



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

**Glycine from India, Japan, and Korea
Investigation Nos. 731-TA-1111-1113 (Preliminary)**

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

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.--The final phase of these investigations is being scheduled as a result of affirmative preliminary determinations by the Department of Commerce that imports of glycine from Japan and Korea are being sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 733 of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1673b). The investigations were requested in a petition filed on March 30, 2007, by GEO Specialty Chemicals, Lafayette, IN. Although the Department of Commerce has postponed its preliminary determination as to whether imports of glycine from India are being, or are likely to be sold, in the United States at less than fair value, for purposes of efficiency the Commission has scheduled the final phase of that investigation so that it may proceed concurrently with its investigations concerning Japan and Korea.

Address all correspondence relating to these investigations to Russell Duncan, at 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 October 17, 2007. If submitting in electronic format (such as saved on a CD), please also submit a scanned image file (*e.g.*, PDF, TIFF) of the signed first page along with the completed MS Word version of the questionnaire. Please make sure the completed questionnaire is sent to the attention of Russell Duncan. Please keep a copy of your submission for your records so that you can refer to it if the Commission staff contacts you with any questions during the course of the final phase of these 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 downloaded from the Commission's website (http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/fed_reg_notices/serv_lists.htm) or can 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 firm(s) involved if good cause is 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 work papers 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 investigation, 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 investigation 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 India, Japan, or Korea.--Report the requested data for your establishment(s) located in India, Japan, or Korea. Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.

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DEFINITIONS

Glycine.--For purposes of these investigations, glycine, *a.k.a.*, subject merchandise, is defined co-extensive with Commerce's scope as

... glycine, which in its solid (i.e., crystallized) form is a free-flowing crystalline material. Glycine is used as a sweetener/taste enhancer, buffering agent, reabsorbable amino acid, chemical intermediate, metal complexing agent, dietary supplement, and is used in certain pharmaceuticals. The scope of each of these investigations covers glycine in any form and purity level. Although glycine blended with other materials is not covered by the scope of each of these investigations, glycine to which relatively small quantities of other materials have been added is covered by the scope. Glycine's chemical composition is C₂H₅NO₂ and is normally classified under subheading 2922.49.4020 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The scope of each of these investigations also covers precursors of dried crystalline glycine, including, but not limited to, glycine slurry (i.e., glycine in a non-crystallized form) and sodium glycinate. Glycine slurry is classified under the same HTSUS subheading as crystallized glycine (2922.49.4020) and sodium glycinate is classified under subheading HTSUS 2922.49.8000.

Grades.--

Pharmaceutical-grade.--Glycine that has an assay (glycine content) of 98.5 percent to 101.5 percent (dry basis), and with no more than 7 ppm chloride, no more than 65 ppm sulfate, and no more than 1 ppm heavy metals.

USP-grade.--Glycine that has an assay (glycine content) of 98.5 percent to 101.5 percent (dry basis), and with no more than 70 ppm chloride, no more than 65 ppm sulfate, and no more than 20 ppm heavy metals.

Technical-grade.--Glycine that has an assay (glycine content) of 98.5 percent to 101.5 percent (dry basis), and with maximum chlorides of 0.4 percent.

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.

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Establishment--Each facility of a firm in India, Japan, or Korea involved in the production of glycine (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 glycine (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

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 India, Japan, or Korea, including production consumed internally within your firm.

Shipments--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in India, Japan, or Korea. Quantities reported should be net of returns.

Home market commercial shipments--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within India, Japan, or Korea.

Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms--Shipments made to related firms in India, Japan, or Korea, including product consumed internally by your firm.

Export shipments--Shipments to destinations outside India, Japan, or Korea, including shipments to related firms.

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