

FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE
BARIUM CARBONATE FROM CHINA

Return completed questionnaire to:

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Office of Investigations, Room 615
500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436

So as to be received by the Commission by no later than June 12, 2003

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its antidumping investigation concerning barium carbonate from China (inv. No. 731-TA-1020 (Final)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

Name of firm _____

Address _____

World Wide Web address _____

Has your firm produced or exported barium carbonate (as defined in the instruction booklet) at any time since January 1, 2000?

NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)

YES (Read the instruction booklet carefully, complete all parts of the questionnaire, sign the certification, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)

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 signing 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 investigation in any other import-injury investigations conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise. (If you do not consent to such use, please note the certification accordingly.)

I acknowledge that information submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout this investigation may be used by the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel who are acting in the capacity of Commission employees, for developing or maintaining the records of this investigation or related proceedings for which this information is submitted, or in internal audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3. I understand that all contract personnel will sign non-disclosure agreements.

Name and Title of Authorized Official

Date

Signature of Authorized Official

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Phone

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Fax

E-mail address

PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS

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 10 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.

I-1. Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of preparing the reply to this questionnaire and completing the form.

_____ hours _____ dollars

I-2. Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire (see page 3 of the instruction booklet for reporting guidelines). If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

I-3. Please provide the names and addresses of the **FIVE** largest U.S. importers of your firm's barium carbonate in 2002.

I-4. Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce barium carbonate in the United States or other countries?

No Yes--Please name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnaire (contact Raymond Cantrell at rcantrell@usitc.gov for copies of that questionnaire).

PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued

I-5. Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import barium carbonate into the United States?

No

Yes--Please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire (contact Raymond Cantrell at *rcantrell@usitc.gov* for copies of that questionnaire).

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

II-1. Does your firm have any plans to add, expand, curtail, or shut down production capacity and/or production of barium carbonate in China?

No

Yes--Please describe those plans, including planned dates and capacity/production quantities involved, and the reason(s) for such change(s). If the plans are to add or expand capacity or production, list (in descending order of importance) the markets (countries) to which such additional capacity or production would be directed.

II-2. What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of barium carbonate?

_____ Percent

II-3. Does your firm produce products other than barium carbonate on the same equipment and machinery used in the production of barium carbonate?

No

Yes--Please list these product(s) and provide the share of your firm's total net sales (in percent) accounted for by these product(s) in its most recent fiscal year.

Product(s)

Share of sales

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-4. Please indicate the type(s) of barium carbonate your firm produced in 2002.

- Calcined granular
- Compacted (compressed) granular
- Powdered, free-flowing, similar to CPC's Micro-Flo™
- Powdered, other than free-flowing

II-5. Regardless of which type(s) of barium carbonate your firm has produced in the past, which type(s) of barium carbonate does your firm have the *capability* to produce?

- Calcined granular
- Compacted (compressed) granular
- Powdered, free-flowing, similar to CPC's Micro-Flo™
- Powdered, other than free-flowing

II-6. For calendar year 2002, please indicate your firm's production of barium carbonate (*in metric tons*) by production process.

<i>Production process</i>	<i>Production in 2002 (in metric tons)</i>
Mechanical compacting	_____
Thermal	_____
Other (name the process _____)	_____
Total (should equal total production for 2002 reported on page 6) . . .	_____

II-7. Are there any limitations inherent in the barium carbonate your firm produces that would preclude qualification of your firm's barium carbonate by purchasers of barium carbonate in the United States?

- No Yes—Please identify and explain the limitations. _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-8. Has your firm maintained any inventories of barium carbonate in the United States (not including inventories held by firms identified in questions I-3, I-4, or I-5 above¹) since 2000?

No Yes--Report the quantity (in metric tons) of such **end-of-period** inventories below.

<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2002</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2003</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

II-9. Does your firm sell barium carbonate over the internet?

No Yes--Please describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total sales of barium carbonate in 2002 accounted for by internet sales.

II-10. Is the barium carbonate exported by your firm subject to antidumping findings or remedies in any WTO-member countries?

No Yes--List the products(s), countries affected, and the date of such findings/remedies.

<i>Product</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Date</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

¹ Such firms will report inventories in the Commission's importer or producer questionnaire.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-11. **ALL BARIUM CARBONATE.**--Please report production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories of barium carbonate produced by your firm in China during the specified periods.

(Quantity in metric tons)							
Item	Actual experience					Projections	
	2000	2001	2002	January-March		2003	2004
				2002	2003		
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY¹							
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES²							
PRODUCTION³							
SHIPMENTS:							
Internal consumption/transfers							
Home market sales							
Exports to--							
United States⁴							
All other export markets⁵							
Total exports⁶							
Total shipments							
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES							

¹ Report the level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix). Please explain any changes in reported capacity below. Also, **if your reported production in any period exceeds your reported capacity, please provide a detailed explanation of how this can be so.**

² **Reconciliation of data.**--Please note that the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile?

Yes No--Please explain: _____

³ Please estimate the percentage of total production of barium carbonate in China accounted for by your firm's production in 2002.

_____ Percent

⁴ Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of barium carbonate from China accounted for by your firm's exports in 2002.

_____ Percent

⁵ Identify principal *other* export markets. _____

_____ Percent

⁶ Please explain any large shifts, either actual or projected, in the distribution of your exports. _____

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-12. **GRANULAR BARIUM CARBONATE**.--Please report production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories of **granular** barium carbonate produced by your firm in China during the specified periods.

(Quantity in metric tons)							
Item	Actual experience					Projections	
	2000	2001	2002	January-March		2003	2004
				2002	2003		
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY¹							
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES²							
PRODUCTION³							
SHIPMENTS:							
Internal consumption/transfers							
Home market sales							
Exports to--							
United States							
All other export markets⁴							
Total exports⁵							
Total shipments							
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES							
<p>¹ Report the level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix). Please explain any changes in reported capacity below. Also, if your reported production in any period exceeds your reported capacity, please provide a detailed explanation of how this can be so.</p> <hr/> <p>² <u>Reconciliation of data</u>.--Please note that the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No--Please explain: _____</p> <hr/> <p>³ Indicate whether the granular barium carbonate you produced in 2002 was calcined or compacted (compressed). If you produced both types, please indicate the share of your total production accounted for by each. _____</p> <p>⁴ Identify principal <i>other</i> export markets. _____</p> <p>⁵ Please explain any large shifts, either actual or projected, in the distribution of your exports. _____</p> <hr/> <p>Note: Please make certain that the data presented on this page plus the data presented for powdered barium carbonate on page 8 equal the data presented for all barium carbonate on page 6.</p>							

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-13. **POWDERED BARIUM CARBONATE**.--Please report production capacity, production, shipments, and

inventories of **powdered** barium carbonate produced by your firm in China during the specified periods.

(Quantity in metric tons)							
Item	Actual experience					Projections	
	2000	2001	2002	January-March		2003	2004
				2002	2003		
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY¹							
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES²							
PRODUCTION³							
SHIPMENTS:							
Internal consumption/transfers							
Home market sales							
Exports to--							
United States							
All other export markets⁴							
Total exports⁵							
Total shipments							
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES							

¹ Report the level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix). Please explain any changes in reported capacity below. Also, if your reported production in any period exceeds your reported capacity, please provide a detailed explanation of how this can be so.

² Reconciliation of data.--Please note that the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile?

Yes No--Please explain: _____

³ Indicate whether the powdered barium carbonate you produced in 2002 was free-flowing or not free-flowing. If you produced both types, please indicate the share of your total production accounted for by each. _____

⁴ Identify principal *other* export markets. _____

⁵ Please explain any large shifts, either actual or projected, in the distribution of your exports. _____

Note: Please make certain that the data presented on this page plus the data presented for granular barium carbonate on page 7 equal the data presented for all barium carbonate on page 6.