



**GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND
DEFINITIONS FOR COMMISSION FOREIGN
PRODUCER/EXPORTER QUESTIONNAIRES**

**Certain 4,4'-Diamino-2,2'-Stilbenedisulfonic Acid (DAS) Chemistry
from China, Germany, and India
Investigations Nos. 701-TA-435 and 731-TA-1036-1038 (Preliminary)**

***Further information.--If you have any questions concerning the enclosed
questionnaire(s) or other matters related to these investigations, you may contact
the following member of the Commission's staff (Fax 202-205-3205):***

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.--These investigations were instituted in response to a petition filed on May 14, 2003, by counsel for Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corporation, Tarrytown, NY. Countervailing and/or antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these investigations if the Commission makes affirmative determinations of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce makes affirmative determinations of subsidization and/or dumping.

Additional questionnaires will be supplied promptly upon request, or photocopies of the enclosed questionnaire(s) may be used. Address all correspondence to the United States International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired individuals can obtain information regarding this investigation via the Commission's TDD terminal (202-205-1810).

Due date of questionnaire(s).--Return the completed questionnaire(s) to the United States International Trade Commission by no later than May 29, 2003. Please use of an overnight mail service or fax the completed questionnaire to Cynthia Trainor at 202-205-3354 to ensure that your response actually reaches the Commission by May 29, 2003. **Return only one copy of the completed questionnaire(s), but please keep a copy for your records so that you can refer to it if the Commission staff contacts you with any questions during the course of the investigations.**

Service of questionnaire response(s).--In the event that your firm is a party to these investigations, you are required to serve a copy of the questionnaire(s), once completed, on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 207.7). A list of such parties is maintained by the Commission's Secretary and may be obtained by calling 202-205-1803. A certificate of service must accompany the copy of the completed questionnaire(s) you submit (see 19 CFR § 207.7).

Confidentiality.--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to the enclosed questionnaire(s) 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, nonnumerical 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.

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Verification.--The information submitted in the enclosed questionnaire(s) is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all your workpapers and supporting documents used in the preparation of the questionnaire response(s).

Release of information.--The information provided by your firm in response to the questionnaire(s), as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with the investigations, 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 these investigations or other import-injury investigations 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.

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer all questions.--Do not leave any question or section blank unless a questionnaire expressly directs you to skip over certain questions or sections. If the answer to any question is "none," write "none." **If information is not readily available from your records in exactly the form requested, furnish carefully prepared estimates--designated as such by the letter "E"--and explain the basis of your estimates.** Answers to questions and any necessary comments or explanations should be supplied in the space provided or on separate sheets attached to the appropriate page of the questionnaire(s). If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire in connection with this investigation (i.e., a producer, importer, purchaser, and/or foreign producer questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions in the questionnaires.

Consolidate all establishments in each of the countries for which you are reporting.--Report the requested data for your establishment(s) located in China, Germany, or India. **Firms operating more than one establishment in a particular country should combine the data for all establishments in that country into a single report.**

Quantity data.--Report all quantities on a dry basis, regardless of the form in which it is produced/inventoried/shipped.

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DEFINITIONS

DAS--4,4'-Diamino-2,2'-stilbenedisulfonic acid (DAS) is a compound with a sulfonated amino molecule. It is a stilbene, an aromatic compound with two benzene rings attached together by an olefinic linkage (which is an unsaturated carbon-carbon bond). DAS has a trans-olefinic structure that imparts fluorescence by absorbing incident ultraviolet light and emitting in the blue region of the spectrum, imparting a distinct appearance of brightness to the reflecting material. DAS is primarily used to produce SFWA. The Chemical Abstracts Service listing for DAS is 81-11-8. DAS is covered by statistical reporting number 2921.59.2000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

SFWA--Stilbenic Fluorescent Whitening Agents (SFWA) are also known in the trade as CC-DAS where "CC" is cyanuric chloride. DAS is the essential input in SFWA, imparting the fluorescent quality accounting for the brightening or "whitening" property of SFWA. SFWA is used in the manufacture of paper, soaps and detergents, and textile materials. SFWA is covered by the statistical reporting number 3204.20.8000 of the HTS.

Firm--An individual proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation (including any subsidiary corporation), business trust, cooperative, trustee in bankruptcy, or receiver under decree of any court.

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.

Establishment--Each facility of a firm in China, Germany, or India involved in the production of DAS and/or SFWA (as defined above), including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

United States--For purposes of this investigation, the 50 States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

Importer--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing DAS and/or SFWA (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

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Average production capacity.--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).

Production.--All production in your establishment(s) in the country for which you are reporting, including production consumed internally within your firm.

Shipments.--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in the country for which you are reporting. Quantities reported should be net of returns.

Home market commercial shipments.--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within the country for which you are reporting.

Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms.--Shipments made to related firms in the country for which you are reporting, including product consumed internally by your firm.

Export shipments.--Shipments to destinations outside the country for which you are reporting, including shipments to related firms.

Inventories.--Finished goods inventory, not raw materials or work-in-progress.