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

#### LARGE TOP MOUNT COMBINATION REFRIGERATOR-FREEZERS FROM THAILAND

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by March 28, 2025

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 antidumping investigation concerning large top mount combination refrigerator-freezers ("top mount refrigerators") from Thailand (Inv. No. 731-TA-1696 (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).

Name of firm \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City	State	Zip Code					
Website							
	chased, or imported for retail sale, top m or foreign) at any time since January 1, 2	• •	next page) from <u>any</u>				
NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return <b>only</b> this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)							
YES (Co	omplete all parts of the questionnaire, and re	eturn the entire questionnaire to the C	Commission)				
•	nnaire via the Commission's secure p v/qportal. (PIN: CHILL, Phase: Final).						
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#### PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

<u>Background</u>.--This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on May 30, 2024, by Electrolux Consumer Products, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina. 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. Pertinent information to this proceeding is available at:

Questionnaires: <a href="https://usitc.gov/reports/active">https://usitc.gov/reports/active</a> import injury questionnaires. Other case information: <a href="https://ids.usitc.gov/case/8202/investigation/8579">https://ids.usitc.gov/case/8202/investigation/8579</a>

<u>Top mount refrigerators</u> covered by this proceeding are large top mount combination refrigerator-freezers with a refrigerated volume of at least 15.6 cubic feet or 442 liters. For the purposes of this questionnaire, the term "top mount refrigerators" consists of freestanding or built-in cabinets that have an integral source of refrigeration using compression technology, with all of the following characteristics:

- The cabinet contains at least two interior storage compartments accessible through two separate external doors;
- The lower-most interior storage compartment(s) that is accessible through an external door is a fresh food or convertible compartment, but is not a freezer compartment, however, the existence of an interior sub-compartment for ice-making in the lower-most storage compartment does not render the lower-most storage compartment a freezer compartment; and
- There is a freezer or convertible compartment that is mounted above the lower-most interior storage compartment(s).

For the purposes of the investigation, a fresh food compartment is capable of storing food at temperatures above 32 degrees F (0 degrees C), a freezer compartment is capable of storing food at temperatures at or below 32 degrees F (0 degrees C), and a convertible compartment is capable of operating as either a fresh food compartment or a freezer compartment, as defined in this paragraph.

The products subject to this investigation are currently imported under statistical reporting number 8418.10.0075 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). They may also be imported under HTSUS statistical reporting numbers 8418.21.0090, 8418.40.0000, and 8418.69.0180. The HTSUS statistical reporting numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes, but the written description of the merchandise subject to this scope is dispositive.

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

**Branded top mount refrigerator**.-- a top mount refrigerator produced or packaged for sale under the name of the manufacturer of the top mount refrigerator or a brand name owned by that manufacturer.

<u>Private label top mount refrigerator</u>.-- a top mount refrigerator produced or packaged for sale under the name other than that of the manufacturer of the top mount refrigerator or a brand name owned by that manufacturer, including white label.

**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.

<u>Confidentiality</u>.--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to this questionnaire that reveal the individual operations of your firm will be treated as confidential by the Commission to the extent that such data are not otherwise available to the public and will not be disclosed except as may be required by law (see 19 U.S.C. § 1677f). Such confidential information will not be published in a manner that will reveal the individual operations of your firm; however, general characterizations of numerical business proprietary information (such as discussion of trends) will be treated as confidential business information only at the request of the submitter for good cause shown.

<u>Verification</u>.--The information submitted in this questionnaire is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all files, worksheets, and supporting documents used in the preparation of the questionnaire response. Please also retain a copy of the final document that you submit.

**Release of information**.--The information provided by your firm in response to this questionnaire, as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with this proceeding, may become subject to, and released under, the administrative protective order provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1677f) and section 207.7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.7). This means that certain lawyers and other authorized individuals may temporarily be given access to the information for use in connection with this proceeding or other import-injury proceedings conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise; those individuals would be subject to severe penalties if the information were divulged to unauthorized individuals.

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I-1.	Reporting requirementsPlease 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, <a href="mailto:import injury@usitc.gov">import injury@usitc.gov</a>.

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

"Establishment" Each facility of a firm involved in the <u>purchase</u> of top mount refrigerators,
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. <u>External counsel.</u>— 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):	

# U.S. Purchasers' Questionnaire - Top Mount Refrigerators (Final) 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. **Extent of ownership** Firm name Country (percent) I-4. Related producers/importers/exporters.--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that produce top mount refrigerators, import top mount refrigerators into the United States, or export top mount refrigerators 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. Type (i.e., producer, exporter, importer) Affiliation Firm name Country

### **PART II.--PURCHASES**

<u>Contact information</u>.--Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in this questionnaire.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

II-1. <u>Purchases and imports.</u>--Report <u>separately</u> your firm's domestic purchases and imports of top mount refrigerators.

"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.

Item	2022	2023	2024
		Quantity (in units	)
Purchases of top mount refrigerators produced in— United States			
Thailand			
All other countries <sup>1</sup>			
Sources unknown <sup>2</sup>			
Total purchases	0	0	0
Imports of top mount refrigerators from— Thailand			
All other countries <sup>1</sup>			
Total imports <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please identify these countries:

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If your firm imported top mount refrigerators at any time since January 1, 2022, please also complete and return a U.S. importers' questionnaire in this proceeding.

II-2. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns.</u>—Please indicate whether the shares of your firm's purchases of top mount refrigerators steadily decreased, fluctuated but ended lower, were constant, fluctuated but ended higher, or steadily increased since January 1, 2022 from the listed sources.

Select one box per	row.
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Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Steadily increased	Fluctuated up	No change	Fluctuated down	Steadily decreased	Explanation for trend
United States							
Thailand							
All other countries							
Sources unknown							

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

(a) Since January 1, 2022, did your firm import and/or purchase imports of top mount refrigerators from Thailand instead of purchasing U.S.-produced top mount refrigerators?

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

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

Source	Yes	No
Thailand		

(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 1, 2022 (in units)	No	If No, please indicate the reason your firm imported and/or purchased imports instead of domestic product
Thailand				
If the quantity	/ report	ed above exceeds the total quant	ity repor	ted in II-1, please explain.

If the quantity reported above exceeds the total quantity reported in II-1, please explain.

II-4.	U.S. producers and import competition.—
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(a) Since January 1, 2022, in connection with a sale or offer to sell top mount refrigerators to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced top mount refrigerators in order to compete with lower-priced imports of top mount refrigerators from Thailand?

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

(b) If your firm responded "yes", 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
Thailand	%	

II-5. <u>Country knowledge.--</u>Please indicate whether your firm has experience or is otherwise familiar with top mount refrigerators produced in the following countries.

_	ited ates	Thailand	Other countries	Other countries (specify)

II-6. **Supplier identification.**--Please list your firm's **FIVE** largest suppliers for top mount refrigerators since January 1, 2022, by quantity. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of top mount refrigerators that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2024.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2024 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

# PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

Big box retailer		ther ailer	Distributor	Other		Describe other
Competiti	on for s	<u>ales</u> □		compete fo	r sales t	wer questions III-2 and III-3.  o customers with the manufacture frigerators?
No	Yes	If yes,	please describ	e.		
Types of c		<u>rs</u> Wh	at are the majo	or types of c	custome	rs to which your firm sells top mou
refrigerato	ors?					ers to which your firm sells top mou
refrigerato	ors?			ostituted for	top mo	
refrigerato	esCan	other p	oroducts be sub	ostituted for	top mo able. <b>Have</b>	
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III-5. <u>Demand trends.</u>— Has demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for top mount refrigerators steadily increased, fluctuated but ended higher, not changed, fluctuated but ended lower, or steadily decreased since January 1, 2022? Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.

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Market	Steadily increase	Fluctuate up	No change	Fluctuate down	Steadily decrease	Explanation and factors
Within the United States						
Outside the United States						

III-6. <u>Country preferences.--</u> Do you or your customers ever prefer to order top mount refrigerators 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.

III-7. <u>Importance of purchasing domestic product.</u>--Please fill out the table below, estimating the share of your firm's total 2024 purchases of top mount refrigerators that required top mount refrigerators produced in the United States.

	Estimated share of your firm's total 2024 purchases of top mount refrigerators
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 %

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III-8.		<b>Business cycles.</b> Is the top mount refrigerators market subject to business cycles, either during the year or across years? If yes, describe.									
	No	Yes	If ye	s, ple	ease o	describe, includi	ng any cl	nanges since January 1, 2022.			
III-9.	competitio	Conditions of competitionIs the top mount refrigerators market subject to conditions of competition distinctive to top mount refrigerators other than the business cycles described in the previous question? If yes, describe.									
	No	Yes	If ye	s, ple	ease o	describe, includi	ng any cl	nanges since January 1, 2022.			
III-10.	do your cu	<b>Decisions based on producer and country-of-origin.</b> How often does your firm, and if known, do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving top mount refrigerators based on its producer or country of origin?									
	Item	Alwa	ıys	Usı	ually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, explain noting the producers and/or countries.			
	Decision based on producer										
	Your firm		]								
	Your customer	s									
	Decision based on country of origin										
	Your firm										
	Your customer	s									
III-11.		Availability of supplyHas the availability of top mount refrigerators in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2022?									
	Availability in the U.S			No	Yes	-	noting t	he countries and reasons for the			
	U.Sprodu	uced produ	uct								
	Imports fr	om Thailar	nd								
	Nonsubject imports										

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III-12.	Supply	constraints.—
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(a)	Has any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with top mount
	refrigerators since January 1, 2022 (examples include placing customers on allocation o
	"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 - skip to III-13	Yes – respond to (b)

(b) For each year that your firm faced supply constraints, identify the source(s) of the constraint (U.S. producers, foreign producers and/or importers, or all), and describe the constraints with the details requested below.

Period	Yes- U.S. producer	-	Description: include the name of the supplier(s), country of origin of the top mount refrigerators, as well as the timing, duration, and reason for the constraint.
2022			
2023			
January 1- May 30, 2024			
Since May 30, 2024			

III-13. <u>Availability of specific product types</u>.--Are certain grades/types/sizes of top mount refrigerators only available from certain country sources?

No	If yes, please identify the countries and the grades/types/sizes available only from those countries.

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III-14.	<u>Purchas</u>	asing frequency						
	(a) How frequently does your firm make purchases of top mount refrigerators (check one)?							
		Daily	Week	ly Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify
	(b)	b) Has this purchasing frequency changed since January 1, 2022?						
		No	Yes	If yes, please	describe.			
III-15.	Raw ma	aterial p	rices.—					
	(a) Is your firm familiar with the prices for raw materials used in the production of top mount refrigerators?							
	No Yes – please answer (b)							
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				raw material p		•	negotiati	ons or contracts to
		No	Yes	Explain				
III-16.	Number of suppliers contactedHow many suppliers of top mount refrigerators does your firm generally contact before making a purchase? Between and firms							
III-17.		_		-Do your firm's our firm and su	-		_	ors usually involve ?
	No	Yes		s, explain the fa	-	_		tes and note whether ns.

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III-18.	Change in suppliersHas your firm changed suppliers since January 1, 2022?									
	No	Yes		ease list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or dreasons for the change.	ropped,					
III-19.	New suppliersAre you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since January 1, 2022?									
	No	Yes	If yes, ple	ease identify the firms.						
III-20.	sell top r	nount ref ovide the The numb Ageneral descriptio	following for of days description	ou require your suppliers to be or to become certified or q to your firm?  information.  required to qualify a new supplier.  n of the certification or qualification process. Also, a brief actors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g. y of supplier, etc.).						
	No	Yes	Number of days	Certification/qualification process and factors considere	d					
III-21.	attempts	<u>Failure to certify.</u> Since January 1, 2022, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their top mount refrigerators with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?								
	No	Yes	located,	ease identify these producers, the countries where they a and the reasons why they failed or lost the ion/qualification.	re					

III-22.	Major purchasing factorsPlease list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm
	considers in deciding from whom to purchase top mount refrigerators (examples include brand,
	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.

III-23. <u>Purchasing factors.</u>--Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for top mount refrigerators.

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability			
Availability of white/private label brands			
Coop advertising funds under MAP program			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Energy star rating			
Latest features			
Minimum quantity requirements			
Not sold under MAP program			
Packaging			
Payment terms			
Price			
Product consistency			
Product range			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Quality meets industry standards			
Reliability of supply			
Sold under MAP program			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs			
Quality characteristicsWhat characteristics does your firm consider when evaluating the quality of top mount refrigerators?			

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	Source		Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never	Don't know
	United States						
	Thailand						
	Other:						
II-26.	Frequency of de refrigerators that		-		s your firm pu	rchase the top	mount
	Always		Usually	Some	etimes	Never	
				[			
	Please list the names of any firms you have considered price leaders in the top mount refrigerators market since January 1, 2022.						
	Firm(s)	Describe ho	w the firm(s)	exhibited pric	e leadership		
II-28.	Role of section 232 measures.—Did the measures (e.g. tariffs, quotas, etc.) on imported steel/aluminum products under section 232, or changes in the measures (such as the level, coverage, or nature of the measures), have an impact on the top mount refrigerators market the United States, including any effects on top mount refrigerators cost, price, supply, and/or demand, since January 1, 2022?					e level, s market in	
	Yes		No		0	Don't know	
	If yes, please de the timing of su		pact on cost,	price, supply,	and/or dema	and, and includ	le

### III-29. Private/White label.—

a) What shares of your firm's purchases of its top mount refrigerators domestically produced and imported from Thailand were purchased as private/white label and producer brands in 2024?
 Explain why you did or did not purchase product under these labels, and any advantage or disadvantage for purchasing under these types of labels.

Label	Share of U.S. purchases	Share of Thai purchases	Explain why you did or did not purchase product under these labels/brands, and any advantage or disadvantage for purchasing under these types of labels/brands
Private/white label	%	%	
Producer brand	%	%	
<b>Total</b> (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	0.0 %	

b) Please list the names of the private/white label and branded product you purchase.

Label	List the brands that you sell
Private/white label	
Branded product	

# III-30. <u>MAPS.</u>—

a) What share of your purchases of domestically produced top mount refrigerators purchased under a MAP program in since 2022?

MAP?	Domestic product share 2022	Domestic product share 2023	Domestic product share 2024
Purchases without MAP	%	%	%
Purchases with MAP	%	%	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %

b) What share of your purchases of top mount refrigerators imported from Thailand are purchased under a MAP program in since 2022?

MAP?	Thai product Share 2022	Thai product Share 2023	Thai product Share 2024
Purchases without MAP	%	%	%
Purchases with MAP	%	%	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %

C)	disadvantage for purchasing using MAP programs.

d) If you sold domestically produced top mount refrigerators under a MAP program, what share of these sales were sold at a price covered by PLAPS in each year?

MAP?	Domestic product share 2022	Domestic product share 2023	Domestic product share 2024
Sold without PLAPS	%	%	%
Sold under PLAPS	%	%	%
<b>Total</b> (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %

e) If you purchased top mount refrigerators imported from Thailand under a MAP program, what share of these sales were sold at a price covered by PLAPS in each year?

MAP?	Thai product Share 2022	Thai product Share 2023	Thai product Share 2024
Sold without PLAPS	%	%	%
Sold under PLAPS	%	%	%
<b>Total</b> (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %

f) How important is the opportunity to receive coop advertising funds under a MAP program? Please report the advantages and/or disadvantages of these coop advertising funds.

•	Somewhat important	Please report the advantages and disadvantages of coop advertising funds.

III-31.	COVID-19 pandemic.—Has the COVID-19 pandemic or have any government actions taken to
	contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus resulted in changes in your firm's supply chain
	arrangements, production, employment, and shipments relating to top mount refrigerators
	since January 2022? In your response, please discuss the duration and timing of any such
	changes as they relate to your firm's operations.

No	Yes	If yes, describe these changes including the impact over time on the (a) supply chain, (b) production and shipments, and (c) employment with respect to top mount refrigerators.

## III-32. **Branding.**—

(a) How competitive in terms of quality, price, and length of warranty are private/white-label top mounted refrigerators with their name-brand counterparts?

Item	Very competitive	Somewhat competitive	Not competitive	Explanation and factors
Price				
Quality				
Length of warranty				

(b) Does your firm purchase private/white label and branded top mounted refrigerators with the same specifications at different prices?

No	Yes	If yes, please explain and estimate the price differences.

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a)	Is your firm a retailer that had established floor slots for specific top mount refrigerator brands
	or models since January 1, 2022?

No	Yes	If yes, describe what determines which brands and models of top mounted refrigerators are given floor slots.

b) What share of your floor space allocated to top mount refrigerators was allocated to top mounted refrigerators produced in the United States, Thailand, and other sources?

Source	2022	2023	2024
United States	%	%	%
Thailand	%	%	%
Other countries (including unknown sources)	%	%	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %

c) Did any suppliers of domestic or imported top mounted refrigerators provide support to gain or continue to have floor slots? (Check no if you do not get this type of support from any source, check all yes sources that apply)

Type of support	No	Yes U.S. product	Yes Thai product	Yes other source	Please explain why this type of support matters to your firm
Price support					
Promotional support					
Slotting fees					
Marketing fees					
Coverage of transaction expenses					
Operational funding					
Other (please list)					

#### PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1. <u>Interchangeability.</u>—How often is top mount refrigerators 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	Thailand	Other countries
United States		
Thailand		

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

IV-2. **Factors other than price.**—How often are differences other than price (e.g., brand, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between top mount refrigerators 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	Thailand	Other countries				
United States						
Thailand						

For any country-pair for which factors other than price are *always* or *frequently* a significant factor in your firm's purchases of top mount refrigerators, identify the country-pair and the relevant factors other than price 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 top mount refrigerators produced in each country you identified in your response with which you are familiar, as reported in question II-5, compares with top mount refrigerators 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.

country comparisons blank.	_										1
	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Thailand</u>				Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Nonsubject</u> <u>countries</u>				Product from Thailand compared to product from Nonsubject countries		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability											
Availability of white/private label brands											
Coop advertising funds											
under MAP program											
Delivery terms											
Delivery time											
Discounts offered											
Energy star rating											
Latest features											
Minimum quantity					l						
requirements											
Not sold under MAP											
program											
Packaging											
Payment terms											
Price <sup>1</sup>											
Product consistency											
Product range											
Quality exceeds industry											
standards					$oxed{\sqcup}$						
Quality meets industry											
standards	$\Box$										
Reliability of supply	$\Box$										
Sold under MAP program											
Technical support/service											
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>											
<sup>1</sup> A rating of "superior" on price	and U.S	. transpo	rtation c	osts	indicate	s that t	he first	count	rv genei	rally has	lower

<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.

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V-1.	Other explanationsIf 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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