

FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

DIFFUSION-ANNEALED, NICKEL-PLATED STEEL FROM JAPAN

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by no later than **January 31, 2014**

See 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 antidumping investigation concerning diffusion-annealed, nickel-plated steel flat-rolled products ("diffusion-annealed, nickel-plated steel") from Japan (Inv. No. 731-TA-1206 (Final)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

Name of firm _____

Address _____

World Wide Web address _____

Has your firm produced or exported diffusion-annealed, nickel-plated steel (as defined in the instruction booklet) at any time since January 1, 2011?

NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)

YES (Read the instruction booklet carefully, complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission so as to be received by the date indicated above)

Data reported in this questionnaire relate to (Check one):

JAPAN

Return questionnaire via the U.S. International Trade Commission Drop Box by clicking on the following link: <https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/>. (use the following PIN: **DANP**)

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 proceedings 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 proceedings 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

Signature

Phone:

Fax:

Email address

PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

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 20 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. **OMB statistics**--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. **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 firm's response or send them to the above address.

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.

I-3. **U.S. importers**--Please provide the names, street addresses (not P.O. boxes), contacts, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the **FIVE** largest U.S. importers of your firm's diffusion-annealed, nickel-plated steel in 2013.

Importer's name	Contact person	Email	Telephone	Street address (not P.O. box), city, state, and zip code	Share of your firm's 2013 exports (%)
1				Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
2				Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
3				Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
4				Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
5				Street Address City ' State Zip Code	

PART I.--GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued

I-4. **Related U.S. producers.**--Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce diffusion-annealed, nickel-plated steel in the United States or other countries?

- No Yes--Please name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnaire (contact Nathanael Comly (nathanael.comly@usitc.gov) for copies of that questionnaire).

I-5. **Related U.S. importers.**--Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import diffusion-annealed, nickel-plated steel into the United States?

- No Yes--Please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire (contact Nathanael Comly (nathanael.comly@usitc.gov) for copies of that questionnaire).

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Nathanael Comly (nathanael.comly@usitc.gov; 202-205-3174). **Supply all data requested on a calendar-year basis.**

II-1. **Contact information.**-- 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. **Changes in operations.**--Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the production of diffusion-annealed, nickel-plated steel since January 1, 2011.

(check as many as appropriate)

(please describe)

- plant openings _____

- plant closings..... _____

- relocations _____

- expansions _____

- acquisitions..... _____

- consolidations..... _____

- prolonged shutdowns or
production curtailments..... _____

- revised labor agreements..... _____

- other (*e.g.*, technology) _____

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-3. **Anticipated changes in operations.**--Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of its operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of diffusion-annealed, nickel-plated steel 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. **Include in the response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce diffusion-annealed, nickel-plated steel (in short tons) for 2014 and 2015.**

II-4a. **Production and capacity.**--Please report your firm's production of diffusion-annealed, nickel-plated steel, production of products made on the same equipment and machinery used to produce diffusion-annealed, nickel-plated steel, and the combined production capacity on this shared equipment and machinery in the periods indicated.

(Quantity in short tons)			
Item	Calendar years		
	2011	2012	2013
Overall production capacity			
Production of subject merchandise: ¹ Diffusion-annealed, nickel-plated steel			
Production of nonsubject merchandise: Other nickel-plated steel ²			
Other ³			
Nonsubject merchandise subtotal			
Total			

¹ Subject merchandise should equal production data reported in II-8.
² Not diffusion-annealed.
³ Please identify: _____.

II-4b. **Operating parameters.**--The production capacity (see definitions in instruction booklet) reported in II-4a is based on operating _____ hours per week, _____ weeks per year.

II-4c. **Capacity calculation.**--Please describe the methodology used to calculate overall production capacity reported in II-4a, and explain any changes in reported capacity.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-4d. **Production constraints**--Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your firm's production capacity.

II-4e. **Product shifting**--Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your firm's ability to shift production capacity between products.

II-5. **Share of sales**--What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of diffusion-annealed, nickel-plated steel? _____ percent

II-6. **Inventories in the United States**--Has your firm, since 2011, maintained any inventories of diffusion-annealed, nickel-plated steel in the United States (not including inventories held by firms identified in question I-3)?

No Yes--Report the quantity of such end-of-period inventories below.

(Quantity in short tons)			
Item	2011	2012	2013
Inventory			

II-7. **Third country trade actions**--Is the diffusion-annealed, nickel-plated steel exported by your firm subject to antidumping/countervailing duty/safeguard findings, remedies, or proceedings?

No Yes--List the products(s), countries affected, and the date of such findings/remedies/proceedings.

Product	Country	Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-8. **Trade data.**--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of diffusion-annealed, nickel-plated steel in your establishment(s) in Japan during the specified periods. (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

Japan

Quantity (in short tons)					
Item	Actual experience			Projections ¹	
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Average production capacity (A)					
Beginning-of-period inventories ² (B)					
Production ³ (C)					
Home market shipments:					
Internal consumption/transfers (D)					
Commercial shipments (E)					
Exports to the United States ⁴ (F)					
Exports to all other markets ⁵ (G)					
Total exports (H) (should equal F+G)					
Total shipments (I) (should equal D+E+F+G)					
End-of-period inventories (J)					

¹ Please explain the basis for your firm's projections.

² Reconciliation of data.—The data should reconcile as follows: **B + C - I = J**. Do these data reconcile? Yes No

Also, end-of-period inventories should equal the beginning-of-period inventories reported in the subsequent calendar year (i.e., line J of year 2011 should equal line B of year 2012). Do these data reconcile? Yes No

If your firm's data do not reconcile, please explain: _____

³ Please estimate the percentage of total production of diffusion-annealed, nickel-plated steel in Japan accounted for by your firm's production in 2013. ____ percent

⁴ Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of diffusion-annealed, nickel-plated steel from Japan accounted for by your firm's exports in 2013. ____ percent

⁵ Identify principal other export markets. _____