U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

LEMON JUICE FROM ARGENTINA AND MEXICO

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by no later than March 15, 2013

See page 4 of the Instruction Booklet for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its review of the suspended investigations concerning lemon juice from Argentina and Mexico (Inv. Nos. 731-TA-1105-1106 (Review)). 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 Amelia Preece (202-205-3250, amelia.preece@usitc.gov).

Name of fin			
			Zip Code
	n purchased lemon juice (as defined in ince January 1, 2007?	n booklet) <u>from any source</u> (domestic or foreign)	
□NO	(Sign the certification below and promp	otly return only t	this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)
☐ YES	(Read the instruction booklet carefully, questionnaire to the Commission so as		rts of the questionnaire, and return the entire y the date indicated above)
	CER'	TIFICATIO	N N
By means of this certing	fication I also grant consent for the	e Commission, t this proceed	it and verification by the Commission. , and its employees and contract personnel, to use the ling in any other import-injury proceedings or reviews
Commission, its employ naintaining the records proceedings relating to	vees, and contract personnel who ar s of this proceeding or related proceed	e acting in the dings for which	te and throughout this proceeding may be used by the e capacity of Commission employees, for developing on this information is submitted, or in internal audits and pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3. I understand that all
Name of Authorized Of	ficial Title of Authorized (Official	Date
	Phone:		
Signature	Fax		Email address

PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 40 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

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questionnaire		ted in any comments you m arity of specific questions. ve address.		
questionnaire	e (see page 3 of the i	de the name and address of instruction booklet for repor- te stock exchange and tradin	ting guidelines).	
Ownership.	Is your firm owned	l, in whole or in part, by any	other firm?	
☐ No	YesList the	following information.		
Firm name		Address		Extent of ownership
		exportersDoes your firm		
domestic or	foreign, that are enga tates or that are enga	exportersDoes your firm larged in importing lemon juices	ce from Argenti	na and Mexico
domestic or the United S	foreign, that are engatates or that are engates?	aged in importing lemon jui	ce from Argenti	na and Mexico

PART I.--GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued

	sList the following information.	
Firm name and country	Address	<u>Affiliation</u>
Related producersDengaged in the production	Ooes your firm have any related finition of lemon juice?	rms, either domestic or foreign, t
□ No □ Yes	sList the following information.	
Firm name	Address	<u>Affiliation</u>
		<u> </u>
	your company or any related firm	have a business plan or any interarket conditions for lemon juice?
	e, discuss, or analyze expected ma	

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	
Fax	

II-1. **Purchases.--**Report, as indicated below, your firm's purchases (either directly or through a sales agent or broker) of lemon juice. Report based on delivery date, not order date.

ltem	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
rchases of lemon juice p	roduced in-					
The United States: Quantity						
Value						
Argentina: Quantity						
Value						
Mexico: Quantity						
Value						
All other countries: ¹ Quantity						
Value						
¹ Please identify these co	untries:		I			I

${\bf PART~II.--} \underline{{\bf PURCHASES}}\text{--}Continued$

II-2.	Purcha	Purchases before and after order									
	(a)	Did yo	ur firm purc	chase lemon j	uice from A	rgentina an	d Mexico be	fore 2007?			
		☐ Noskip to (c) ☐ Yes									
	(b)	If yes, has your pattern of purchasing lemon juice from Argentina and Mexico changed since 2007?									
		exico because	tico because of the order. because of the order. atina and Mexico for reasons								
	(c)			f purchasing n Argentina				sources (i.e.,			
We did not purchase from nonsubject foreign sources before or af No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged. Yes, we increased purchases from nonsubject countries because of Yes, but we changed our pattern of purchases from nonsubject countries to other than the order (please explain below). II-3. Changes in purchasing patterns Please indicate how the relative levels of purchases of lemon juice from different sources (both domestic and foreign) I since 2007.								of the order. ountries for reasons of your firm's			
		rce of hases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend			
	United States										
	Arge	entina									
	Ме	exico									
		other ntries									

PART II.--PURCHASES--Continued

II-4.	<u>Purchases from one country only</u> If your firm has purchased lemon juice from only one country, please explain the reasons for doing so.

II-5. <u>Share of juice types.--</u> Please report the share of your firm's purchases of concentrated lemon juice and NFCLJ (organic and non-organic) lemon juice in 2012.

Type of juice	Share of quantity of 2012 purchases
Concentrate, non-organic	%
NFCLJ, non-organic	%
Concentrate, organic	%
NFCLJ, organic	%
Total	100 %

II-5. <u>Supplier identification.</u>—Please list your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for lemon juice since 2007. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of lemon juice that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2012.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2012 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

PART III.-- MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

III-1.	<u>Firm type.</u> Which of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of lemon juice (check all that apply)?
	☐ End user (Lemonade producer) ☐ End user (other beverage producer) ☐ End user (other food producer) ☐ Distributor ☐ Other (Describe:)
III-2.	<u>Competition for sales.</u> If you are a <u>distributor</u> or <u>reseller</u> of lemon juice, do you compete for sales to your customers with the manufacturers or importers from which you purchase lemon juice?
	☐ No ☐ YesPlease describe
III-3.	<u>Types of customers.</u> If your firm is a <u>distributor</u> or <u>reseller</u> of lemon juice, what are the major types of consumers to which you sell lemon juice?
III-4.	End usesIf your firm is an end user of lemon juice, list in order of quantity of lemon juice consumed, the top 3 products for which your firm purchases lemon juice as a component part or

III-4. <u>End uses.</u>--If your firm is an end user of lemon juice, list in order of quantity of lemon juice consumed, the top 3 products for which your firm purchases lemon juice as a component part or input. Please indicate what percentage of the <u>total cost</u> is accounted for by lemon juice and other inputs.

	Share of total cost in you produce a		
Product(s) you produce	Lemon Juice (percent)	Other inputs (percent)	Total
	%	%	100%
	%	%	100%
	%	%	100%

III-5. <u>Demand for end use products</u>											
		(a)	If your firm incorporati							lemand for your firm's	final products
			Increase	ed	No ch	ange	Decr	ease	ed	Fluctuated	
		(b)	Has this ha	had any effect on your firm's demand for lemon juice?							
			No	Yes		Explain					
III-	-6.	6. <u>Changes in end uses.</u> Have there been any changes in the end uses of lemon juice since 20 Do you anticipate any future changes?						ce since 2007?			
		Changes in end uses		No	Yes		Explain				
		Changes since 2007									
		Antici _j chang									
III-	-7.	SubstitutesCan other products be substituted for lemon juice?									
			☐ No] Yes-	Please fi	ll out th	ie tał	ole.		
				End	ııca iı	n which t		Have changes in the prices of this substitute affected the price for lemon juice?			
		Substi	tute			ite is use		No	Yes	Explana	tion
1.	Fre	sh lemo	ons								
2.	Len	non oil									
3.	Citr	citric acid									
4.	Oth	er juice	s								
5.											
6.											

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

III-8.	Changes in substitutes Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that
	can be substituted for lemon juice since 2007? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Changes in substitutes	No	Yes	Explain
Changes since 2007			
Anticipated changes			

III-9.	Organic vs non	-organic.—D	oes organic l	emon iuice	differ from nor	1-organic lemon	iuice?

No	Yes	Explain

III-10. **Demand trends.--** Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for lemon juice has changed since January 1, 2007, and how you anticipate demand will change in the future. Describe the principal factors that have affected, and that you anticipate will affect, these changes in demand.

Market	Increase	No change	Decrease	Fluctuate	Factors				
	Demand since 2007								
Within the United States									
Outside the United States									
			Anticipat	ed future de	emand				
Within the United States									
Outside the United States									

Market	Increase	No change	Decrease	Fluctuate	Do not know	Factors
			Dema	and since 20	007	
Within the United States						
Outside the United States						
uice, if knov	vn?					fluence the supply of l

III-15. <u>Supply factors.</u>—In addition to changes in demand, what supply factors have affected apparent consumption (total U.S. markets shipments from all sources) of lemon juice within the United States since January 2007 (check all that apply)?

	important	important	Not important
Argentine lemon crop			
Mexican lemon crop			
U.S. lemon crop			
Disease			
Nonsubject imports of lemon juice			
Packaging			
Subject imports of lemon juice			
U.S. inventories of lemon juice			
Weather			
Loss of lemon grove acreage in Argentina			
Loss of lemon grove acreage in Mexico			
Loss of lemon grove acreage in the United States			
Increased imports of lemon juice rather than fresh lemons			
Other (specify):			
Supply factors degree.—Please discurfactors had an effect on apparent consuproduced lemon juice.			

III-18. **Co-mingle/ blend.--** Do you co-mingle/blend lemon juice?

	Changes in substitutes	No	Yes	Explain why		
	Organic with non-organic					
	Imported with U.S. grown					
	Juice that has been in storage for close to 2 years with fresher juice					
	Is there any end use for which U.S. lemon juice must be blended with juice from Argentina or Mexico?					
III-19.	Market studiesPlease provide as a separate attachment to this request any studies, surveys, etc. that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss lemon juice supply (including production capacity and capacity utilization) and demand in (1) the United States, (2) each of the other major producing/consuming countries, including Argentina and Mexico, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data from 2007 to the present and forecasts for the future.					
III-20.				productIs buying a product that is produced in the ur firm's purchases of lemon juice (check ALL that		
	government purchases of all our purchases of YesPurchases of domes customers. This invo	es un of ler tic p olves tic p	nder " mon j roduc s roduc	ct are required by law or regulation (for example, Buy American" provisions). This involves percent uice. t are not required by law or regulation, but are by our percent of all our purchases of lemon juice. t are required for other reasons (please specify these percent of all our purchases of lemon juice.		

Conditions of	f competition	<u>on</u>			
a) Is the lemon seasonal busin				les or con	ditions of competition (including
☐ No (skip to	o question I	II-22.)	Yes Plea	se descril	be and then answer part (b).
(b) If yes, hav lemon juice si			ges in the busine	ess cycles	or conditions of competition for
☐ No	Yes	Please des	cribe.		
	ke purchasi				the extent that you know, do your based on the producer of the lemon
	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, discuss how your firm/customers determine the producer and why this information is important
Your firm					
Your customers					
	s make pur	chasing dec			I to the extent that you know, do uice based on the country of origin
	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, discuss how your firm/customers determine the source and why this information is important
Your firm					
Your					

III-24.	Purcha	sing fre	quency					
	(a)	How fre	equently do	you make p	urchases (che	eck one)?		
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify
	(b)	Do you	expect this	_	pattern to cha	-		ears? ges to occur?
III-25.		er of sup		actedHow	v many suppl	iers do you g	generally	contact before making
III-26.	Supplie	er negoti	ations					
	(a)	Do purchases of lemon juice usually involve negotiations between supplier and purchaser?						
		□ No			rally quote c			g whether purchasers rt of the negotiation
	(b)			e price offere	purchases fro ed for that pe fy the time po	riod?	upplier w	ithin a specified time
III-27.	Change No	e in supp	Yes F	Please list the		whether the		added or dropped, the change suppliers.

III-28.	<u>Refused supply.</u> —Has any producer or importer refused to sell or been unable to sell you lemon juice at any time since January 2007?							
	☐ No	Yes Please list the supplier(s), when this occurred and the reason for the refusal or inability to sell.						
III-29.	New su	ippliers						
	(a)	Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since 2007?						
		☐ No ☐ YesPlease identify the firms and indicate how you became aware of them.						
	(b)	Do you expect new lemon juice suppliers to enter the U.S. market?						
		☐ No ☐ YesPlease provide details.						
III-30.	Ventur	a Coastal/Sunkist Growers joint venture						
	(a)	Has the creation of the joint venture between Ventura Coastal and Sunkist Growers affected your purchasing process?						
		☐ No ☐ YesPlease describe the changes (e.g. has you purchasing frequency changed or have the supplier negotiations changed).						

	(b)	Has your business been impacted by the creation of the joint venture between Ventura Coastal and Sunkist Growers?							
		☐ No ☐ YesPlease describe the impact.							
III-31.	<u>Suppli</u>	<u>er qualification</u>							
	(a) Do your fin	you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell lemon juice to rm?							
	☐ No	Yes percent of value of purchases in 2012 Yesall purchases							
	describ	ase provide a general description of the certification or qualification process. Briefly e the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product ity of supplier, etc.)							
	(c) Hov	w long does it take to qualify a new supplier?days							
III-32.		e to certifySince 2007, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to or qualify their lemon juice with your firm or have any producers lost their approved							
	☐ No	YesPlease identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification.							

III-33. <u>Purchasing factors</u>.--For the factors listed below, please rate each in terms of its importance in your purchase decision for lemon juice.

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Extension of credit			
Price			
Minimum qty requirements			
Packaging			
Product consistency			
Quality meets industry standards			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Product range			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
Availability of organic			
Color			
Availability of GPL 400			
Availability in not from concentrate.			
Availability of GPL greater than 400			
Availability in clear juice			
Availability in cloudy juice			
High acidity			
Low viscosity			
Freshness of juice			
U.S. transportation costs			
Other (specify):			

III-34.			r of their importance, the om whom to purchase len	
	order (examples include	•	of credit, contracts, price,	3
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			
	Other factors or comm	ents:		
III-35.	Quality characteristics quality of lemon juice?	sWhat characteristics of	loes your firm consider w	hen determining the
III-36.	Frequency of decisions that is offered at the low		often does your firm purc	hase the lemon juice
	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
III-37.	either upward or downy	vard, that is followed by	one or more firms that in other firms, or (2) one or ot necessarily the lowest p	more firms that have a
		any firms you considere e firm(s) exhibited price	d price leaders in the leme leadership.	on juice market since

III-38. Changes in U.S. industry	III-38.	Changes	in U.S.	industry
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	(a)	Please identify and discuss any improvements/changes in the U.S. lemon juice industry since 2007 and explain the factors, including the order(s) under review, that were responsible for each improvement/change.
	(b)	Please discuss any improvements/changes that you anticipate in the future in the U.S. lemon juice industry. Identify the time period and causes for these improvements/changes.
III-39.	suspend please d activitie	of revocationWhat do you think will be the likely effects of any revocation of the ded investigations for imports of lemon juice from Argentina and Mexico? As appropriate, discuss any potential effects of revocation of the suspended investigations on (1) the future es of your firm and (2) the U.S. market as a whole. Please note the future time period to you are referring.
	(1) Act	ivities of your firm:
	(2) Ent	ire U.S. market:

PART IV.-- PRODUCT COMPARISIONS

IV-1.	<u>Country knowledge</u> Please indicate the countries of origin for lemon juice for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.
	United States
	Argentina and Mexico
	Other countries (specify
IV-2.	<u>Interchangeability by country-pair</u> Is lemon juice produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (<i>i.e.</i> , 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 <i>always</i> interchangeable F = the products are <i>frequently</i> interchangeable S = the products are <i>sometimes</i> interchangeable N = the products are <i>never</i> interchangeable 0 = no familiarity with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	Argentina	Mexico	Other countries
United States			
Argentina			
Mexico			
	ors that limit or preclude		ver interchangeable, please

PART IV .-- PRODUCT COMPARISIONS -- Continued

IV-3. **Factors other than price.**--Are differences other than price (*i.e.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between lemon juice produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's purchases of the products?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 in the table below:

A = such differences are *always* significant

F = such differences are *frequently* significant

S = such differences are *sometimes* significant

N =such differences are *never* significant

0 = no familiarity with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	Argentina	Mexico	Other countries
United States			
Argentina			
Mexico			
factor in your fir		ther than price always or fre juice, identify the country-p by such factors:	

PART IV.-- PRODUCT COMPARISIONS--Continued

	a single source (domestic or foreign, including both subject and nonsubject countries)?
	☐ No ☐ YesPlease identify the source and the grade/type/size.
-5.	Choice of product not based on price.—If you purchased lemon juice from one source althout a comparable product was available from another source at a lower price, please explain your reasons for doing so (please specify by country, including the United States and both subject at nonsubject foreign countries). Possibilities might include transaction characteristics such as length of time to fill orders, minimum order size, reliability of supply, etc.

PART IV .-- PRODUCT COMPARISIONS -- Continued

IV-6. <u>Factor country comparisons.</u>--For the factors listed below, please rate how lemon juice produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with lemon juice produced in each of the other countries you identified (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries).

subject and nonsubject foreign countries).	United	Comparable	s d to	United Cor	Comparable	s I to	Argen cor	npared duct fr	l to
Availability									
1 A rating of augorian on price and U.S. tr									

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

PART IV.-- PRODUCT COMPARISIONS--Continued

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		mpared duct fr			mpared duct fr			npared duct fr	
	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Other (specify):									

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.

Higher

PART IV.-- PRODUCT COMPARISIONS--Continued

		Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never	Dor kno
United	States					
Argen	tina					
Mexico	•					
(a)	Since 2007, has the U.Sproduced lem from Argentina an	on juice changed				
	☐ No change in p ☐ Prices have cha ☐ Price of U.Sp from Arge ☐ Price of U.Sp	rice anged by the sam roduced lemon ju	uice has chan		_	

☐ Lower – than those from Mexico.