



## **INSTRUCTION BOOKLET**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS FOR COMMISSION QUESTIONNAIRES**

#### **CIRCULAR WELDED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PIPE FROM INDIA, OMAN, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, AND VIETNAM Investigation Nos. 701-TA-482-485 and 731-TA-1191-1194 (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):*

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Background.**--This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on October 26, 2011, by Allied Tube and Conduit, Harvey, IL; JMC Steel Group, Chicago, IL; Wheatland Tube, Sharon, PA; and United States Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA. Countervailing and 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://usitc.gov/trade\\_remedy/731\\_ad\\_701\\_cvd/investigations/2011/circular\\_welded\\_pipe/prelimphase.htm](http://usitc.gov/trade_remedy/731_ad_701_cvd/investigations/2011/circular_welded_pipe/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).**--Please submit the completed questionnaire(s) to the United States International Trade Commission so as to be received by **no later than November 9, 2011**. Because Commission staff might contact you with questions during the course of the proceeding, save the final version of the document(s) and retain all files and worksheets associated with the completed questionnaire(s). Please also retain a copy of any paper original document that you submit.

**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.

**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).**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued**

**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 this 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. In addition, if your firm is a U.S. producer, the information you provide on your production and imports of circular welded carbon-quality steel pipe and your responses to the questions in Part I of the producer questionnaire will be provided to the U.S. Department of Commerce, upon its request, for use in connection with (and only in connection with) its requirement pursuant to sections 702(c)(4) and 732(c)(4) of the Act (19 U.S.C. §§ 1671a(c)(4) and 1673a(c)(4)) to make a determination concerning the extent of industry support for the petition requesting this proceeding. Any information provided to Commerce will be transmitted under the confidentiality and release guidelines set forth above. Your response to these questions constitutes your consent that such information be provided to Commerce under the conditions described above.

## **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."** 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, and/or purchaser questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions in the questionnaires. Questionnaires may be filed either electronically or in paper form.

**Consolidate all U.S. establishments.**--Report the requested data for your establishment(s) located in the United States. **Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.**

**Electronic completion.**--Your firm is encouraged to complete the questionnaire electronically in MS Word format. The MS Word versions of all the questionnaires in this proceeding are available online at the ITC web page or may be obtained directly from the Commission's Investigator, **Keysha Martinez (keysha.martinez@usitc.gov, or 202-205-2136).**

**Electronic submission.**--To the degree that it is possible and not overly burdensome, the Commission requests that responding firms submit their questionnaire responses electronically in MS Word format. The submission of questionnaire responses in the MS Word format allows the Commission to compile, assess, and analyze submitted data more promptly. There are three electronic submissions options detailed below. Paper submissions are also accepted.

**INSTRUCTIONS--Continued**

**OPTIONS FOR FILING**

This questionnaire is available as a “fillable” form in MS Word format on the Commission’s website [http://usitc.gov/trade\\_remedy/731\\_ad\\_701\\_cvd/investigations/2011/circular\\_welded\\_pipe/prelimphase.htm](http://usitc.gov/trade_remedy/731_ad_701_cvd/investigations/2011/circular_welded_pipe/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:

- **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:* cwpipe

- **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. NOS. 701-TA-482-485 and 731-TA-1191-1194 (Preliminary)**. *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.*

- **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**. U.S. mail sent to government offices undergoes additional processing which not only results in substantial delays in delivery but may also damage CDs.*

- **Fax.**—Fax to 202.205.3205.

- **Overnight mail service.**—Mail to the following address:

**United States International Trade Commission  
Office of Investigations, Room 615  
500 E Street SW  
Washington, DC 20024**

- **U.S. mail.**—Mail to the address above, but use zip code 20436. *This option is not recommended. U.S. mail sent to government offices undergoes additional processing to screen for hazardous materials; this additional processing results in substantial delays in delivery.*

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

***Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe (“Circular Welded Pipe”)***— Welded carbon quality steel pipes and tube, of circular cross-section, with an outside diameter not more than 16 inches (406.4mm), regardless of wall thickness, surface finish (black, galvanized, or painted), end finish (plain end, beveled end, threaded, or threaded and coupled), or industry specification (e.g. ASTM, proprietary, or other) generally known as standard pipe, fence pipe and tube, sprinkler pipe, and structural pipe (although they may also be referred to as mechanical tubing). Specifically, the term, “carbon quality” includes products in which: (a) iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements; (b) the carbon content is 2 percent or less, by weight; and (c) none of the elements listed below exceeds the quantity, by weight, as indicated: (i) 1.80 percent of manganese; (ii) 2.25 percent of silicon; (iii) 1.00 percent of copper; (iv) 0.50 percent of aluminum; (v) 1.25 percent of chromium; (vi) 0.30 percent of cobalt; (vii) 0.40 percent of lead; (viii) 1.25 percent of nickel; (ix) 0.30 percent of tungsten; (x) 0.15 percent of molybdenum; (xi) 0.10 percent of niobium; (xii) 0.41 percent of titanium; (xiii) 0.15 percent of vanadium; (xiv) 0.15 percent of zirconium.

Standard pipe is ordinarily made to ASTM specifications A53, A135, and A795, but can also be made to other specifications. Structural pipe is made primarily to ASTM specifications A252 and A500. Standard and structural pipe may also be produced to proprietary specifications rather than to industry specifications. This is often the case, for example, with fence tubing. Fence tubing is included in the scope regardless of certification to a specification listed in the exclusions below, and can also be made to include A513. Sprinkler pipe is designed for sprinkler fire suppression systems and may be made to industry specifications such as A53 or to proprietary specifications. These products are generally made to standard O.D. and wall combinations. Pipe multi-stenciled to a standard and/or structural specification and to other specifications, such as American Petroleum Institute (“API”) API-5L specification, is also covered by the scope of this investigation when it meets the physical description set forth above, and also has one or more of the following characteristics: is 32 feet in length or less; is less than 2.0 inches (50mm) in outside diameter; has a galvanized and/or painted (e.g. polyester coated) surface finish; or has a threaded and/or coupled end finish.

The scope of this proceeding does not include: (a) pipe suitable for use in boilers, superheaters, heat exchangers, refining furnaces and feedwater heaters, whether or not cold drawn; (b) mechanical tubing, whether or not cold-drawn. However, products certified to ASTM mechanical tubing specifications are not excluded as mechanical tubing if they otherwise meet the standard sizes (e.g. outside diameter and wall thickness) of standard, structural, fence and sprinkler pipe;<sup>1</sup> (c) finished scaffolding;<sup>2</sup> (d) tube and pipe hollows for redrawing; (e) oil country tubular goods produced to API specifications; and (f) line pipe produced to only API specifications.

The pipe subject to this proceeding are currently imported under the following HTSUS statistical reporting numbers:

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<sup>1</sup> In addition to the standard sizes in the ASTM specifications, the attachment at the end of this booklet contains the industry standard fence O.D. and gage combinations.

<sup>2</sup> Finished scaffolding is defined as component parts of a final, finished scaffolding that enters the United States unassembled as a “kit.” A “kit” is understood to mean a packaged combination of component parts that contain, at the time of importation, all the necessary component parts to fully assemble a final, finished scaffolding.

## **DEFINITIONS--Continued**

Standard/structural/fence/sprinkler tubular products-- 7306.30.1000, 7306.30.5025, 7306.30.5032, 7306.30.5040, 7306.30.5055, 7306.30.5085, 7306.30.5090.

Under certain circumstances, “circular welded pipe” as defined above might also enter the United States under HTS statistical reporting numbers that cover a broader range of tubular products:

1. API-stenciled tubular products (generally line pipe) that are multiple-stenciled to standard/structural specifications and meet the physical descriptions provided above-- 7306.19.1010, 7306.19.1050, 7306.19.5110, 7306.19.5150
2. “Micro-alloy” standard/structural/fence/sprinkler tubular products (i.e., those that exceed the chemistry specifications for non-alloy pipe but do not exceed the chemistry specifications provided above)-- 7306.50.1000, 7306.50.5050, and 7306.50.5070.

However, the product description, and not the harmonized tariff schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”) classification, is dispositive of whether the merchandise imported into the United States falls within the scope of the investigation.

**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 involved in the production, importation, and/or purchase of circular welded pipe (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 circular welded pipe (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

## **DEFINITIONS--Continued**

**Imports**--Those products identified for Customs purposes as imports for consumption for which your firm was the importer of record (i.e., was responsible for paying any import duty) or consignee (i.e., to which the merchandise was first delivered).

**Import quantities**--Quantities reported should be net of returns.

**Import values**--Values reported should be landed, duty-paid values at the U.S. port of entry, including ocean freight and insurance costs, brokerage charges, and import duties (i.e., all charges except inland freight in the United States).

**Purchaser**--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in purchasing circular welded pipe (as defined above) from another firm that produces, imports, or otherwise distributes circular welded pipe.

**Purchases**--Purchases from all sources, NOT including direct imports from foreign sources located outside of the United States (which should be reported in an importer questionnaire).

**Purchase quantities**--Quantities reported should be net of returns.

**Purchase values**--Values reported should be net values (i.e., gross purchase values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, and the value of returned goods), delivered to your U.S. receiving point.

**Shipments**--Shipments of products produced in or imported by your establishment(s). Include shipments to the contracting firm of product produced by your firm under a toll agreement.

**Shipment quantities**--Quantities reported should be net of returns.

**Shipment values**--Values reported should be net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your U.S. point of shipment. The value of domestic shipments to the contracting firm under a toll agreement is the conversion fee (including profit).

### **Types of shipments:**

**U.S. shipments**--Commercial shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms within the United States.

## **DEFINITIONS--Continued**

**Commercial shipments.**--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within the United States.

**Internal consumption.**--Product consumed internally by your firm.

**Transfers to related firms.**--Shipments made to related domestic firms.

**Export shipments.**--Shipments to destinations outside the United States, including shipments to related firms.

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

**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).

**Toll agreement.**--Agreement between two firms whereby the first firm furnishes the raw materials and the second firm uses the raw materials to produce a product that it then returns to the first firm with a charge for processing costs, overhead, etc.

**Production.**--All production in your establishment(s), including production consumed internally within your firm and production for another firm under a toll agreement.

**PRWs.**--Production and related workers, including working supervisors and all nonsupervisory workers (including group leaders and trainees) engaged in fabricating, processing, assembling, inspecting, receiving, storage, handling, packing, warehousing, shipping, trucking, hauling, maintenance, repair, janitorial and guard services, product development, auxiliary production for plant's own use (e.g., power plant), recordkeeping, and other services closely associated with the above production operations.

**Average number employed.**--Add the number of employees, both full-time and part-time, for the 12 pay periods ending closest to the 15th of the month and divide that total by 12. For the January-September periods, calculate similarly and divide by 9.

**Hours worked.**--Include time paid for sick leave, holidays, and vacation time. Include overtime hours actually worked; do not convert overtime pay to its equivalent in straight-time hours.

**Wages paid.**--Total wages paid before deductions of any kind (e.g., withholding taxes, old-age and unemployment insurance, group insurance, union dues, bonds, etc.). Include wages paid directly by your firm for overtime, holidays, vacations, and sick leave.

**Fiscal year.**--The 12-month period between settlement of your firm's financial accounts.



Fence Division

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