



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20436

March 4, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed questionnaire pertains to the United States International Trade Commission's investigations concerning xanthan gum from Austria and China. The investigations are being conducted under the provisions of section 731 of the Tariff Act of 1930.

In these investigations the Commission must determine whether an industry in the United States is materially injured or is threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports from Austria and/or China of xanthan gum that are sold in the United States at less than fair value. A copy of the Commission's notice of these investigations is enclosed and will be published in the *Federal Register*.

The business proprietary information you supply in this questionnaire or in connection therewith will be so treated by the Commission and will not be disclosed except as may be required by law. Your response will be consolidated with the responses of other firms and will form much of the statistical base for the Commission's determinations. The questions in the 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.

Please return the completed questionnaire to the Commission by no later than March 28, 2013. If you have any questions concerning the questionnaire or other matters related to the investigations, please contact Cynthia Trainor (202-205-3354; email cynthia.trainor@usitc.gov) of the Commission's staff. Correspondence may be sent to the above address or via FAX to 202-205-3205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Catherine DeFilippo", is written over a horizontal line.

Catherine DeFilippo
Director

Enclosures