,6-triamine; Cyanurotriamide; Cyanurotriamine; Cyanuramide; and by various brand names. Melamine is a crystalline powder or granule. All melamine is covered by the scope of these investigations irrespective of purity, particle size, or physical form. Melamine that has been blended with other products is included within this scope when such blends include constituent parts that have been intermingled, but that have not been chemically reacted with each other to produce a different product. For such blends, only the melamine component of the mixture is covered by the scope of these investigations. Melamine that is otherwise subject to these investigations is not excluded when commingled with melamine from sources not subject to these investigations. Only the subject component of such commingled products is covered by the scope of these investigations.

Melamine is currently imported under statistical reporting number 2933.61.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The HTSUS provisions and CAS registry number are for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope is dispositive.

**Purchaser.**--Any firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in purchasing melamine from another firm that produces, imports, or otherwise distributes melamine.

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

**Confidentiality.**--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.

**Verification.**--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.

- I-1. **Reporting requirements.**--Please report the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this questionnaire for use by the Office of Management and Budget.

| Hours | Dollars |
|-------|---------|
|       |         |

Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 20 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 provide such comments to the Office of Investigations, [import\\_injury@usitc.gov](mailto:import_injury@usitc.gov).

- I-2a. **Establishments covered.**--Provide the name and address of your U.S. establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire, if different from that listed on the cover page. **Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single response.**

**"Establishment"**--Each facility of a firm involved in the purchase of melamine, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

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- I-2b. **Stock symbol information.**-- If your firm or parent firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol: \_\_\_\_\_.

- I-2c. **External counsel.**-- If your firm or parent firm is represented by external counsel in relation to this proceeding, having filed an entry of appearance, please specify the name of the law firm and the lead attorney(s).

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Law firm:         |  |
| Lead attorney(s): |  |

I-3. **Ownership.**--Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

☐ No                      ☐ Yes--List the following information, relating to the ultimate parent/owner.

| <b>Firm name</b> | <b>Country</b> | <b>Extent of ownership<br/>(percent)</b> |
|------------------|----------------|--|
|                  |                |  |
|                  |                |  |

I-4. **Related producers/importers/exporters.**--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that produce melamine, import melamine into the United States, or export melamine to the United States?

***"Related firm"*** --A firm that your firm solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled; a firm that solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm; and/or a firm that was solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled by a firm that also solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm.

☐ No                      ☐ Yes--List the following information.

| <b>Firm name</b> | <b>Type (i.e., producer,<br/>exporter, importer)</b> | <b>Country</b> | <b>Affiliation</b> |
|------------------|--|----------------|--------------------|
|                  |  |                |                    |
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**PART II.--PURCHASES**

**Contact information.**--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 and imports.**--Report separately your firm's domestic purchases and imports of melamine.

**"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.

(a) Please report your firm's domestic purchases of melamine.

|  | 2021                              | 2022 | 2023 | January—June<br>2024 |
|--|-----------------------------------|------|------|----------------------|
| <b>Item</b>  | <b>Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)</b> |      |      |                      |
| <b>Purchases of melamine produced in—</b>  |                                   |      |      |                      |
| United States  |                                   |      |      |                      |
| Germany  |                                   |      |      |                      |
| India  |                                   |      |      |                      |
| Japan  |                                   |      |      |                      |
| Netherlands  |                                   |      |      |                      |
| Qatar  |                                   |      |      |                      |
| Trinidad and Tobago  |                                   |      |      |                      |
| All other countries <sup>1</sup>   |                                   |      |      |                      |
| Sources unknown <sup>2</sup>   |                                   |      |      |                      |
| Total purchases  | 0                                 | 0    | 0    | 0                    |
| <sup>1</sup> Please identify these countries:<br><sup>2</sup> Please indicate the firm(s) from which you purchased this merchandise:<br><sup>3</sup> If your firm imported melamine at any time since January 1, 2021, please also complete and return a U.S. importers' questionnaire in this proceeding. |                                   |      |      |                      |

**II-1. Purchases and imports.--continued**

(b) Please report your firm's imports of melamine.

| Item                             | 2021                       | 2022 | 2023 | January—June 2024 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------|------|-------------------|
|                                  | Quantity (in 1,000 pounds) |      |      |                   |
| Imports of melamine from—        |                            |      |      |                   |
| Germany                          |                            |      |      |                   |
| India                            |                            |      |      |                   |
| Japan                            |                            |      |      |                   |
| Netherlands                      |                            |      |      |                   |
| Qatar                            |                            |      |      |                   |
| Trinidad and Tobago              |                            |      |      |                   |
| All other countries <sup>1</sup> |                            |      |      |                   |
| Total imports <sup>3</sup>       | 0                          | 0    | 0    | 0                 |

<sup>1</sup> Please identify these countries:

<sup>2</sup> Please indicate the firm(s) from which you purchased this merchandise:

<sup>3</sup> If your firm imported melamine at any time since January 1, 2021, please also complete and return a U.S. importers' questionnaire in this proceeding.

II-2. **Changes in purchasing patterns.**-- Please indicate whether the shares of your firm's purchases of melamine steadily decreased, fluctuated but ended lower, were constant, fluctuated but ended higher, or steadily increased since January 1, 2021 from the listed sources. To the extent your firm's purchasing patterns fluctuated, please specify the trend for each calendar year in the explanation.

Select one box per row.

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**II-3. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.—**

- (a) Since January 2021, did your firm import and/or purchase imports of melamine from Germany, India, Japan, Netherlands, Qatar, and/or Trinidad and Tobago instead of purchasing U.S.-produced melamine? Respond for each subject country.

| <b>Source</b>          | <b>Yes<br/>(also respond to parts (b) and (c))</b> | <b>No<br/>(If “No” for all countries, skip to next question)</b> |
|------------------------|--|--|
| Germany                | <input type="checkbox"/>                           | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| India                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                           | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Japan                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                           | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Netherlands            | <input type="checkbox"/>                           | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Qatar                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                           | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Trinidad<br>and Tobago | <input type="checkbox"/>                           | <input type="checkbox"/>   |

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

| <b>Source</b>          | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Germany                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| India                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Japan                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Netherlands            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Qatar                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trinidad<br>and Tobago | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**II-4. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.— continued**

- (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 2021 (in 1,000 pounds) | No                       | If No, please indicate the reason your firm imported and/or purchased imports instead of domestic product |
|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| Germany   | <input type="checkbox"/> |   | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| India   | <input type="checkbox"/> |   | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| Japan   | <input type="checkbox"/> |   | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| Netherlands   | <input type="checkbox"/> |   | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| Qatar   | <input type="checkbox"/> |   | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| Trinidad and Tobago   | <input type="checkbox"/> |   | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| If the quantity reported above exceeds the total quantity reported in II-1, please explain. |                          |   |                          |   |



**II-5. U.S. producers and import competition.—**

- (a) Since January 1, 2021, in connection with a sale or offer to sell melamine to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced melamine in order to compete with lower-priced imports of melamine from the subject countries? Respond for each subject country.

| <b>Source</b>       | <b>Yes (also respond to question part (b))</b> | <b>No (If “No” for all countries, skip to next question)</b> | <b>Don’t know</b>        |
|---------------------|--|--|--------------------------|
| Germany             | <input type="checkbox"/>                       | <input type="checkbox"/>                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| India               | <input type="checkbox"/>                       | <input type="checkbox"/>                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Japan               | <input type="checkbox"/>                       | <input type="checkbox"/>                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Netherlands         | <input type="checkbox"/>                       | <input type="checkbox"/>                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Qatar               | <input type="checkbox"/>                       | <input type="checkbox"/>                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trinidad and Tobago | <input type="checkbox"/>                       | <input type="checkbox"/>                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- (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.

| <b>Source</b>       | <b>Estimated reduction in U.S. prices (percent)</b> | <b>Additional explanation, including such information as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors</b> |
|---------------------|---|--|
| Germany             | %   |  |
| India               | %   |  |
| Japan               | %   |  |
| Netherlands         | %   |  |
| Qatar               | %   |  |
| Trinidad and Tobago | %   |  |

- II-6. **Country knowledge.**--Please indicate whether your firm has experience or is otherwise familiar with melamine produced in the following countries.

| United States            | Germany                  | India                    | Japan                    | Netherlands              | Qatar                    | Trinidad and Tobago      | Other countries          | Other countries (specify) |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                           |

- II-7. **Supplier identification.**--Please list your firm's **FIVE** largest suppliers for melamine since January 1, 2021, by quantity. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of melamine that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2023.

| No. | Supplier's name | City and state | Share of quantity of 2023 purchases |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1   |                 |                | %                                   |
| 2   |                 |                | %                                   |
| 3   |                 |                | %                                   |
| 4   |                 |                | %                                   |
| 5   |                 |                | %                                   |

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

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

| End user                 | Distributor              | Other                    | Describe other |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                |

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

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

| No                       | Yes                      | If yes, please describe. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                          |

III-3. **Types of customers.**--What are the major types of customers to which your firm sells melamine?

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

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

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

III-5. **Demand for end-use products.**--

- (a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating melamine steadily decreased, fluctuated but ended lower, were constant, fluctuated but ended higher, or steadily increased since January 1, 2021?

Select one answer.

| Steadily increased       | Fluctuated up            | Constant                 | Fluctuated down          | Steadily decreased       |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

| No                       | Yes                      | Explain |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |

III-6. **Substitutes.**--Can other products be substituted for melamine?

☐ No ☐ Yes--Please fill out the table.

| Substitute | End use in which this substitute is used | Have changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for melamine? |                          |             |
|------------|--|---|--------------------------|-------------|
|            |  | No  | Yes                      | Explanation |
| 1.         |  | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |             |
| 2.         |  | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |             |
| 3.         |  | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |             |

III-7. **Demand trends.**-- Has demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for melamine steadily increased, fluctuated but ended higher, not changed, fluctuated but ended lower, or steadily decreased since January 1, 2021? Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand and explain how these trends have impacted your operations.

Select one box per row.

| Market   | Steadily increase        | Fluctuate up             | No change                | Fluctuate down           | Steadily decrease        | Explanation of factors and impact |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Within the United States<br>2021-24 (overall)  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                   |
| 2021-22  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                   |
| 2022-23  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                   |
| 2023-24  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                   |
| Outside the United States<br>2021-24 (overall) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                   |
| 2021-22  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                   |
| 2022-23  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                   |
| 2023-24  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                   |

- III-8. **Country preferences.**-- Do you or your customers ever prefer to order melamine produced in a specific country or countries over other possible country sources of supply?

| No                       | Yes                      | If yes, identify the countries and explain any preferences. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |

- III-9. **Importance of purchasing domestic product.**--Please fill out the table below, estimating the share of your firm's total 2023 purchases of melamine that required melamine produced in the United States.

|   | Estimated share of your firm's total 2023 purchases of melamine |
|---|---|
| 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: ____.)  | %   |
| <b>Total</b> (should sum to 100.0%)   | 0.0 %   |

- III-10. **Business cycles.**--Is the melamine market subject to business cycles, either during the year or across years? If yes, describe.

| No                       | Yes                      | If yes, please describe, including any changes since January 1, 2021. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |

- III-11. **Conditions of competition.**--Is the melamine market subject to conditions of competition distinctive to melamine other than the business cycles described in the previous question? If yes, describe.

| No                       | Yes                      | If yes, please describe, including any changes since January 1, 2021. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |

- III-12. **Decisions based on producer and country-of-origin.**-- How often does your firm, and if known, do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving melamine based on its producer or country of origin?

| Item                                       | Always                   | Usually                  | Sometimes                | Never                    | If at least sometimes, explain noting the producers and/or countries. |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Decision based on producer</b>          |                          |                          |                          |                          |   |
| Your firm                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| Your customers                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| <b>Decision based on country of origin</b> |                          |                          |                          |                          |   |
| Your firm                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| Your customers                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |

- III-13. **Availability of supply.**--Has the availability of melamine in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2021?

| Availability in the U.S. market | No                       | Yes                      | Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the changes. |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| U.S.-produced product           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| Subject imports                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| Nonsubject imports              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |

III-14. **Supply constraints.**—

Has any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with melamine since January 1, 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.)?

| Period            | No                       | Yes                      | If yes, please fill out the columns below. |                                   |                                     |   |  |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
|                   |                          |                          | Supplier                                   | Timing of constraint <sup>1</sup> | Duration of constraint <sup>2</sup> | Reason for the firm's supply constraint | Please describe the impact of the supply constraint on your operations |
| 2021              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |                                   |                                     |   |  |
| 2022              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |                                   |                                     |   |  |
| 2023              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |                                   |                                     |   |  |
| 2024 <sup>3</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |                                   |                                     |   |  |

<sup>1</sup> For timing of constraint, please identify the specific months in which you experienced the supply constraint (e.g., January-May or July-August)

<sup>2</sup> For duration of constraint, please identify the total number of months for that year in which you experienced the supply constraint (e.g., 4 months)

<sup>3</sup> For constraints identified in 2024, please indicate if these constraints began before or after petition filing date in these investigations February 14, 2024), and explain:

III-15. **Availability of specific product types.**—Are certain grades/types/sizes of melamine only available from certain country sources?

| No                       | Yes                      | If yes, please identify the countries and the grades/types/sizes available only from those countries. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |



III-16. **Purchasing frequency.**--

(a) How frequently does your firm make purchases of melamine (check one)?

| Daily                    | Weekly                   | Monthly                  | Quarterly                | Annually                 | Other                    | If other, specify |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                   |

(b) Has this purchasing frequency changed since January 1, 2021?

| No                       | Yes                      | If yes, please describe. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                          |

III-17. **Impurities, contaminants, or physical defects in product.**—Since January 1, 2021 has your firm experienced impurities, contaminants, or other physical defects (e.g., “clumping”) in your melamine purchases?

| No                       | Yes                      | If yes, please explain and indicate the country source. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |

III-18. **Raw material prices.**—

(a) Is your firm familiar with the prices for raw materials used in the production of melamine?

| No                       | Yes – please answer (b)  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(b) Has information on raw material prices affected your firm's negotiations or contracts to purchase melamine since January 1, 2021?

| No                       | Yes                      | Explain |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |

III-19. **Number of suppliers contacted.**--How many suppliers of melamine does your firm generally contact before making a purchase? Between \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ firms

- III-20. **Supplier negotiations.**--Do your firm's purchases of melamine usually involve negotiations between your firm and suppliers of melamine?

| No                       | Yes                      | If yes, explain the factors your firm generally negotiates and note whether your firm quotes competing prices during negotiations. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |

- III-21. **Change in suppliers.**--Has your firm changed suppliers since January 1, 2021?

| No                       | Yes                      | If yes, please list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or dropped, and the reasons for the change. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |

- III-22. **New suppliers.**--Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since January 1, 2021?

| No                       | Yes                      | If yes, please identify the firms. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                    |

- III-23. **Supplier certification.**--Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell melamine to your firm?

If yes, provide the following information.

- The number of days required 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 | Certification/qualification process and factors considered |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                |  |

- III-24. **Failure to certify.**--Since January 1, 2021, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their melamine with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?

| No                       | Yes                      | If yes, please identify these producers, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed or lost the certification/qualification. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |

- III-25. **Major purchasing factors.**--Please list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase melamine (examples include availability, extension of credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line, reliability of supply, traditional supplier, etc.).

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| 1.   |  |
| 2.   |  |
| 3.   |  |
| Please list any other factors that are very important in your purchase decisions: _____. |  |

- III-26. **Purchasing factors.**--Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for melamine.

| Factor                             | Very<br>important        | Somewhat<br>important    | Not<br>important         |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Availability                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delivery terms                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delivery time                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Discounts offered                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Diversity of supply                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Minimum quantity requirements      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Packaging                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Payment terms                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Price                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Product consistency                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Product range                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quality meets industry standards   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quality exceeds industry standards | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reliability of supply              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Technical support/service          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| U.S. transportation costs          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- III-27. **Quality characteristics.**--What characteristics does your firm consider when evaluating the quality of melamine?

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- III-28. **Minimum quality.**--How often does melamine 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       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Germany             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| India               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Japan               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Netherlands         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Qatar               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trinidad and Tobago | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other:              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- III-29. **Frequency of decisions based on price.**--How often does your firm purchase the melamine that is offered at the lowest price?

| Always                   | Usually                  | Sometimes                | Never                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- III-30. **Price leaders.**--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 have considered price leaders in the melamine market since January 1, 2021.

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

- III-31. **Role of section 301 tariffs.**-- Did the tariffs on Chinese-origin products under section 301, or changes in these tariffs, have an impact on the melamine market in the United States, including any effects on melamine cost, price, supply, and/or demand, since January 1, 2021?

| Yes                      | No                       | Don't know               |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| <b>If yes, please describe the impact on cost, price, supply, and/or demand, and include the timing of such impacts.</b> |
| <br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>   |

## **PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS**

IV-1. **Interchangeability.**—How often is melamine 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 O 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        | Germany | India | Japan | Nether-lands | Qatar | Trinidad and Tobago | Other countries |
|---------------------|---------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------|
| United States       |         |       |       |              |       |                     |                 |
| Germany             |         |       |       |              |       |                     |                 |
| India               |         |       |       |              |       |                     |                 |
| Japan               |         |       |       |              |       |                     |                 |
| Netherlands         |         |       |       |              |       |                     |                 |
| Qatar               |         |       |       |              |       |                     |                 |
| Trinidad and Tobago |         |       |       |              |       |                     |                 |

For any country-pair producing melamine that is *sometimes* or *never* interchangeable, identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude the interchangeable use of melamine produced in the countries:

- IV-2. **Factors other than price.**—How often are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between melamine 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 O 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

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

| Country-pair        | Germany | India | Japan | Nether-lands | Qatar | Trinidad and Tobago | Other countries |
|---------------------|---------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------|
| United States       |         |       |       |              |       |                     |                 |
| Germany             |         |       |       |              |       |                     |                 |
| India               |         |       |       |              |       |                     |                 |
| Japan               |         |       |       |              |       |                     |                 |
| Netherlands         |         |       |       |              |       |                     |                 |
| Qatar               |         |       |       |              |       |                     |                 |
| Trinidad and Tobago |         |       |       |              |       |                     |                 |

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

IV-3. **Factor country comparisons.**--For the factors listed below, please rate how melamine produced in each country you identified in your response with which you are familiar, as reported in question II-5, compares with melamine produced in each of the other countries with which you are familiar.

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

| Factor                                 | Product from<br><u>United States</u><br>compared to product<br>from<br><u>Germany</u> |                          |                          | Product from<br><u>United States</u><br>compared to<br>product from<br><u>India</u> |                          |                          | Product from<br><u>United States</u><br>compared to<br>product from<br><u>Japan</u> |                          |                          |
|--|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | Superior  | Comparable               | Inferior                 | Superior  | Comparable               | Inferior                 | Superior  | Comparable               | Inferior                 |
| Availability                           | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delivery terms                         | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delivery time                          | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Discounts offered                      | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Minimum quantity requirements          | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Packaging                              | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Payment terms                          | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Price <sup>1</sup>                     | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Product consistency                    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Product range                          | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quality meets industry standards       | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quality exceeds industry standards     | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reliability of supply                  | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Technical support/service              | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

<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.

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

| Factor                                 | Product from<br>United States<br>compared to product<br>from<br>the Netherlands |                          |                          | Product from<br>United States<br>compared to<br>product from<br>Qatar |                          |                          | Product from<br>United States<br>compared to<br>product from<br>Trinidad and<br>Tobago |                          |                          |
|--|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | Superior  | Comparable               | Inferior                 | Superior  | Comparable               | Inferior                 | Superior   | Comparable               | Inferior                 |
| Availability                           | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delivery terms                         | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delivery time                          | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Discounts offered                      | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Minimum quantity requirements          | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Packaging                              | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Payment terms                          | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Price <sup>1</sup>                     | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Product consistency                    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Product range                          | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quality meets industry standards       | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quality exceeds industry standards     | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reliability of supply                  | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Technical support/service              | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

<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.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- V-1. **Other explanations.**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to any question for which a narrative response box was not provided, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below.

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