



INSTRUCTION BOOKLET

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

CERTAIN STEEL WHEELS FROM CHINA Investigation Nos. 701-TA-478 and 731-TA-1182 (Preliminary)

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

*Mary Messer, investigator (202-205-3193; E-mail MARY.MESSER@USITC.GOV)
regarding general questions and trade and related information*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.--This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on March 30, 2011 by Accuride Corp., Evansville, IN, and Hayes Lemmerz International, Inc., Northville, MI. Countervailing and/or antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of this proceeding if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce makes an affirmative determination of subsidization and/or dumping.

Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at http://www.usitc.gov/trade_remedy/731_ad_701_cvd/investigations/2011/steel_wheels_from_china/prelimphase.htm. Address all correspondence to the United States International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired individuals can obtain information regarding this proceeding 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 April 13, 2011. Although the enclosed postpaid envelope may be used to return the completed questionnaire, use of an overnight mail service may be necessary to ensure that your response actually reaches the Commission by April 13, 2011. If you do not use the enclosed envelope, please make sure the completed questionnaire is sent to the attention of Mary Messer, Investigator. **Return only one copy of the completed questionnaire(s), but please keep a copy for your records so that you can refer to it if the Commission staff contacts you with any questions during the course of this proceeding.**

Service of questionnaire response(s).--In the event that your firm is a party to this proceeding, 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 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 submitter for good cause shown.

GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued

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 workpapers 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 proceeding, 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 proceeding or other import-injury proceedings 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 proceeding (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 China.--Report the requested data for your establishment(s) located in China. **Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.**

Filing instructions.—Questionnaires may be filed either in paper form or electronically.

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OPTIONS FOR FILING

This questionnaire is available as a “fillable” form in MS Word format on the Commission’s website at http://www.usitc.gov/trade_remedy/731_ad_701_cvd/investigations/2011/steel_wheels_from_china/prelimphase.htm. *Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the questionnaire document.* You may complete the questionnaire and submit it, electronically, or you may print it out and submit it in paper form, as described below:

- **Compact disc (CD).**—Copy your questionnaire onto a CD, include a signed certification page (page 1) (either in paper form or scanned PDF copied onto CD), and mail to the address above. *It is strongly recommended that you use an **overnight mail service** (see below).*
- **Upload via Secure Drop Box.**—Upload the completed questionnaire in MS Word format along with a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1) through the Commission’s secure upload facility:

Web address: <https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/> *Pin:* OINV

- **E-mail.**—E-mail your questionnaire to the investigator identified on page 1 of the Instruction Booklet; include a scanned PDF of the signed certification page (page 1). Type the following in the e-mail subject line: **BPI Questionnaire, INV. NO. 1182.** *Please note that submitting your questionnaire by e-mail may subject your firm’s business proprietary information to transmission over an unsecure environment and to possible disclosure. If you choose this option, the Commission warns you that any risk involving possible disclosure of such information is assumed by the submitter and not by the Commission.*
- **Fax.**—Fax to 202.205.3205.
- **Overnight mail service.**—Mail to **United States International Trade Commission; Office of Investigations / Room 615; 500 E Street SW; Washington, DC 20024**

Note: If you are a party to the proceeding, and service of the questionnaire is required, such service should be made in paper form.

DEFINITIONS

Certain steel wheels.—For the purposes of the questionnaires in these investigations, the term “certain steel wheels” refers to steel wheels and rims of sizes 18 to 24.5 inch nominal diameters. For ease of reference, the questionnaires in these investigations also refer to steel wheels (18”-24.5” nominal diameter).

These products are used with tires. Wheels and rims, whether or not attached to tires or axles, are included.

Steel wheels and rims are normally used in commercial vehicles, i.e., trucks, tractors, buses, trailers, fire trucks, ambulances, tow trucks, etc. However, the definition provided above is not based on use.

Aluminum wheels and rims are *excluded* from this definition.

Subject imports are normally covered by statistical reporting numbers 8708.70.05.00, 8708.70.25.00, and 8708.70.45.30. In addition, depending upon the design, constituent material and imported configuration of each shipment, axles/wheels/rims could be classified in any of the following HTSUS subheadings of Chapter 87 - 8708.50.6500; 8708.70.0500; 8708.70.2500; 8708.70.4530; 8708.70.4545; 8708.70.4560; 8708.70.6030; 8708.70.6060; 8708.99.2300; 8708.99.4850; and 8708.99.8180.

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.

Establishment.--Each facility of a firm in China involved in the production of certain steel wheels (as defined above), including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

United States.--For purposes of this proceeding, 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 certain steel wheels (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

DEFINITIONS--Continued

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 China, including production consumed internally within your firm.

Shipments.--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in China. Quantities reported should be net of returns.

Home market commercial shipments.--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within China.

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

Export shipments.--Shipments to destinations outside China, including shipments to related firms.

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