
PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE (731-344)
**CERTAIN BEARINGS FROM CHINA, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY,
JAPAN, SINGAPORE, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM**

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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
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The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its antidumping review investigations concerning certain bearings from China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and the United Kingdom (inv. Nos. 731-TA-344, 391-A, 392-A and C, 393-A, 394-A, 396, and 399-A (Second 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 John Benedetto (202-205-3270).

<p>Name of firm _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip code _____</p> <p>World Wide Web address _____</p> <p>Has your firm purchased certain bearings (as defined in the instruction booklet) from any source (domestic or foreign) at any time since January 1, 2000?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES (Read the instruction booklet carefully, complete all parts of the questionnaire, sign the certification, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)</p>
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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 review in any other import-injury investigations or reviews 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 review 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 review 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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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 25 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-1a. 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-1b. We are interested in any comments you may have for improving this questionnaire in general or the clarity of specific questions. Please attach such comments to your response or send them to the above address.

I-2. Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire (see pages 3-4 of the instruction booklet for reporting guidelines). If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

I-3. Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

No Yes--List the following information.

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Extent of ownership</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I-4. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in importing certain bearings from China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and the United Kingdom into the United States or which are engaged in exporting certain bearings from China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and the United Kingdom to the United States?

No Yes--List the following information.

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued

I-5. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in the production of certain bearings?

No Yes--List the following information.

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I-6. In Part III of this questionnaire we request a copy of your company's business plan. Does your company or any related firm have a business plan or any internal documents that describe, discuss, or analyze expected future market conditions for certain bearings?

No Yes--Please provide the requested documents. If you are not providing the requested documents, please explain why not.

PART II.--PURCHASES

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

Please report separately for tapered roller bearings (TRBs), certain ball bearings (BBs), and/or certain spherical plain roller bearings (SPBs). Please photocopy this page for each type of bearing and check the appropriate box below:

TRBs
 BBs
 SPBs

<i>(Quantity in complete bearings, value in \$1,000)</i>						
Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN CHINA (SUBJECT PRODUCERS):						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN CHINA (NONSUBJECT PRODUCERS):						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN FRANCE:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN GERMANY (SUBJECT PRODUCERS):						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN GERMANY (NONSUBJECT PRODUCERS):						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN ITALY:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN JAPAN:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN SINGAPORE:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN ALL OTHER COUNTRIES:¹						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
¹ Please identify these countries: _____						

PART II.--PURCHASES--Continued

When answering questions in part II please indicate whether any of your answers apply to only a specific type of bearings, namely to (1) certain tapered roller bearings (TRBs), (2) certain ball bearings (BBs), and/or (3) certain spherical plain roller bearings SPBs. If you do not specify, it will be assumed that your answer applies to all of the types of certain bearings purchased by your firm. Photocopy and attach additional pages if necessary.

The answers in sections II below apply to your firm's purchases of (check all that apply):

TRBs BBs SPBs

II-2. If the relative levels of your firm's purchases of certain bearings from different sources (both domestic and foreign) have changed since January 1, 2000, please list the country, state whether the relative share from that country has increased or decreased, and state the reason.

Country	Increase/decrease	Reason

II-3. For the year 2005, report your firm's purchases of ball bearings (value in thousands of dollars) by country and separated into whether the purchases were of "custom" or "standard" ball bearings. (See instruction booklet for definitions).

2005 purchases, in thousands of dollars		
Product from	Custom	Standard
United States		
France		
Germany (subject)		
Germany (nonsubject)		
Italy		
Japan		
Singapore		
United Kingdom		
China (nonsubject)		
All other nonsubject		

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

When answering questions in part III please indicate whether any of your answers apply to only a specific type of bearings, namely to (1) certain tapered roller bearings (TRBs), (2) certain ball bearings (BBs), and/or (3) certain spherical plain roller bearings SPBs. If you do not specify, it will be assumed that your answer applies to all of the types of certain bearings purchased by your firm. Attach additional pages if necessary.

The answers in sections III below apply to your firm's purchases of (check all that apply):

TRBs

BBs

SPBs

III-1. Which of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of certain bearings (check all that apply, noting the specific end uses if known)?

END USER (_____)

DISTRIBUTOR (_____)

Other (_____)

III-2. (a) If your firm is a distributor or reseller of certain bearings, what are the major types of consumers to which you sell certain bearings?

(b) Do you compete for sales to your customers with the manufacturers or importers from which you purchase certain bearings?

III-3. If your firm is an end user of certain bearings, list in order of quantity of certain bearings consumed, the top 3 products for which your firm purchases certain bearings as a component part or input. Please indicate what percentage of the total cost is accounted for by certain bearings.

Product you produce

Percent of cost accounted for by certain bearings

1. _____

1. _____

2. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. _____

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

III-4. (a) If your firm is an end user of certain bearings, has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating certain bearings changed since January 1, 2000?

- Increased Unchanged Decreased

(b) Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for certain bearings?

III-5. Have there been any changes in the end uses of certain bearings since January 1, 2000?

- No Yes--Discuss the changes, noting the time period in which they occurred.

III-6. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the end uses of certain bearings in the future?

- No Yes--Please describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

III-7. (a) Please list in order of importance any products that may be substituted for certain bearings, and specify if they are substitutes for TRBs, BBs, and/or SPBs.

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

(b) For each possible substitute product, please give examples of applications and end uses for which they are substitutes.

(c) Have changes in the prices of these products affected the price for certain bearings?

- No Yes--Please explain.

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

III-8. Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for certain bearings since January 1, 2000?

- No
- Yes--Please explain.

III-9. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the substitutability of other products for certain bearings in the future?

- No
- Yes--Please describe. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

III-10. (a) How has demand within the United States (and outside the United States, if known) for TRBs changed since January 1, 2000?

- Increased
- Unchanged
- Decreased
- Other (describe) _____

What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

(b) How has demand within the United States (and outside the United States, if known)for BBs changed since January 1, 2000?

- Increased
- Unchanged
- Decreased
- Other (describe) _____

What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

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

(c) How has demand within the United States (and outside the United States, if known) for SPBs changed since January 1, 2000?

Increased Unchanged Decreased

Other (describe) _____

What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

III-11. (a) Do you anticipate any future changes in TRB demand in the United States and, if known, the rest of the world?

No Yes--Please describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

(b) Do you anticipate any future changes in BB demand in the United States and, if known, the rest of the world?

No Yes--Please describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

(c) Do you anticipate any future changes in SPB demand in the United States and, if known, the rest of the world?

No Yes--Please describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

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

III-12. Please provide as separate attachments to this request any studies, surveys, etc., that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss certain bearings demand and/or factors affecting certain bearings demand in the (1) United States, (2) each of the major producing/consuming countries, including those subject to this review, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data on an annual basis from January 1, 2000 to the present and forecasts of these demand data.

III-13. (a) Have any changes occurred in any factors affecting supply (e.g., changes in availability or prices of raw materials, energy or labor; transportation conditions; production capacity and/or methods of production; technology; export markets; or alternative production opportunities) that affected the availability of U.S.-produced certain bearings in the U.S. market since January 1, 2000?

- No Yes--Please note the time period(s) of any such changes, the factors(s) involved, and the impact such changes had on your shipment volumes and prices.

(b) Since January 1, 2000, have you experienced any short supplies, unavailability of specific products, or were you placed on allocation? Please indicate the specified products, companies, and circumstances.

III-14. Is buying a product that is produced in the United States an important factor in your firm's purchases of certain bearings (please check ALL that apply)?

- No
- Yes--Purchases of domestic product are required by law or regulation (for example, government purchases under "Buy American" provisions). This involves ____ percent of all purchases of certain bearings.
- Yes--Purchases of domestic product are not required by law or regulation, but are by your customers. This involves ____ percent of all purchases of certain bearings.
- Yes--Purchases of domestic product are required for other reasons (please specify these reasons below). This involves ____ percent of all purchases of certain bearings.

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

III-15. (a) Is the certain bearings market subject to business cycles distinctive to certain bearings?

No Yes--Please explain and provide estimates of the duration of any such cycle.

(b) Is the certain bearings market subject to conditions of competition distinctive to certain bearings?

No Yes--Please explain the distinctive conditions of competition.

(c) Has the emergence of new markets for certain bearings since January 1, 2000 affected the business cycles or conditions of competition distinctive to certain bearings?

No Yes--Please explain any such changes.

III-16. Who are your major competitors?

III-17. Does your firm, and to the extent that you know, do your customers make purchasing decisions involving certain bearings based on the producer of the certain bearings you purchase?

Your firm: Always Usually Sometimes Never

Your customers: Always Usually Sometimes Never

If at least sometimes, please discuss how your firm or your customers determine the producer and why this information is important.

Your firm: _____

Your customers: _____

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

III-18. Does your firm, and to the extent that you know, do your customers make purchasing decisions involving certain bearings based on the country of origin of the certain bearings you purchase?

Your firm: Always Usually Sometimes Never

Your customers: Always Usually Sometimes Never

If at least sometimes, please discuss how your firm or your customers determine the source and why this information is important.

Your firm: _____

Your customers: _____

III-19. (a) How frequently do you make purchases?

Daily Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annually

Other (specify) _____)

(b) Do you expect this purchasing pattern to change in the next two years?

No Yes--How and why do you expect these changes to occur?

III-20. How many suppliers do you generally contact before making a purchase?

III-21. (a) Do purchases of certain bearings usually involve negotiations between supplier and purchaser?

No Yes--Please describe these negotiations. In your response, please comment on whether purchasers generally quote competing prices as part of the negotiation process.

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

(b) Does your firm tend to vary its purchases from a given supplier within a specified time period based on the price offered for that period?

No Yes--Specify the time period.

III-22. Have you changed suppliers in the last 5 years?

No Yes--Please list the supplier or suppliers and indicate whether the firm was added or dropped as a supplier. Also give the reasons for the change and how frequently you change suppliers.

III-23. (a) Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market in the last 3 years?

No Yes--Please identify the firms and indicate how you become aware of them.

(b) Do you expect new certain bearings suppliers to enter the market in the future?

No Yes--Please provide details, noting the specific future time period in your response.

III-24. Do you require your suppliers to become certified or prequalified with respect to the quality, chemistry, strength, or other performance characteristic of the certain bearings they sell to your firm?

No Yes-- ____ percent of purchases in 2005 Yes--all purchases

Please provide a general description of the certification or qualification process and the time required.

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

III-25. Briefly describe the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.) and estimate the time it takes to certify or qualify a new supplier.

III-26. Since January 1, 2000, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their certain bearings with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?

No Yes--Please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification process.

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

III-27. (a) For the factors listed below, please rate each in terms of its importance in your purchase decision for TRBs.

	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discounts offered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extension of credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum qty requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product consistency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality meets industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality exceeds industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical support/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. transportation costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):			
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

III-27. (b) For the factors listed below, please rate each in terms of its importance in your purchase decision for BBs.

	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discounts offered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extension of credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum qty requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product consistency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality meets industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality exceeds industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical support/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. transportation costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):			
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

III-27. (c) For the factors listed below, please rate each in terms of its importance in your purchase decision for SPBs.

	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discounts offered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extension of credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum qty requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product consistency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality meets industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality exceeds industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical support/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. transportation costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):			
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

III-27. (d) Please list, in order of their importance, the three major factors generally considered by your firm in deciding from whom to purchase certain bearings for any one order (examples include current availability, extension of credit, prearranged contracts, price, quality exceeding specifications or industry standards, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Other factors or comments: _____

III-28. What characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of certain bearings?

III-29. How often does your firm purchase the certain bearings that are offered at the lowest price?

Always

Usually

Sometimes

Never

III-30. Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the certain bearings market since January 1, 2000. A price leader is defined as (1) one or more firms that initiate a price change, either upward or downward, that is followed by other firms, or (2) one or more firms that have a significant impact on prices. A price leader does not necessarily have to be the lowest priced supplier. For those firms identified as a price leader, please specify the time period in which a price change was communicated, whether the price change was upward or downward, and whether it covered a specific geographic region or a specific product type.

III-31. Please describe how the above firm(s) exhibited price leadership.

III-32. How frequently does the price of the certain bearings you are purchasing change?

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

III-33. (a) As an attachment to this questionnaire, please identify and discuss any improvements/changes in the U.S. certain bearings industry since January 1, 2000, and explain fully, to the extent possible, the factor(s), including the order(s) under review, that was/(were) responsible for each improvement/change.

(b) Please also discuss fully, to the extent possible, any improvements/changes that you anticipate in the future in the U.S. certain bearings industry. Identify the specific future time period covered in your response, and discuss the factors that you believe would be responsible for each improvement/change.

III-34. What do you think will be the likely effects of any revocation of the antidumping duty orders for imports of certain bearings from China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and the United Kingdom? As appropriate, please discuss any potential effects of revocation of the antidumping duty order on (1) the future activities of your firm and (2) the U.S. market as a whole. Please note the future time period to which you are referring. Attach additional pages if necessary.

(1) Activities of your firm: _____

(2) Entire U.S. market: _____

PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED PRODUCT

When answering questions in part II please indicate whether any of your answers apply to only a specific type of bearings, namely to (1) certain tapered roller bearings (TRBs), (2) certain ball bearings (BBs), and/or (3) certain spherical plain roller bearings SPBs. If you do not specify, it will be assumed that your answer applies to all of the types of certain bearings purchased by your firm. Attach additional pages if necessary.

The answers in sections IV below apply to your firm's purchases of (check all that apply):

- TRBs BBs SPBs

IV-1. Please indicate the countries of origin for certain bearings for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.

- United States
 China France Germany Italy
 Japan Singapore United Kingdom
 Other countries (Please specify _____)

IV-2a. Are **certain tapered roller bearings** produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (i.e., can they physically be used in the same applications)? Please indicate below, using "A" to indicate that the products from a specified country-pair are *always* interchangeable, "F" to indicate that the products are *frequently* interchangeable, "S" to indicate that the products are *sometimes* interchangeable, "N" to indicate that the products are *never* interchangeable, and "0" to indicate *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair.¹

Country-pair	United States	China	Nonsubject countries
United States			
China			

¹ For any country-pair producing **certain tapered roller bearings** which is *sometimes or never* interchangeable, please explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

**PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED
PRODUCT--Continued**

IV-2b. Are **certain ball bearings** produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (i.e., can they physically be used in the same applications)? Please indicate below, using "A" to indicate that the products from a specified country-pair are *always* interchangeable, "F" to indicate that the products are *frequently* interchangeable, "S" to indicate that the products are *sometimes* interchangeable, "N" to indicate that the products are *never* interchangeable, and "O" to indicate *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair.¹

Country-pair	United States	France	Germany	Italy	Japan	Singapore	United Kingdom	Non-subject
United States								
France								
Germany								
Italy								
Japan								
Singapore								
United Kingdom								

¹ For any country-pair producing **certain ball bearings** which is *sometimes* or *never* interchangeable, please explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

**PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED
PRODUCT--Continued**

IV-2c. Are **certain spherical plain bearings** produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (i.e., can they physically be used in the same applications)? Please indicate below, using "A" to indicate that the products from a specified country-pair are *always* interchangeable, "F" to indicate that the products are *frequently* interchangeable, "S" to indicate that the products are *sometimes* interchangeable, "N" to indicate that the products are *never* interchangeable, and "0" to indicate *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair.¹

Country-pair	United States	France	Nonsubject countries
United States			
France			

¹ For any country-pair producing **certain spherical plain bearings** which is *sometimes or never* interchangeable, please explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

**PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED
PRODUCT--Continued**

IV-3. Do you or your customers ever specifically order certain bearings from one country in particular over other possible sources of supply?

- No Yes--Please identify all relevant countries (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries) from which you or your customers prefer to order, and indicate why certain bearings from these countries is preferred over product from other countries (please note the specific product in your response).

IV-4. Are certain grades/types/sizes of certain bearings available from only a single source (domestic or foreign, including both subject and nonsubject countries)?

- No Yes--Please identify the source and the grade/type/size.

IV-5. If you purchased certain bearings from one source although 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 and nonsubject foreign countries). Possibilities might include transaction characteristics such as length of time to fill orders, minimum order size, reliability of supply, etc.

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IV-6. (a) For the factors listed below, please rate how TRBs produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with certain bearings produced in each of the other countries you identified (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries). Copy this page as necessary to cover all possible country combinations and please attach any comments you care to make concerning your responses, especially in comparisons where you rate product from one country superior or inferior to product from another.

_____	compared to			_____
(specify country)				(specify country)
	SUPERIOR	COMPARABLE	INFERIOR	
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delivery terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delivery time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Discounts offered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Extension of credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lower price	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Minimum qty requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Product consistency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quality meets industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quality exceeds industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Product range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reliability of supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Technical support/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lower U.S. transportation costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (specify):				
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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IV-6. (b) For the factors listed below, please rate how BBs produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with certain bearings produced in each of the other countries you identified (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries). Copy this page as necessary to cover all possible country combinations and please attach any comments you care to make concerning your responses, especially in comparisons where you rate product from one country superior or inferior to product from another.

_____	compared to	_____	
(specify country)		(specify country)	
	SUPERIOR	COMPARABLE	INFERIOR
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discounts offered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extension of credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lower price	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum qty requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product consistency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality meets industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality exceeds industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical support/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lower U.S. transportation costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):			
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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IV-6. (c) For the factors listed below, please rate how SPBs produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with certain bearings produced in each of the other countries you identified (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries). Copy this page as necessary to cover all possible country combinations and please attach any comments you care to make concerning your responses, especially in comparisons where you rate product from one country superior or inferior to product from another.

_____	compared to	_____	
(specify country)		(specify country)	
	SUPERIOR	COMPARABLE	INFERIOR
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discounts offered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extension of credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lower price	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum qty requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product consistency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality meets industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality exceeds industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical support/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lower U.S. transportation costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):			
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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- IV-7. (a) How often do domestically produced certain bearings meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?
- Always Usually Sometimes Rarely or never
- (b) How often do imported subject certain bearings meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?
- Always Usually Sometimes Rarely or never
- (c) How often do imported nonsubject certain bearings meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?
- Country _____ Always Usually Sometimes Rarely or never
- Country _____ Always Usually Sometimes Rarely or never
- IV-8. (a) Since January 1, 2000, has there been a change in the price of TRBs? If so, has the price of U.S.-produced TRBs changed more or less than the price of imported TRBs from other countries?
- No change in price
- Prices have changed by the same amount
- Price of U.S.-produced TRBs has changed relative to the price of TRBs from **China**
- Price of U.S.-produced TRBs has changed relative to the price of TRBs from **nonsubject countries**
- (b) Since January 1, 2000, has there been a change in the price of BBs? If so, has the price of U.S.-produced BBs changed more or less than the price of imported BBs from other countries?
- No change in price
- Prices have changed by the same amount
- Price of U.S.-produced BBs has changed relative to the price of BBs from **France**
- Price of U.S.-produced BBs has changed relative to the price of BBs from **Germany**
- Price of U.S.-produced BBs has changed relative to the price of BBs from **Italy**
- Price of U.S.-produced BBs has changed relative to the price of BBs from **Japan**
- Price of U.S.-produced BBs has changed relative to the price of BBs from **Singapore**
- Price of U.S.-produced BBs has changed relative to the price of BBs from **the United Kingdom**
- Price of U.S.-produced BBs has changed relative to the price of BBs from **China (a nonsubject country for BBs)**
- Price of U.S.-produced BBs has changed relative to the price of BBs from **nonsubject countries other than China**

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(c) Since January 1, 2000, has there been a change in the price of SPBs? If so, has the price of U.S.-produced SPBs changed more or less than the price of imported SPBs from other countries?

- No change in price
- Prices have changed by the same amount
- Price of U.S.-produced SPBs has changed relative to the price of SPBs from **France**
- Price of U.S.-produced certain bearings has changed relative to the price of certain bearings from **nonsubject countries**

IV-9. (a) If the price of U.S.-produced TRBs has changed relative to the price of TRBs from China and other countries, the price of U.S.-produced TRBs are now relatively

- China: Higher Lower
- Nonsubject countries: Higher Lower

(b) If the price of U.S.-produced BBs has changed relative to the price of BBs from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and other countries, the price of U.S.-produced BBs are now relatively

- France: Higher Lower
- Germany: Higher Lower
- Italy: Higher Lower
- Japan: Higher Lower
- Singapore: Higher Lower
- United Kingdom: Higher Lower
- China (nonsubject source): Higher Lower
- Nonsubject countries (other than China): Higher Lower

(c) If the price of U.S.-produced SPBs has changed relative to the price of SPBs from France and other countries, the price of U.S.-produced SPBs are now relatively

- France: Higher Lower
- Nonsubject countries: Higher Lower

PART V.--SUPPLIER IDENTIFICATION

Please list the ten largest suppliers from which you have purchased certain bearings and approximate the percentage (by value) of your certain bearings purchases each accounted for in 2005.

Tapered Roller Bearings:

No.	Firm name	Percentage of purchases	No.	Firm name	Percentage of purchases
1			6		
2			7		
3			8		
4			9		
5			10		

Ball Bearings:

No.	Firm name	Percentage of purchases	No.	Firm name	Percentage of purchases
1			6		
2			7		
3			8		
4			9		
5			10		

Spherical Plain Bearings:

No.	Firm name	Percentage of purchases	No.	Firm name	Percentage of purchases
1			6		
2			7		
3			8		
4			9		
5			10		