U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

FERROVANADIUM AND NITRIDED VANADIUM FROM RUSSIA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by no later than APRIL 23, 2012

See page 4 of the Instruction Booklet for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its review of the antidumping duty order concerning ferrovanadium and nitrided vanadium from Russia (Inv. No. 731-TA-702 (Third 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)).

Name of fi	firm		
Address			
City	State		Zip Code
World Wie	ide Web address		
	irm imported ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanac any time since January 1, 2006?	ium (as	defined in the instruction booklet) from any
☐ NO ☐ YES	(Sign the certification below and promptly return (Read the instruction booklet carefully, complete a questionnaire to the Commission so as to be received	ll parts o	f the questionnaire, and return the entire

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 means of 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 proceeding in any other import-injury proceeding conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise.

I acknowledge that information submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout this proceeding 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 proceeding 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 of Authorized Official	Title of Authorized Official	Date	
	Phone:		
Signature		E-mail address	
-	<i>Fax:</i>		

PART I.—<u>GENERAL INFORMATION</u>

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 40 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. <u>**OMB statistics.-**</u>-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. <u>**OMB feedback.--**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.</u>
- I-2. **Establishments covered.--**Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire (see page 3 of the instruction booklet for reporting guidelines). If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

Ownership	s your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other f	firm?
🗌 No	YesList the following information.	
Firm name	Address	Extent of ownership

PART I.--<u>GENERAL INFORMATION</u>--Continued

4.	domestic or fo Russia into th	preign, that are enga	aged in import hat are engage	ing ferrovanadium a	y related firms, either nd/or nitrided vanadium from vanadium and/or nitrided
	🗌 No	YesList the	following info	ormation.	
	Firm name		Address		<u>Affiliation</u>
5.	domestic or fo	oreign, that are enga er than Russia into t	aged in import he United Stat	ing ferrovanadium a	ave any related firms, either nd/or nitrided vanadium from d in exporting ferrovanadium nited States?
	🗌 No	YesList the	following info	ormation.	
	Firm name an	d country	Address		<u>Affiliation</u>
5.				related firms, either d/or nitrided vanadiu	domestic or foreign, that are m?
	🗌 No	YesList the	following info	ormation.	
	<u>Firm name</u>		Address		Affiliation
7.				the nature of your fi than one answer ma	rm's importing operations on ay be applicable.
	Importer of	of record		Takes title to the	e imported product(s)
	Consignee	e of the imported pr	oducts(s)	Customs broke	r or freight forwarder

PART I.--GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued

I-8. <u>**Consignees.--**</u>If your firm is an importer of record of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium but is not the consignee, please list the consignees below (firm name, address, telephone number, and individual to contact).

<u>Firm name</u>	Address	Contact person and phone number

I-9. **<u>FTZs or bonded warehouse</u>.-**-Please indicate whether your firm enters ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium into, or withdraws such merchandise from, foreign trade zones or bonded warehouses.

Foreign trade zones	🗌 No	Yes
Bonded warehouses	□ No	☐ Yes

I-10. **<u>TIB</u>.--**Please indicate whether your firm imports ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium under the TIB (temporary importation under bond) program.

🗌 No	Yes
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- I-11. **Business plan**.--In Parts II and 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 market conditions for ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium?
 - No Yes–Please provide the requested documents. If you are not providing the requested documents, please explain why not.
- I-12. <u>Other investigations.--</u>To your knowledge, have the products subject to this proceeding been the subject of any other import relief investigations in the United States or in any other countries?

No Yes–Please specify.

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PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Joanna Lo (202-205-1888, joanna.lo@usitc.gov). **Supply all data requested on a <u>calendar-year</u> basis**.

II-1. <u>Contact information</u>.-- Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part II.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

II-2. <u>Changes in operations</u>.--Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the importation of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium since January 1, 2006.

(chee	ck as many as appropriate)	(please describe)
	office/warehouse openings	
	relocations	
	expansions	
	acquisitions	
	consolidations	
	prolonged shutdowns or production curtailments	
	other (<i>e.g.</i> , technology)	
	other (<i>e.g.</i> , technology)	

PART II.--<u>TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION</u>--Continued

	hanges in operationsDoes your firm anticipate any changes in the character of s or organization (as noted above) relating to the importation of ferrovanadium l vanadium in the future?
□ No	Yes–Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue.
anticipate any relating to the	hanges in operations in the event the order is revokedWould your firm changes in the character of your operations or organization (as noted above) importation of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium in the future if the uty order on ferrovanadium and nitrided vanadium from Russia were to be
□ No	Yes–Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue.
	ports Has your firm imported or arranged for the importation of ferrovanadium I vanadium from Russia for delivery after March 31, 2012?
🗌 No	YesIndicate when such orders are to be delivered and the quantities involved.
vanadium in th	mporting if producer If your firm also produces ferrovanadium and/or nitrided ne United States, please indicate your reasons for importing this product. If your by source, please elaborate.

PART II.--<u>TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION</u>--Continued

II-7a. <u>Imports from Russia</u>.--Does your firm import ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium from Russia?

Yes-- Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium imported from Russia by your firm during the specified periods. (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

	Calendar year					
ltem	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)						
Imports: <i>Quantity</i> (B)						
Value (C)						
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (D)						
Value (E)						
Internal consumption/ company transfers: <i>Quantity</i> (F)						
Value ¹ (G)						
Export shipments: ² Quantity (H)						
Value (I)						
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (J)						
Channels of distribution: U.S. shipments to distributors (quantity) (K)						
U.S. shipments to end users (<i>quantity</i>) (L)						

RUSSIA

² Identify your principal export markets:

No.

PART II.--<u>TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION</u>--Continued

II-7b. **Imports from ALL OTHER SOURCES**.--Does your firm import ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium from countries other than Russia?

No.

Yes-- Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium imported from countries **other than Russia** by your firm during the specified periods. (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

ALL OTHER SOURCES COMBINED

	Calendar year					
Item	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)						
Imports: Quantity (B)						
Value (C)						
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (D)						
Value (E)						
Internal consumption/ company transfers: <i>Quantity</i> (F)						
Value ¹ (G)						
Export shipments: ² Quantity (H)						
Value (I)						
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (J)						
Channels of distribution: U.S. shipments to distributors (<i>quantity</i>) (K)						
U.S. shipments to end users (<i>quantity</i>) (L)						
¹ Sales to related firms (including different basis for valuing these sale value data using that basis for each	s within your c	ompany, please	e valued at fair specify that ba	market value. Isis (e.g., cost, c	In the event that cost plus, etc.) a	t you use a nd provide

PART II.--<u>TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION</u>--Continued

II-8. Reconciliation of import data.--

(a) Please note that the quantities reported in question II-7 should reconcile as follows in each period (*i.e.*, in each column):

Reconciliation		
A + B – D – F – H = J	Do these data reconcile? 🗌 Yes	No(Please
	explain:)
D + F = K + L	Do these data reconcile?	No(Please
	explain:)

(b) Please note that the quantities reported for end-of-period inventories should equal the beginning-of-period inventories reported in the subsequent calendar year (*i.e.*, line J of year 2006 should equal line A of year 2007). Do these data reconcile for each adjacent calendar year?

Yes. No--Please explain.

II-9. Indicate the share of your total imports in 2011 of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium from all countries accounted for by each of the following items:

Item	Share (percent)
Grade 40-60 percent ferrovanadium	%
Grade 75-85 percent ferrovanadium	%
Nitrided vanadium	%
Other vanadium-containing product (specify):	%
Total	100%

PART II.--<u>TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION</u>--Continued

II-10.	imports of fer imports, U.S.	Effect of order Describe the significance of the existing antidumping duty order covering imports of ferrovanadium and nitrided vanadium from Russia in terms of its effect on your firm' imports, U.S. shipments of imports, and inventories. You may wish to compare your firm's operations before and after the imposition of the order.			
II-11.	U.S. shipmen	of revocation of orderWould your firm anticipate any changes in its imports, ts of imports, or inventories of ferrovanadium andr nitrided vanadium in the future aping duty order on ferrovanadium and nitrided vanadium from Russia were to be			
	🗌 No	Yes–Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation for any trends or projections you may provide.			

PART III.--<u>PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS</u>

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from John Benedetto (202-205-3270, John.Benedetto@usitc.gov).

<u>Contact information</u>.-- Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part III.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

PRICE DATA

III-1. This question requests quarterly price and quantity data, f.o.b. your U.S. point of shipment, for your commercial shipments to unrelated U.S. customers since 2006 of the following products you imported from Russia:

Product 1.—Grade 40-60 percent ferrovanadium, 2" by down

Product 2.—Grade 75-85 percent ferrovanadium, 2" by down

<u>Product 3.</u>—Nitrided vanadium, 2" by down

Please note that total dollar values should be <u>f.o.b.</u>, <u>U.S. point of shipment</u> and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Total dollar values should reflect the *final net* amount paid to you (i.e., should be net of all deductions for discounts or rebates). See instruction booklet.

PART III.--<u>PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS</u>--Continued

Price data (Russia).--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from III-1. Russia and sold by your firm. Please note that value is requested in ACTUAL DOLLARS not \$1,000s.

Russia

	(Quantity in pounds of contained vanadium, value in dollars) Product 1 Product 2 Product 3						
		1					
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
2006:							
January-March							
April-June							
July-September							
October-December							
2007:							
January-March							
April-June			-				
July-September							
October-December							
2008:							
January-March							
April-June							
July-September			_				
October-December							
2009:							
January-March							
April-June			-				
July-September							
October-December							
2010: January-March							
•							
April-June							
July-September							
October-December							
2011:							
January-March April-June							
July-September							
October-December							
¹ Net values (<i>i.e.</i> , gross returned goods), f.o.b. your ² Pricing product definit	U.S. point of shi	pment.		ebates, prepai	d freight, and the	value of	
NoteIf your product does provide a description of you	not exactly mee r product. Also,	t the product s please explai	specifications bunches bunches bunches bunches benerissing bunches benerissing and bunches bunches benerissing bunches benerissing bunches benerissing bunches bunches benerissing bunches bun	ut is competitiv s in your repor	e with the specific ted pricing data.	ed produc	
Product 1:							
Product 2:							

Product 3:

III-2. <u>Price setting</u>.-- How does your firm determine the prices that it charges for sales of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium (*check all that apply*)? If your firm issues price lists, please submit sample pages of a recent list.

Transaction by transaction	Contracts	Set price lists	Other	If other, describe

III-3. **Discount policy.--** Please indicate and describe your firm's discount policies (*check all that apply*).

Quantity discounts	Annual total volume discounts	No discount policy	Other	Describe

III-4. Pricing terms for ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium.--

(a) What are your firm's typical sales terms for its imported ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium?

Net 30 days	Net 60 days	2/10 net 30 days	Other (specify)

Share of

(b) On what basis are your prices of imported ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium usually quoted? (*check one*)

Delivered	F.o.b.	If f.o.b., specify point

III-5. <u>Contract versus spot</u>.--Approximately what share of your firm's sales of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium imported from Russia in 2011 was on a (1) long-term contract basis, (2) shortterm contract basis, and (3) spot sales basis?

Type of sale	2011 sales
Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)	%
Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries up to and including 12 months)	%
Spot sales (for a single delivery)	%
Total	100 %

III-6. <u>Contract provisions</u>.— Please fill out the table with respect to provisions of your typical sales contracts for ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium from Russia (or check "not applicable" if your firm does not sell on a long term and/or short term contract basis).

Typical sales contract provisions	ltem	Short term contracts (multiple deliveries up to and including 12 months)	Long term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)
Average contract duration	Number of days		
Price renegotiation (during the	Yes		
contract period)	No		
	Quantity		
Fixed quantity and/or price	Price		
	Both		
	Yes		
Meet or release provision	No		
Not applicable			

III-7. <u>Lead times</u>.--What is the average lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium imported from Russia?

<u>Source</u>	<u>Share of</u> 2011 sales	<u>Lead time</u> (days)
From your U.S. inventory	%	
From foreign manufacturers' inventory	%	
Produced to order	%	
Total	100 %	

III-8. Shipping information.--

- (a) What is the approximate percentage of the total delivered cost of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium imported from Russia that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs? _____ %
- (b) Who generally arranges the transportation to your customers' locations? (check one) your firm purchaser (check one)
- (c) When you sell ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium imported from Russia, from where is it shipped?
 point of importation storage facility (check one)
- (d) Indicate the approximate percentage of your sales of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium imported from Russia that are delivered the following distances from your U.S. point of shipment.

Distance from your U.S. point of shipment	Share
Within 100 miles	%
101 to 1,000 miles	%
Over 1,000 miles	%
Total	100 %

III-9. <u>Geographical shipments</u>.-- What is the geographic market area in the United States served by your firm's shipments of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium imported from any source? (check all that apply)

Geographic area	if applicable
NortheastCT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.	
Midwest.–IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, and WI.	
SoutheastAL, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV.	
Central SouthwestAR, LA, OK, and TX.	
Mountains.–AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.	
Pacific CoastCA, OR, and WA.	
Other .–All other markets in the United States not previously listed, including AK, HI, PR, and VI, among others.	

III-10. <u>End uses</u>.--List the end uses of the ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium that you import from Russia. For each end-use product, what percentage of the <u>total cost</u> is accounted for by ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium and other inputs?

	Share of total cost of end accounted for b		
End use product	ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium (percent)	Other inputs (percent)	Total
	%	%	100%
	%	%	100%
	%	%	100%

III-11. <u>Changes in end uses</u>.-- Have there been any changes in the end uses of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium since 2006? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Changes in end uses	No	Yes	Explain
Changes since 2006			
Anticipated changes			

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PART III.--<u>PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS</u>--Continued

III-12	 12. <u>Substitutes</u>.— (a) Can ferrovanadium be substituted for nitrided vanadium in all end uses? 							
	No—Please explain Yes							
	(b) Can other pro-	ducts be substituted for ferrova	nadiu	ım an	d/or nitrided vanadium?			
	🗌 No	YesPlease fill out t	he tal	ole.				
		End use in which this						
	Substitute	substitute is used	No	Yes	Explanation			
1.								
2.								
3.								

III-13. <u>Changes in substitutes</u>.-- Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium since 2006? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Changes in substitutes	No	Yes	Explain
Changes since 2006			
Anticipated changes			

III-14. **<u>Raw materials</u>.--**To what extent have changes in the prices of raw materials affected your firm's selling prices for ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium since 2006? Also discuss any anticipated changes in your raw material costs.

III-15.	5. <u>Changes in factors affecting supply</u> Have any changes occurred in any other factors af supply (e.g., changes in availability or prices of energy or labor; transportation conditions, production capacity and/or methods of production; technology; export markets; or alternat production opportunities) that affected the availability of U.Sproduced ferrovanadium an nitrided vanadium in the U.S. market since 2006?						
	□ No	YesPlease provide details.					
III-16.	Availa	bility of "subject" import supply					
	(a)	Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the availability of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium imported from Russia in the U.S. market?					
		Increase No change Decrease					
	(b)	If you anticipate changes in supply, please identify the changes, and why you anticipate these changes in supply.					
III-17.	ferrova	bility of "nonsubject" import supplyHas the availability of <u>NONSUBJECT</u> nadium and/or nitrided vanadium (<i>i.e.</i> , ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium imported puntries other than Russia) changed since 2006?					
	□ No	☐ YesPlease explain.					
III-18.	nitrideo please retard y	constraints Describe how easily your firm can shift its sales of ferrovanadium and/or l vanadium between the U.S. market and alternative country markets. In your discussion, describe any contracts, other sales arrangements, or other constraints that would prevent or your firm from shifting ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium between the U.S. and ive country markets within a 12-month period.					

III-19. <u>Product changes</u>.-- Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix, or marketing of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium since 2006? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Changes in product range, product mix, or marketing	No	Yes	Explain
Changes since 2006			
Anticipated changes			

III-20. Demand trends.-- Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium <u>has changed</u> since January 1, 2006, and why (factors). In addition, indicate how you anticipate demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium <u>will change</u> in the future, and why (factors).

Market	Increase	No change	Decrease	Fluctuate	Factors
			Dema	nd since 20	006
Within the United States					
Outside the United States					
			Anticipat	ed future de	emand
Within the United States					
Outside the United States					

III-21. Conditions of competition.--

	(a)	Is the ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium market subject to business cycles or conditions of competition other than the changes in the overall economy?
		No YesPlease explain and estimate the duration of any such cycle.
	(b)	Have the business cycles or conditions of competition for ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium changed since 2006?
		No YesPlease explain any such changes.
III-22.		comparisons Please compare market prices of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium and non-U.S. markets. Provide information as to time periods and regions for any price risons.

III-23. <u>Market studies</u>.--Please provide as a separate attachment to this request any studies, surveys, etc. that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium supply (including production capacity and capacity utilization) and demand in (1) the United States, (2) each of the other major producing/consuming countries, including Russia, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data from 2006 to the present and forecasts for the future.

III-24. **Interchangeability by country-pair**.--Is ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (*i.e.*, can they physically be used in the same applications)?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 in the table below:

- A = the products from a specified country-pair are *always* interchangeable
- F = the products are *frequently* interchangeable
- S = the products are *sometimes* interchangeable
- N = the products are *never* interchangeable
- 0 = no familiarity with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	Russia	Other countries
United States		
Russia		
		ided vanadium that is <i>sometimes</i> or nit or preclude interchangeable use:

III-25. **Differences other than price by country-pair**.--Are differences other than price (*i.e.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's sales of the products?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 in the table below:

- A = such differences are *always* significant
- F = such differences are *frequently* significant
- S = such differences are *sometimes* significant
- N = such differences are *never* significant
- 0 = no familiarity with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	Russia	Other countries
United States		
Russia		
For any country-pair for which factors other than price <i>always</i> or <i>frequently</i> are a significant factor in your firm's sales of ferrovanadium and/or nitrided vanadium, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:		