**Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau**

**Ministry of Commerce**

**People's Republic of China**

**Beef Safeguard Case**

**Questionnaire for foreign exporters or manufacturers¹**

Please reply to the following address before 17:00 (Beijing time) on February 17, 2025:

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¹ Foreign exporters or producer associations may provide relevant information on behalf of their member companies in accordance with the requirements of this questionnaire. Please also provide a list of member companies and the proportion of their total beef production to their total beef production. If this question does not apply to the association, please clearly indicate "This question is not applicable".

Company/Association Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Contact Person Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Date of delivery of questionnaire: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (when questionnaire is received, the investigation agency shall fill in)

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**Declaration**

The company declares that the information provided in this questionnaire is complete, accurate and well-founded. The company knows that the information provided will be verified by the Ministry of Commerce and agrees that the Ministry of Commerce and its authorized staff will use it in this safeguard investigation and adjudication.

If you disagree with the above content, please explain below.

This is hereby declared.

Signature of the legal representative or authorized person:

Name of the legal representative or authorized person:

Date:

**Questionnaire Instructions and Answer Requirements**

**I. General Requirements and Instructions**

1. This questionnaire is prepared by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China in accordance with the provisions of the "Regulations on Safeguard Measures of the People's Republic of China". The information collected in this questionnaire will be used for the investigation and adjudication of this case. If there is no special explanation, please provide relevant information during the investigation period.

Name of the product under investigation: Beef.

English name: Meat of bovine animals

Product description: The product under investigation is a beef product after slaughtering and processing of live cattle (cattle), including fresh, cold or frozen whole and half heads of beef, bone-in beef, and boneless beef.

This product is classified in the "Import and Export Tariff of the People's Republic of China": 02011000, 02012000, 02013000, 02021000, 02022000, 02023000.

The scope of the products under investigation is based on the above description, and the tariff number is for reference only.

2. This investigation will be completed within 8 months from the date of opening a case, and may be appropriately extended under special circumstances.

3. The investigation period of this case is from January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024. Except for the parts with special instructions in this questionnaire, "year" refers to the natural year.

4. Your company should provide all the information required by this questionnaire and submit a complete and accurate answer sheet within the specified time so that the Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce can analyze and adjudicate on your company's response as soon as possible. Your company's full cooperation during the investigation will play an important role in the investigation of the case.

5. When the Ministry of Commerce conducts an investigation, the interested parties shall truthfully reflect the situation and provide relevant information. Any information provided by the interested parties shall be in standard Chinese. Non-Chinese information shall be submitted in Chinese translation and original text, and the Chinese translation shall prevail. If the interested parties do not truthfully reflect the situation, provide relevant information, or fail to provide necessary information within a reasonable time, or seriously hinder the investigation in other ways, the Ministry of Commerce may make an adjudication based on the facts obtained and the best information available.

6. If your company has any questions about the questionnaire when answering the questionnaire, you can consult the case investigators listed in the questionnaire in writing. If your company has a legitimate reason to indicate that it cannot complete the questionnaire before the due date, it should submit a written application to the Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce for an extension of the submission of the questionnaire 7 days before the deadline for submission of the questionnaire, stating the request for extension and the reasons for the extension.

**II. Specific requirements for answering the questionnaire**

Please answer the questionnaire according to the following requirements:

1. The answering questionnaire must be in printed simplified Chinese. The Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce only accepts evidence and materials provided in Chinese. If the original is in a foreign language, a Chinese translation (translated in the format of the foreign original) should be provided and the foreign original or a copy should be attached.

2. Before answering the questions, you should read the questions carefully. When answering the questions, you should first list the title of the question and then answer directly under the title. If the question is not applicable to your company, please clearly state "This question does not apply to our company" and explain the reason.

3. Please answer all questions in this questionnaire according to the scope of the investigated products listed in the case filing announcement. If your company has any objections to the scope of the products, you should explain it in the second part of this questionnaire "Investigated Products" and provide detailed evidence.

4. Please indicate the source and specific origin of the information and materials provided by your company in the answer sheet, and provide a copy of the source and origin. If it comes from a website, please provide the website address and screenshots of the relevant pages.

5. Please fill in the information according to the measurement standards and currency names required in the questionnaire. If the measurement standards and currency names used in the answer sheet are different from those required by the questionnaire, please explain the reasons and provide conversion standards.

6. Your company should save and organize all evidence and materials supporting the information provided in the answer sheet for verification.

7. When filling in this questionnaire, if calculations are involved, your company should explain the calculation formula. If not, it will be deemed that your company has not provided the relevant answer sheet in full and accurately.

8. Your company can apply for confidentiality to the Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce for confidential information in the answer sheet, briefly state the reasons for confidentiality and provide a non-confidential summary of the confidential information at the same time. If your company's answer sheet contains information that needs to be confidential, when submitting the answer sheet, you should make the answer sheet into two types and indicate the confidential version or public version on the first page of each answer sheet respectively. The confidential version is the complete answer sheet containing confidential information; the public version is the answer sheet that only includes the non-confidential summary of public information and confidential information.

9. The non-confidential summary of confidential information provided by your company should include the following:

(1) The serial number of the information requested for confidential treatment and the page number on which the confidential information appears in the confidential text;

(2) The general nature of the information requested for confidential treatment;

(3) The reason for requesting confidentiality;

(4) A non-confidential textual description of the confidential information.

The non-confidential summary of confidential information should contain sufficient and meaningful information to enable other interested parties to have a reasonable understanding of the confidential information.

10. Your company should use the "〖〗" symbol to indicate the non-confidential summary of confidential information involved in the public answer sheet, and indicate the serial number of the corresponding confidential information.

11. One original and one photocopy of each public and confidential answer sheet should be provided. All answer sheets should be properly bound into a book, and the pages should be numbered in sequence on the answer sheet text and notes. Please provide a list of answer sheets and a list of attachments. Each attachment should be listed with a serial number.

12. In addition to the paper version of the questionnaire, the electronic version of the questionnaire in PDF and WPS version should be provided and submitted through the "Trade Relief Investigation Information Platform" (https://etrb.mofcom.gov.cn). The content of the electronic and paper versions of the questionnaire should be the same and the format should be consistent. All data tables should be prepared using WPS forms.

13. Please provide a Chinese statement in accordance with the requirements of this questionnaire, signed by your company's legal representative or a person authorized by your company, to prove that the information provided by your company is accurate and complete. The Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce will not accept questionnaires that do not provide a statement as required.

14. Your company's questionnaire can be submitted by a practicing lawyer in the People's Republic of China and the agent lawyer will handle the relevant matters. Please provide a valid attorney's authorization letter in the questionnaire. A copy of the agent lawyer's valid practice certificate is only provided in the confidential version of the questionnaire.

15. If the period for providing information is not clearly stated in this questionnaire, it should be understood as within the investigation period. For the purpose of investigating this case, the Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce may require your company to provide additional materials and information as appropriate.

16. The investigation authority will conduct on-site verification of all or specific information submitted in the questionnaire as needed. Failure to allow full and complete verification of any specific information may affect the consideration of that information or other verified or unverified information in the questionnaire.

**Part I Company Structure and Operations**

This part requires detailed information about your company structure and operations

1. Please provide your company's legal name, common English name² and legal form.

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2. Please designate a person in charge of this case and provide the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address (unit, city, country/region, zip code): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Please fill in the relevant information of your company's owner or 10 largest shareholders and investment proportion (if less than 10, fill in the actual number).

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| No. | Investor Name | Investment | Investment | Address | Contact number |
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² Company Business License or Export Declaration English Name

4. Please provide information about all subsidiaries or affiliates³that are involved in the production and sale of the product under investigation. In the Description of Affiliates column, please describe the activities of each affiliate in the production and sale of the product under investigation.

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| Company name | Address | Contact number | Description of the relationship with your company |
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5. If your company or its affiliates produce beef or raise beef cattle in China, please provide relevant information in the following table format.

Unit: tons or heads

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Company Name | 2019 | | …… | | 2023 | | First half of 2024 | |
| Production Capacity | Actual output | Production Capacity | Actual output | Production Capacity | Actual output | Production Capacity | Actual output |
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³ Companies that meet any of the following conditions shall be deemed to be affiliated companies as referred to in this questionnaire: 1. A company directly or indirectly controls the operation or decision-making of another company through ownership, holding of shares or entering into an agreement; 2. Two companies are directly or indirectly controlled by a certain company through ownership, holding of shares or entering into an agreement; 3. Two companies directly or indirectly control the operation or decision-making of a certain company through ownership, holding of shares or entering into an agreement.

6. Please list the names and addresses of other manufacturers/exporters/importers, raw material suppliers, or buyers/customers in China of the investigated products that are related to your company.

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7. Please introduce your company's organizational structure and its functions, and provide a company structure diagram. Please give a detailed description of the departments engaged in the production and sales of the investigated products, especially the roles of the production, sales, and distribution departments in the company.

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8. If your company is a multinational group company, please provide a chart of the global corporate structure and affiliated organizations of your company or the group to which your company belongs, including the parent company, subsidiaries, and other affiliated companies, as well as the list and addresses of factories, marketing organizations, and research institutions that produce the products under investigation, and briefly introduce the activities of each organization, especially those related to the products under investigation and the purpose of their establishment.

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9. Has the beef produced or exported by your company been or is being subject to trade remedy measures or non-tariff measures in China or other countries (regions)? If so, please provide relevant information in the following table format.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Time | Country/Region name | Type of Measure | Result of Measure |
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10. In addition to this investigation, is the beef produced or exported by your company subject to other trade remedy investigations in China or other countries (regions)? If so, please provide relevant information in the following table format.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Time | Country/Region name | Investigation type  (anti-dumping/anti-subsidy/safeguard measures) | Deadline for submission of questionnaires  Survey status |
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11. Please provide a detailed map of the country/region where your company is located and indicate the locations of your company and your company's departments or affiliates that are related to the production and sales of the products under investigation.

**Part II Production of the Products Under Investigation**

If your company only exports and sells to China and does not produce the investigated products, please immediately forward a copy of this questionnaire to the relevant manufacturers and answer the questionnaire together with the above-mentioned company, explain the source of the products and submit the accurate information required by this questionnaire on the production and sales of the investigated products in the exporting country (region).

1. Please indicate whether your company produces the product under investigation and provide product manuals or promotional brochures.

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2. Please briefly introduce your company's production process of the investigated products and the types of your company's investigated products.

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3. Please briefly describe the production layout of the investigated products in each factory of your company, the percentage of production lines (workshops) used to produce beef in the total number of production lines (workshops) in operation, and please indicate the percentage of your company's total beef production in the total production of various products of your company from 2019 to 2024.

4. Please provide relevant information about your company’s beef production and sales according to the table below.

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|  | 2019 | …… | 2023 | Jan-Jun 2023 | Jan-Jun 2024 |
| Production capacity |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beginning inventory |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production quantity |  |  |  |  |  |
| Purchased quantity |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales quantity |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ending inventory |  |  |  |  |  |

7. Please provide the cost of your company’s beef according to the table below.

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| Period | Unit cost (RMB/kg) |
| 2019 |  |
| 2020 |  |
| 2021 |  |
| 2022 |  |
| 2023 |  |
| First half of 2023 |  |
| First half of 2024 |  |

Note: 1. Please provide the accounting currency and RMB exchange rate by year.

2. Unit cost includes: production cost (i.e. direct materials, direct labor, fuel power,

manufacturing expenses, etc.), sales, management and financial expenses, etc.

8. Please explain whether your company has made any operational and organizational adjustments during the investigation period that have led to changes in the production capacity of the investigated products? Such as new construction, expansion, acquisition, merger, reduction, closure, etc. If yes, please provide the specific time, reasons, changes in production capacity and output, etc.

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9. Please explain whether your company has any investment plans in the next three years that may have an impact on the production, sales, cost, price, etc. of the investigated products. If yes, please provide the time, purpose, production capacity and output changes of the above investment plans.

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10. Please provide the total production capacity and total output of beef in the country where your company is located in each year during the survey period.

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| Year | Total production capacity | Total output |
| 2019 |  |  |
| 2020 |  |  |
| 2021 |  |  |
| 2022 |  |  |
| 2023 |  |  |
| January-June 2023 |  |  |
| January-June 2024 |  |  |

11. Please provide your company's forecast analysis of the global, Chinese and major producing countries' beef production situation in the next three years, and provide supporting materials for relevant arguments. Please indicate the source of the quoted data.

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**Part III Sales and Profits of the Products Under Investigation**

If your company sells all or part of its beef to China through traders or other companies, please immediately copy this questionnaire and forward it to the relevant exporter, and complete the questionnaire together with the above company, explain the sales channels and submit the accurate information of beef exported to China required by this questionnaire.

1. Please provide relevant information about your company’s top ten beef customers in China for each year during the survey period according to the table below.

Unit: Ton, RMB

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Please fill in the following table by year | | | | | | |
| No. | Customer Name | Contact | Address, Zip code, Phone | Purchase Quantity | Purchase Amount | Nature of customer (distributor or processor) |
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2. Please list the quantity and amount of your company's exports to China according to the table below.

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| Year | Export quantity | Export amount |
| 2019 |  |  |
| 2020 |  |  |
| 2021 |  |  |
| 2022 |  |  |
| 2023 |  |  |
| January-June 2023 |  |  |
| January-June 2024 |  |  |
| 2024 |  |  |

3. Please list the quantity and amount of your company’s exports to the top five markets other than China by country according to the table below.

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Please fill in the form according to different countries | | |
| Year | Export quantity | Export amount |
| 2019 |  |  |
| 2020 |  |  |
| 2021 |  |  |
| 2022 |  |  |
| 2023 |  |  |
| 2024 |  |  |

4. Please provide an analysis and forecast of the market share and product structure changes of your company or the country where your company is located in China and the world in the next three years.

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5. Please indicate any factors and development trends that your company believes have led to the significant increase in China's beef imports in the past five years, and please indicate the starting time of each factor and development trend.

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6. In addition to the increase in imports, has your company observed other factors that have adversely affected the Chinese industry? If so, please list each factor that your company believes and the role it plays. Please provide supporting materials for relevant arguments and indicate the source of the quoted data.

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7. Please provide your company's forecast analysis of the beef consumption situation in the world, China, and your company's main export markets outside China in the next three years and provide supporting materials for relevant arguments. Please indicate the source of the quoted data.

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8. Please provide your company's forecast analysis of the beef price situation in the world, China, and your company's main export markets outside China in the coming year and provide supporting materials for relevant arguments. Please indicate the source of the quoted data.

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9. Please provide your company's relevant sales and operating indicators (including sales revenue, sales cost, profit, etc.) according to the table below.

Unit: RMB

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|  | 2019 | …… | 2023 | 2024 |
| Total company sales revenue (including all products) |  |  |  |  |
| Total company cost of sales (including all products) |  |  |  |  |
| Total operating profit of the company  (including all products) |  |  |  |  |
| Total beef sales revenue |  |  |  |  |
| Total cost of sales of beef |  |  |  |  |
| Total profit of beef |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue from beef exports to China |  |  |  |  |
| Cost of sales of beef exports to China |  |  |  |  |
| Profits from beef exports to China |  |  |  |  |

Note: Please convert the accounting currency into RMB and provide the accounting currency and RMB exchange rate by year.

10. Please provide your company's audited annual financial report or interim report for 2019-2023. These financial statements must include the balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement as well as all notes and audit opinions.