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**Beef Safeguard Case  
Domestic Importer Questionnaire**

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

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**Date of delivery of questionnaire:** Year, Month, Day (filled in by the investigating agency upon receipt of the questionnaire)

**CASE :** On November 22 , 2024 , the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the Ministry of Commerce) received a safeguard investigation application formally submitted by the China Animal Husbandry Association, Jilin Animal Husbandry Association, Liaoning Animal Husbandry Association, Guizhou Cattle and Sheep Industry Association, Sichuan Animal Husbandry Association, Hebei Animal Husbandry Association, Inner Mongolia Animal Husbandry Association, Shandong Animal Husbandry Association, Henan Beef Cattle Industry Association, and Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Medicine Association (hereinafter referred to as the Applicant) on behalf of the domestic beef industry. The Applicant requested a safeguard investigation on imported beef. In accordance with Article 3 of the Safeguard Measures Regulations of the People's Republic of China , the Ministry of Commerce decided to initiate a safeguard investigation on imported beef from December 27 , 2024. The investigation period is : January 1, 2019 to June 30 , 2024 .

### **Products under investigation**

Name: Beef.

English name: Meat of bovine animals

Product Description: The products under investigation are beef products obtained from the slaughter of live cattle (*Bos* genus), including fresh, chilled or frozen whole and half-head beef, bone-in beef and boneless beef .

This product is classified in the Customs 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.

**HAS YOUR COMPANY IMPORTED THE INVESTIGATED PRODUCTS DURING THE INVESTIGATION PERIOD?**

NO (PLEASE SIGN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AND IMMEDIATELY RETURN THIS PAGE AND THE STATEMENT TO THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE)

YES (READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY, SIGN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT, COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONNAIRES, AND SEND ALL ANSWER SHEETS BACK TO THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE)

**HAS YOUR COMPANY FOUND THAT THE PRODUCTS UNDER INVESTIGATION ARE IMPORTED INTO CHINA UNDER OTHER TARIFF CODES?**

NO

YES

PLEASE DESCRIBE BRIEFLY. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Disclaimer**

The Company declares that the information provided in this questionnaire is complete, accurate and well-founded. The Company is aware 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 ruling.

If you disagree with the above, please indicate so below.

This is to declare.

(Company seal)

Signature of the authorized contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_ fax \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Questionnaire Instructions and Related Definitions**

### **1. Questionnaire Description**

This questionnaire is prepared by the Ministry of Commerce in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Safeguard Measures to determine whether the domestic industry has suffered damage during the investigation period and whether there is a causal relationship between the increase in the number of imported products and the damage. The information from this questionnaire will be used for the investigation and adjudication of the case. If there is no special explanation, please provide relevant information during the investigation period.

Any interested party participating in the investigation shall answer this questionnaire truthfully and accept relevant verification, and shall not make false statements. If they refuse to provide information, or fail to reflect the situation truthfully, or fail to fill in this questionnaire and provide relevant materials in the required form or manner within the time specified by the Ministry of Commerce, or the information provided is incomplete or erroneous, resulting in the inability to use the relevant information, or the information provided cannot be verified, or there are other acts that seriously hinder the investigation, the Ministry of Commerce may make a ruling based on the facts already obtained and the best information available .

The Ministry of Commerce will fully consider the legitimate rights of interested parties to treat the specific information they submit as confidential, and will protect the rights of interested parties to know relevant information in accordance with the law. Any information that is essentially confidential (such as information whose disclosure will lead to substantial profits for other competitors or cause serious adverse effects on the information provider or source) or information that interested parties request to be confidential, if the interested parties provide legitimate reasons, the Ministry of Commerce will keep the relevant information confidential. Such information shall not be disclosed without the special

permission of the provider. When providing confidential information, interested parties should state in writing the reasons for applying for confidentiality and provide a non-confidential summary of such information at the same time.

For the information requested for confidentiality in the questionnaire, the public version shall state the reasons for confidentiality item by item and provide a non-confidential summary of the confidential information, which will be made public and available for review by other interested parties. The non-confidential summary shall be detailed enough to ensure that other interested parties can reasonably understand the substantive content of the confidential information.

Under special circumstances and with the consent of the Ministry of Commerce, an interested party may not submit a non-confidential summary of specific confidential information, but must still submit a reasonable and sufficient written explanation, item by item, explaining the reasons why the confidential information cannot be summarized.

Methods for providing non-confidential summaries include, but are not limited to, indexing data or noting data ranges, summarizing and generalizing text information, etc.

The Ministry of Commerce will review the non-confidential summaries provided by the interested parties, and each interested party may comment on the contents of the non-confidential summaries. If the summary fails to reasonably reflect the substantive content of the confidential information or lacks reasonable and sufficient reasons for not being able to summarize, the Ministry of Commerce will inform the interested party to make corrections once within a time limit.

If the Ministry of Commerce believes that the interested party's confidentiality application lacks legitimate reasons and the interested party is unwilling to disclose the information or authorizes the disclosure of the information in summary form, the Ministry of Commerce may not use such information in its ruling.

According to the above principles, both the confidential version and the public version of the questionnaire should be submitted. The confidential version should be a complete questionnaire containing all information including confidential information; the public



version should be a questionnaire containing a non-confidential summary of public and confidential information. The public and confidential versions should be indicated on the first page of the questionnaire respectively. The parts of the public version that have not been applied for confidentiality should be completely consistent with the corresponding parts of the confidential version.

When answering the questionnaire, if some items cannot be fully explained, you can attach a separate sheet of explanation as part of your answer to this questionnaire. The content of the attached sheet of explanation should clearly list the specific question numbers corresponding to the questionnaire .

The answer sheet **must be completed using standard Chinese characters and digital symbols that meet national standards , except for special characters that cannot be translated into Chinese. The public version and confidential version of the paper answer sheet should be in duplicate. At the same time, the electronic version** of the answer sheet should be submitted through the "Trade Remedy Investigation Information Platform" (<https://etrb.mofcom.gov.cn>) . The electronic version and the paper version should have the same content and the same format.

The Ministry of Commerce has the right to collect further information and materials related to this investigation by issuing supplementary questionnaires or other means.

Please keep the working papers and related documents of this questionnaire intact for the on-site inspection by the Ministry of Commerce.

If there are any changes in the circumstances and evidence related to your company's answer sheet, you should promptly notify the Ministry of Commerce and submit additional relevant materials. Otherwise, the Ministry of Commerce will not bear any consequences arising therefrom.

## **II. Definitions of this Questionnaire**

**1. Investigated Products:** refers to the imported products subject to the safeguard measures investigation determined by the investigating authority in this case .

**2. Domestic similar products and directly competing products :** products produced by

**Chinese domestic enterprises that are identical to** or directly competing with the product under investigation , or, if there are no identical products, products that are most similar in characteristics.

**3. Related parties:** Two parties shall be deemed to be related parties in the following circumstances: (a) one party directly or indirectly controls the other party; (b) both parties are directly or indirectly controlled by a third party; (c) both parties directly or indirectly control a third party, and there is reason to believe that the two parties act differently from other persons who have no relationship because of such joint control. If one party is in a position to restrict or direct the other party legally or operationally, the former shall be deemed to control the latter.

**4. Deadline for answering questionnaires: refers to the date on which answering questionnaires should be delivered to the Ministry of Commerce. Please** mail or deliver the paper answering questionnaires to the address listed on the first page of this questionnaire before 17:00 (Beijing time) on the deadline for submission of the answering questionnaires . At the same time, you should submit the electronic answering questionnaires in PDF and WPS versions through the "Trade Remedy Investigation Information Platform" (<https://etrb.mofcom.gov.cn>). The Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce will take the time when the paper answering questionnaires and the electronic answering questionnaires submitted through the "Trade Remedy Investigation Information Platform" are collected as the submission time of the answering questionnaires.

**5. Survey period:** January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024 .

**Part I. Basic Information of the Company**

Your company's contact person for answering this question \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_ Position  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If there is no special explanation for the questions in this section, please fill in the situation at the end of the survey period ( the end of the second quarter of 2024 ).

1. State your company's registered capital, economic nature, and provide the organizational chart of your company and its affiliated companies.

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2. Is your company a listed company?

no ( )

Yes ( )——Fill in the following:

Stock Exchange Name: Stock Name and Trading Code:

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3. During the investigation period , does your company have any relationship with the manufacturer, importer, exporter, raw material supplier or end user of the product under investigation?

none ( )

Yes ( )——Fill in the following content:

Company Name	address	What kind of relationship

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4. (1) Have the investigated products imported by your company been or are being subject to trade remedy measures or non-tariff measures?

no ( )

Yes ( )—Fill in the following:

time	Country (Region) Name	Type of measure	Results of measures

Note: Types of trade remedy measures include anti-dumping, countervailing duties and safeguard measures.

(2) Are the investigated products imported by your company currently under trade remedy investigation?

no ( )

Yes ( )—Fill in the following:

time	Country (Region) Name	Type of measure	Current status

Note: Trade remedy investigation types include anti-dumping, anti-subsidy and safeguard investigations.

**Part II. Trade of Products Under Investigation and Related Information**

Your company's contact person for answering this question \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please explain your company's trading method for importing the investigated products and briefly describe the procurement process.

- ( ) General trade
- ( ) Processing trade
- ( ) Barter trade
- ( ) Other trade

Unit: Tons, US dollars

	Fill in according to trade mode	
years	Import quantity	Import amount
20 19		
20 20		
20 21		
20 22 years		
20 23 years		
January-June 2023		
January - June 2024		

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6. After the announcement of the case filing, has your company already imported or is it preparing to import the products under investigation?

no( )

Yes ( )—Please specify the imported quantity and delivery date.

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7. Please list your company's import of the investigated products and purchase of domestic beef and cattle according to the table below .

Unit: Ton, RMB

project		2019	...	20 22 YEARS	20 23 Q1	...	FOURTH QUARTER OF 2024
Beginning inventory							
Production quantity (if any)							
Import quantity							
Import amount							
Quantity of domestic products purchased	Domestic beef						
	Beef cattle						
Amount of domestic product purchases	Domestic beef						
	Beef cattle						

Sales quantity (If exported, please specify the export quantity separately)						
Self-consumption						
Ending inventory						

Please calculate the above table according to the formula "end-of-period inventory = beginning-of-period inventory + import quantity + purchase quantity of similar domestic products - sales quantity - self-use quantity".

8、 Please list the situation of your company importing the investigated products from different importing countries as shown in the table below .

Unit: Ton, RMB

	Please fill in the form according to different countries	
years	Import quantity	Import amount
20 19		
20 20		
20 21		
20 22 years		
20 23 years		
January-June 2023		
January - June 2024		
2024		

9. Please provide the names and addresses of the 10 largest customers who purchased the investigated products from your company during the investigation period, and provide the name, address and telephone number of the contact person. (Please fill in the order of purchase volume)

Unit: Ton, RMB

PLEASE FILL IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE BY YEAR

SERIAL NUMBER	CUSTOMER NAME	CONTACT	ADDRESS, POSTCODE, PHONE	PURCHASE QUANTITY	PURCHASE AMOUNT	NATURE OF CUSTOMER (DISTRIBUTOR OR PROCESSOR)
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						

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

	2019	...	2023	First half of 2024	2024 full year
Total sales revenue (including all products)					
Total company sales cost (including all products)					
Total operating profit of the company (including all products)					



Sales revenue of products under investigation					
Cost of sales of the products under investigation					
<sup>profit</sup> of the investigated products					
Sales revenue of products using the product under investigation as raw material (if any)					
of products using the product under investigation as raw material (if any)					
<sup>products</sup> using the product under investigation as raw material					

Note: Please explain how this allocation is made.

11. Please provide your company's audited annual financial reports or interim reports for 2019 - 2024. These financial statements must include the balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement as well as all notes and audit opinions.

**Part III Other issues that need to be explained**

Your company's contact person for answering this question \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_ Position  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

12. Please describe your company's understanding of changes in China's beef supply and demand , and changes in global beef supply and demand during the survey period .

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13. Please explain your company 's beef - related development strategies and goals, including: production, procurement and sales plans, the size and trends of the Chinese market , your company 's market share and price levels in China , your company's investment plans, and provide relevant information.

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14. If China takes safeguard measures against the products under investigation, what impact will it have on your company's operations in the next three years? Please analyze it in combination with relevant operating indicators, including but not limited to sales volume, sales revenue, market share, sales price, cost, profit, investment return rate, cash flow, employment, etc.

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15. Please analyze the market competition between the products under investigation and domestic beef and cattle during the investigation period .

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16. Please analyze the reasons for the rapid increase in the import volume of the investigated products during the investigation period .

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17. During the investigation, did your company believe that there were other reasons other than the imported products under investigation that caused damage to the domestic industry? If so, please describe in detail and provide relevant evidence .

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18. Other matters that your company believes require further explanation.

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