U.S. PRODUCERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

CERTAIN STEEL NAILS FROM KOREA, MALAYSIA, OMAN, TAIWAN, AND VIETNAM

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by March 20, 2015

See last page for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing duty and antidumping investigations concerning certain steel nails from Korea, Malaysia, Oman, Taiwan, and Vietnam (Inv. No. 701–TA–516–519 and 521 and 731–TA–1252–1255 and 1257 (Final)). 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 firm's possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)).

Name of firm ______

Address		
City	State	_ Zip Code
Website		
Has your firm	produced certain steel nails (as defined on next page)	at any time since January 1, 2012?
□NO	(Sign the certification below and promptly return only this	page of the questionnaire to the Commission)
☐ YES	(Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the en	ntire questionnaire to the Commission)
•	stionnaire via the U.S. International Trade Commink: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/ . (PIN: NAIL)	ission <i>Drop Box</i> by clicking on the
	CERTIFICATION	
knowledge and belief and By means of this certifing information provided in	mation herein supplied in response to this question and understand that the information submitted is subjection I also grant consent for the Commission, and this questionnaire and throughout this proceeding is same or similar merchandise.	ct to audit and verification by the Commission. d its employees and contract personnel, to use the
Commission, its employ maintaining the records proceedings relating to	ormation submitted in this questionnaire response a sees, and contract personnel who are acting in the co s of this proceeding or related proceedings for which th the programs and operations of the Commission pur sign non-disclosure agreements.	apacity of Commission employees, for developing or his information is submitted, or in internal audits and
Name of Authorized Off	icial Title of Authorized Official	Date
	Phone:	
Signature		Email address

PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background. This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on May 29, 2014, by Mid Continent Nail Corporation (Poplar Bluff, MO). Antidumping and/or countervailing duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these proceedings 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 dumping and/or subsidization. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at

http://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2014/certain steel nails korea malaysia oman taiwan a nd/final.htm.

<u>Certain steel nails or "subject product"</u> covered by these investigations is certain steel nails having a shaft length not to exceed 12 inches. Certain steel nails include, but are not limited to, nails made from round wire and nails that are cut from plate. Certain steel nails may be made of one piece construction or constructed of two or more pieces. Certain steel nails may be produced from any type of steel, and may have any type of surface finish, head type, shank, point type, shaft length and shaft diameter. Finishes include, but are not limited to, coating in vinyl, zinc (galvanized, including but not limited to electroplating or hot dipping one or more times), phosphate cement, and paint. Certain steel nails may have one or more surface finishes. Head styles include, but are not limited to, flat, projection, cupped, oval, brad, headless, double, countersunk, and sinker. Shank styles include, but are not limited to, smooth, barbed, screw threaded, ring shank and fluted. Screw-threaded nails subjected to this proceeding are driven using direct force and not by turning the fastener using a tool that engages with the head. Point styles include, but are not limited to, diamond, blunt, needle, chisel and no point. Certain steel nails remain subject to the order whether imported alone or in combination with other articles.

Excluded from the scope of the order are steel roofing nails specifically certified at the time of entry to satisfy the specifications of certain Type I, Style 20 nails as identified in Tables 29 through 33 of ASTM Standard F 1667 (2013 revision). Also excluded from the scope of the order are fasteners suitable for use in powder-actuated hand tools, not threaded and threaded, which are currently classified under HTSUS 7317.00.20. and 7317.00.30. Also excluded from the scope of the order are fasteners having a case hardness greater than or equal to 50 HRC, a carbon content greater than or equal to 0.5 percent, a round head, a secondary reduced-diameter raised head section, a centered shank, and a smooth symmetrical point, suitable for use in gas-actuated hand tools. Also excluded from the scope of the order are corrugated nails. A corrugated nail is made of a small strip of corrugated steel with sharp points on the side. Also excluded from the scope of the order are thumb tacks, which are currently classified under HTSUS 7317.00.10.00.

Certain steel nails subject to this proceeding are currently classified under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") subheadings 7317.00.55, 7317.00.65 and 7317.00.75. While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this order is dispositive.

Reporting of information.-- If information is not readily available from your records, provide carefully prepared estimates. If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire (i.e., a producer, importer, and/or purchaser questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions.

<u>Confidentiality</u>.--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to this questionnaire 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, general 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.

<u>Verification</u>.--The information submitted in this questionnaire is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all files, worksheets, and supporting documents used in the preparation of the questionnaire response. Please also retain a copy of the final document that you submit.

Release of information.--The information provided by your firm in response to this questionnaire, 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.

I-1a. <u>OMB statistics</u>.--Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this questionnaire.

Hours	Dollars

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 50 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire.

We welcome comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate, suggestions for reducing the burden, and any suggestions for improving this questionnaire. Please attach such comments to your response or send to the Office of Investigations, USITC, 500 E St. SW, Washington, DC 20436.

<u>TAA information release</u> In the event that the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC)
makes an affirmative final determination in this proceeding, do you consent to the USITC's
release of your contact information (company name, address, contact person, telephone
number, email address) appearing on the front page of this questionnaire to the Departments of
Commerce, Labor, and Agriculture, as applicable, so that your firm and its workers can be made
eligible for benefits under the Trade Adjustment Assistance program?

	Yes			No
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I-2. <u>Establishments covered</u>.--Provide the city, state, zip code, and brief description of each establishment covered by this questionnaire. If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol in the footnote to the table. Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.

"<u>Establishment</u>"--Each facility of a firm involved in the <u>production</u> of the subject product, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

City, State	Zip (5 digit)	Description
	City, State	City, State Zip (5 digit)

¹ Additional discussion on establishments consolidated in this questionnaire:

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Country	Support	Oppose	Take no	position
Korea				
Malaysia				1
Oman				<u>-</u>
Taiwan				-
Vietnam				<u>-</u> 1
OwnershipIs your firm No Yes-	n owned, in whole or in		firm?	
Firm name	Address		ow	ent of nership rcent)
Related importers/eva				
foreign, that are engage United States or that are the United States?		ject product from a the subject produc	ny subject coun	itry into
foreign, that are engage United States or that are the United States?	ed in importing the sub e engaged in exporting	ject product from a the subject produc	ny subject coun	itry into
foreign, that are engage United States or that are the United States? No Yes-	ed in importing the sub e engaged in exporting -List the following info	ject product from a the subject produc	ny subject coun t from any subj	itry into
foreign, that are engage United States or that are the United States? No Yes- Firm name Related producersDoe engaged in the producti	ed in importing the suble engaged in exporting -List the following info Address es your firm have any	related firms, either uct?	Affiliation	ect cou

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PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Fred Ruggles (202-205-3187, fred.ruggles@usitc.gov). **Supply all data requested on a <u>calendar-year</u> basis**.

II-1.		ation Please identify the responsible aff may contact that individual regarding	e individual and the manner by which ng the confidential information submitted
	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 production of the subject product since January 1, 2012.

(chec	k 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)	

II-3a. **Production using same machinery.--** Please report your firm's production of products made on the same equipment and machinery used to produce the subject product, and the combined production capacity on this shared equipment and machinery in the periods indicated.

"Average production capacity" or "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 U.S. establishment(s), including production consumed internally within your firm and production for another firm under a toll agreement.

1	(Quantity in short to		
		Calendar years	
Item	2012	2013	2014
Overall production capacity			
Production of:			
Subject product (i.e., certain			
nails) ¹	0	0	0
Other products ²			
Total	0	0	0

¹ Data entered for production of certain steel nails will populate here once reported in question II-7. ² Please identify these products:

II-3b.	Operating parametersThe production capacity reported in II-3a is based on operating hou per week, weeks per year.	rs
II-3c.	<u>Capacity calculation</u> Please describe the methodology used to calculate overall production capacity reported in II-3a, and explain any changes in reported capacity.	
II-3d.	<u>Production constraints</u> Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your firm's production capacity.	

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II-3e.	Produc	t shifting.—
	(e)	Is your firm able to switch production (capacity) between subject product and other products using the same equipment and/or labor?
		No Yes (i.e., have produced other products or are able to produce other products). Please identify other actual or potential products:
	(f)	Please describe the factors that affect your firm's ability to shift production capacity between products (e.g., time, cost, relative price change, etc.), and the degree to which these factors enhance or constrain such shifts.

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II-4a.	Tolling Since January 1, 2012, I production of the subject produ	-	been invo	olved in a t	oll agreemer	nt regarding	the
	"Toll agreement"Agreement be materials and the second firm us to the first firm with a charge fo	ses the raw m	naterials t	o produce	a product th		
	No Proceed to question II-5 YesPlease describe the toll		(s) and na	ime the fir	m(s) involved	d	
II-4b.	In-house manufacturing facility perform the following production firm actually performed these performances are performed the performances and performed the performances are performed to the performances are performances are performed to the performance ar	n processes f	or manuf	acturing ce	ertain steel n	ails, and has	
						-	roduction
	Process			Capabili	ty (<i>Yes/No</i>)	(Yes	s/No)
	Process Complete nail making process			Capabili	ty (<i>Yes/No</i>)	(Yes	s/No)
				Capabili	ty (<i>Yes/No</i>)	(Yes	s/No)
	Complete nail making process			Capabili	ty (<i>Yes/No</i>)	(Yes	s/No)
	Complete nail making process Hot dip galvanizing process			Capabili	ty (Yes/No)	(Yes	s/No)
	Complete nail making process Hot dip galvanizing process Electro-plating process			Capabili	ty (Yes/No)	(Yes	s/No)
	Complete nail making process Hot dip galvanizing process Electro-plating process Heat Treatment process	ged nails (1 l	b/ 5 lb	Capabili	ty (Yes/No)	(Yes	s/No)
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Electro-plating process
Heat Treatment process
Sinker coating Process
Packing process for small packaged nails (1 lb/ 5 lb

boxes)

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II-5.	<u>Foreign</u>	trade zones
	(a)	Firm's FTZ operations Does your firm produce subject product in and/or admit subject product into a foreign trade zone (FTZ)?
		"Foreign trade zone" is a designated location in the United States where firms utilize special procedures that allow delayed or reduced customs duty payments on foreign merchandise. A foreign trade zone must be designed as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in the Foreign-Trade Zones Act.
		No YesDescribe the nature of your firms operations in FTZs and identify the specific FTZ site(s).
	(b)	Other firms' FTZ operationsTo your knowledge, do any firms in the United States import subject product into a foreign trade zone (FTZ) for use in distribution of subject product and/or the production of downstream articles?
		☐ No/Don't know ☐ YesIdentify the firms and the FTZs.
II-6.	Import	erSince January 1, 2012, has your firm imported subject product?
	mercha	ter" – The person or firm primarily liable for the payment of any duties on the ndise, or an authorized agent acting on his behalf. The importer may be the consignee, mporter of record.
	☐ No	YesCOMPLETE AND RETURN A U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

II-7. <u>Production, shipment and inventory data</u>.--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of subject product in its U.S. establishment(s) during the specified periods.

"U.S. commercial shipments" –Shipments made within the United States as a result of an arm's length commercial transaction in the ordinary course of business. Report <u>net values</u> (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods) in U.S. dollars, f.o.b. your point of shipment.

"Internal consumption" – Product consumed internally by your firm.

"Transfers to related firms" – Shipments made to related domestic firms. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.

"Related firm" —A firm that your firm solely or jointly owns, manages, or otherwise controls. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.

"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.

II-7. Production, shipment and inventory data.--

Calendar years			
2012	2013	2014	
thodology used to calcecessary)ed firms must be valuions, please specify the dabove:	culate production capacity, a ed at fair market value. In t	and explain any changes the event that your firm	
	instruction booklet) rethodology used to calcecessary)	instruction booklet) reported is based on operating thodology used to calculate production capacity, secessary)	

<u>RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY</u>.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line L) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line B), plus production (i.e., line C), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, H, and J). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather actually reflect your firm's records; and also provide any likely explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.

		Calendar years	
Reconciliation	2012	2013	2014
B + C - D - F - H - J - L = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation.1	0	0	0

¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate.

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II-8. <u>Channels of distribution</u>.-- Report your firm's commercial U.S. shipments by channel of distribution.

Quantity	(in short tons) and	value (<i>in \$1,000</i>)	
Calendar years			
Item	2012	2013	2014
Channels of distribution:			
Commercial U.S. shipments:			
To distributors (<i>quantity</i>) (M)			
To end users (quantity) (N)			

		Calendar years	
Reconciliation	2012	2013	2014
M + N - D = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0

Explanation of trends:

II-9. <u>Employment data</u>.--Report your firm's employment-related data related to the production of certain steel nails and provide any explanation for any trends in these data.

"Production Related Workers" (PRWs) includes 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 may be computed by adding 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 to June periods, calculate similarly and divide by 2.

"Hours worked" includes 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.

		Calendar years	
Item	2012	2013	2014
Average number of PRWs (number)			
Hours worked by PRWs (1,000 hours)			
Wages paid to PRWs (value)			

	<u>Related firms</u> If your firm reported transfers to related firms in question II-7, please indicate the nature of the relationship between your firm and the related firms (<i>e.g.</i> , joint venture, wholly owned subsidiary), whether the transfers were priced at market value or by a nonmarket formula, whether your firm retained marketing rights to all transfers, and whether the related firms also processed inputs from sources other than your firm.
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II-11.	<u>Purchases</u> Other than direct imports, has your firm otherwise purchased certain steel nails since January 1, 2012?					
	"Purchase" – A transaction to buy product from a U.S. corporate entity such as another U.S. producer, a U.S. distributor, or a U.S. firm that has directly imported the product.					
	"Direct import" –A transaction to buy from a foreign producer where your firm is the importer of record or consignee.					
	No YesReport such purchases below and explain the reasons for your firms' purchases:					
		Quantity in short tons	s, value <i>in \$1,000</i>)			
		Calendar years				
Item		2012 2013		2014		
Purchases from U.S. importers ¹ of subject product from— Korea						
Mal	aysia					
Oma	an					
Taiv	van 💮 💮					
Viet	nam					
All c	ther countries					
Purchases from domestic producers ²						
Purchases from other sources ²						
supplie	rs differ by source, please i ease list the name of the pr	dentify the source for ea	our firm purchased this produch listed supplier. distributor(s) from which you			

II-12.	Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part II that did not provide a narrative box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with the MS Word questionnaire.

II-13. <u>U.S. shipments by type and finish.</u>--Please provide the quantity and value of your firm's U.S. shipments of certain steel nails during 2014 by type and finish.

	Quantity (short tons)	Value (<i>\$1,000</i>)
Collated		
Bright (no finish)		
Galvanized		
Other		
Subtotal, collated	0	0
Uncollated		
Bright (no finish)		
Galvanized		
Other		
Subtotal, uncollated	0	0
Total	0	0
Reconciliation of total ¹	0	0

¹ The reconciliation line tests whether the data reported in this question match the data reported in question II-7 for U.S. shipments. If the reconciliation line returns a value other than zero ("0"), please revise your data prior to submission to the Commission.

U.S. shipments by type and form.--Please provide the quantity and value of your firm's U.S. shipments of certain steel nails during 2014 by type and form.

	Quantity (short tons)	Value (<i>\$1,000</i>)
Collated		
Common nail (e.g., framing, decking, box,		
sinkers)		
Finishing nail		
Drywall nail		
Flooring nail		
Pallet nail		
Concrete/masonry		
All other products not listed above ¹		
Subtotal, collated	0	0
Uncollated		
Common nail (e.g., framing, decking, box,		
sinkers)		
Finishing nail		
Drywall nail		
Flooring nail		
Pallet nail		
Concrete/masonry		
All other products not listed above ¹		
Subtotal, uncollated	0	0
Total	0	0
Reconciliation of total ²	0	0

¹ Please list these products _____ ² The reconciliation line tests whether the data reported in this question match the data reported in question II-7 for U.S. shipments. If the reconciliation line returns a value other than zero ("0"), please revise your data prior to submission to the Commission.

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PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Address questions on this	part of the questi	onnaire to Mary Klir	· (202-205-3247, mar	y.klir@usitc.gov)
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	taff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted
in part III.	
Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	
Accounting sy	stemBriefly describe your firm's financial accounting system.
A.	When does your firm's fiscal year end (month and day)?
	If your firm's fiscal year changed during the data-collection period, explain:
B.1.	Describe the lowest level of operations (e.g., plant, division, company-wide) fo which financial statements are prepared that include certain steel nails:
2.	Does your firm prepare profit/loss statements for certain steel nails:
3.	Yes No
5.	How often did your firm (or parent company) prepare financial statements (including annual reports, 10Ks)? Please check relevant items below. Audited, unaudited, annual reports, 10Ks, 10Qs,
	Monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually
4.	Accounting basis: GAAP, cash, tax, or other comprehensive basis of accounting (specify)
Note:	The Commission may request that your company submit copies of its financial statements
	ng internal profit-and-loss statements for the division or product group that includes
	n steel nails, as well as those statements and worksheets used to compile data for your questionnaire response.
Cost accounti	ng systemBriefly describe your firm's cost accounting system (e.g., standard r cost, etc.).
Allocation has	sisBriefly describe your firm's allocation basis, if any, for COGS, SG&A, and
	ise and other income and expenses.

III-6.

III-5.	Other products Please list the products your firm produced in the facilities in which your firm
	produced the subject product, and provide the share of net sales accounted for by these other
	products in your firm's most recent fiscal year.

Products	Share of sales
Certain Steel Nails	%
Certain Steer Wars	70
	%
	%
	%
	%

	production of the subject product from	n any related parties?
	YesContinue to question III-7.	NoContinue to question III-9a.
III-7.		lentify the inputs used in the production of the subject related parties and that are reflected in table III-9a. For

Does your firm purchase inputs (raw materials, labor, energy, or any other services) used in the

product that your firm purchases from related parties and that are reflected in table III-9a. For "share of total COGS" please report this information by relevant input on the basis of your most recently completed fiscal year. For "input valuation" please describe the basis, as recorded in your company's own accounting system, of the purchase cost from the related party; e.g., the related party's actual cost, cost plus, negotiated transfer price to approximate fair market value.

Input	Related party	Share of total COGS
Input valuation as r	ecorded in the firm's accounting book	s and records

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III-8. Inputs purchased from related parties.--Please confirm that the inputs purchased from related parties, as identified in III-7, were reported in III-9a (financial results on certain steel nails) in a manner consistent with your firm's accounting books and records.

Yes

No--In the space below, please report the valuation basis of inputs purchased from related parties as reported in table III-9a.

III-9a. Operations on certain steel nails.--Report the revenue and related cost information requested below on the certain steel nails operations of your firm's U.S. establishment(s). Do not report resales of products. Note that internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. Input purchases from related parties should be consistent with and based on information in the firm's accounting books and records. Provide data for your firm's three most recently completed fiscal years.

_	F	iscal years ended	
ltem	2012	2013	2014
Net sales quantities: ²			
Commercial sales ("CS")			
Internal consumption ("IC")			
Transfers to related firms ("Transfers")			
Total net sales quantities	0	0	C
Net sales values: ² Commercial sales			
Internal consumption			
Transfers to related firms			
Total net sales values	0	0	C
Cost of goods sold (COGS): ³ Raw materials			
Direct labor			
Other factory costs			
Total COGS	0	0	C
Gross profit or (loss)	0	0	C
Selling, general, and administrative (SG&A) expenses: Selling expenses			
General and administrative expenses			
Total SG&A expenses	0	0	0
Operating income (loss)	0	0	0
Other expenses and income: Interest expense			
All other expense items			
All other income items			
Net income or (loss) before income taxes	0	0	C
Depreciation/amortization included above			

¹ Include only sales (whether <u>domestic or export</u>) and costs related to your <u>U.S. manufacturing operations</u>.

² Less discounts, returns, allowances, and prepaid freight. The quantities and values should approximate the corresponding shipment quantities and values reported in Part II of this questionnaire.

³ COGS (whether for domestic or export sales) should include <u>costs associated with CS, IC, and Transfers.</u>

III-9b.	<u>Financial data reconciliation</u> The calculable line items from question III-9a (<i>i.e.</i> , total net sales quantities and values, total COGS, gross profit (or loss), total SG&A, and net income (or loss)) have been calculated from the data submitted in the other line items. Do the calculated fields return the correct data according to your firm's financial records ignoring non-material differences that may arise due to rounding?			
	Yes	☐ NoI	If the calculated fields do not show the correct data, please double check the feeder data for data entry errors and revise.	
			Also, check signs accorded to the post operating income line items; the two expense line items should report positive numbers (<i>i.e.</i> , expenses are positive and incomes or reversals are negativeinstances of the latter should be rare in those lines) while the income line item also in most instances should have its value be a positive number (<i>i.e.</i> , income is positive, expenses or reversals are negative).	
			If after reviewing and potentially revising the feeder data your firm has provided, the differences between your records and the calculated fields persist please identify and discuss the differences in the space below.	

III-10. Nonrecurring items (charges and gains) included in the subject product financial results.--For each annual and interim period for which financial results are reported in question III-9a, please specify all material (significant) nonrecurring items (charges and gains) in the schedule below, the specific table III-9a line item where the nonrecurring items are included, a brief description of the relevant nonrecurring items, and the associated values (in \$1,000), as reflected in table III-9a; i.e., if an aggregate nonrecurring item has been allocated to table III-9a, only the allocated value amount included in table III-9a should be reported in the schedule below. Note: The Commission's objective here is to gather information only on material (significant) nonrecurring items which impacted the reported financial results of the subject product in table III-9a.

	Fiscal years ended			
	2012	2013	2014	
Nonrecurring item: In this column please provide a brief description of each nonrecurring item and indicate the specific line item in table III-9a where the nonrecurring item is classified.	Nonrecurring item: In these columns please report the amount of the relevant nonrecurring item reported in table III-9a. Value (\$1,000)			
1. , classified				
2. , classified				
3. , classified				
4. , classified				
5. , classified				
6. , classified				
7. , classified				

III-11.	Classification of identified nonrecurring items (charges and gains) in the accounting books and
	<u>records of the company</u> If non-recurring items were reported in table III-10 above, please
	identify where your company recorded these items in your accounting books and records in the
	normal course of business; i.e., III-10 information designates where these items are reported in
	table III-9a.

III-12. <u>Asset values</u>.--Report the total assets (i.e., both current and long-term assets) associated with the production, warehousing, and sale of the subject product. If your firm does not maintain some or all of the specific asset information necessary to calculate total assets for the subject product in the normal course of business, please estimate this information based upon a method (such as production, sales, or costs) that is consistent with your firm's cost allocations in the previous question. Provide data as of the end of your firm's three most recently completed fiscal years.

Note: Total assets should reflect <u>net assets</u> after any accumulated depreciation and allowances deducted.

Total assets should be allocated to the subject products if these assets are also related to other products. Please provide a brief explanation if there are any substantial changes in total asset value during the period; e.g., due to asset write-offs, revaluation, and major purchases.

Value (<i>in \$1,000</i>)			
Fiscal years ended			
Item	2012	2013	2014
Total assets (net) 1			
¹ Describe			

III-13a. <u>Capital expenditures and research and development expenses</u>.--Report your firm's capital expenditures and research and development expenses on the subject product. Provide data for your firm's three most recently completed fiscal years.

Value (<i>in \$1,000</i>)			
	Fiscal years ended		
Item	2012	2013	2014
Capital expenditures			
Research and development expenses			

III-13b.	<u>Capital expenditures</u> Please describe your firm's capital expenditures on the subject product.

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III-14.			-		ether your firm's financial data for or on your firm's fiscal year:				
	Calen	dar yea	r Fiscal year	Specify fiscal year]				
	reporte	Please note the quantities and values reported in question III-9a should reconcile with the data reported in question II-7 (including export shipments) as long as they are reported on a calendar year basis.							
	Do the	se data i	n question III-9	a reconcile with data in que	stion II-7?				
	Yes	No	If no, please	e explain.					
III-15.	on its redevelopersion	<u>Effects of imports</u> Since January 1, 2012, has your firm experienced any actual negative effects on its return on investment or its growth, investment, ability to raise capital, existing development and production efforts (including efforts to develop a derivative or more advanced version of the product), or the scale of capital investments as a result of imports of the subject product from Korea, Malaysia, Oman, Taiwan, and Vietnam?							
	No		Yesiviy fir	rm has experienced actual n	egative effects as follows:				
			Cancellation, postponement, or rejection of expansion projects						
			Denial or rejecti	on of investment proposal					
		□ F	Reduction in the	e size of capital investments					
		F	Rejection of ban	nk loans					
			owering of cred	dit rating					
		□ F	Problem related	I to the issue of stocks or bo	nds				
			Other (specify):						

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	No	Yes	If yes, my firm anticipates negative effects as follows:
III-16b.	Does your	· firm's res	ponse differ by country?
	No	Yes	If yes, indicate which country and why:
III-17.	that did no the space	ot provide provided l the data ir	eIf your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part III a narrative box, please note the question number and the explanation in below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with the MS Word

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PART IV.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Lauren Gamache (202-205-3489, lauren.gamache@usitc.gov).

IV-1. <u>Contact information</u>.--Please identify the individual that Commission staff may contact regarding the confidential information submitted in part IV.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

PRICE DATA

- IV-2. This question requests quarterly quantity and value data for your firm's commercial shipments to unrelated U.S. customers since January 1, 2012 of the following products produced by your firm.
 - <u>Product 1.--</u> Nominal 3" x 0.131" (10.25 gauge), bright smooth shank, 20-22 degree plastic-strip collated nails
 - Product 2.-- Nominal 3" x 0.120" (11 gauge), bright smooth shank, 20-22 degree plastic-strip collated nails
 - <u>Product 3.--</u> Nominal 2 3/8" x 0.113" (11.5 gauge), bright smooth shank, 20-22 degree plastic-strip collated nails
 - <u>Product 4.--</u> Nominal 3 1/4" x 0.131" (10.25 gauge), bright smooth shank, 20-22 degree plastic strip collated nails
 - <u>Product 5.</u>-- Nominal 3" X 0.148" (9 gauge), bright smooth shank, 20-22 degree plastic strip collated nails
 - Product 6.-- Nominal 2 ½" x 0.131" (10.25 gauge), bright smooth shank, 20-22 degree plastic strip collated nails
 - **Product 7.--** Nominal 2" x 0.113" (11.5 gauge), bright drive screw (threaded) shank, machine grade bulk nails
 - <u>Product 8.</u>-- Nominal 2" x 0.099" (12. 5 gauge), bright screw (threaded), 15 degree wire coil collated nails
 - Product 9.- Nominal 2 ¼" x 0.113" (11.5 gauge), bright drive screw (threaded) shank, machine grade bulk nails.

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- <u>Product 10.</u>-- Nominal 3" (nail shaft length)¹ x 0.162" (8 gauge) bright smooth shank nail, double-headed or duplex head, 50 pound bulk box
- <u>Product 11.</u>-- Nominal 1 ½" x 0.131" (10.25 gauge), bright smooth shank, 30-33 degree paper strip collated nails
- Product 12.-- Nominal 2 ½" x 0.148" (9 gauge), bright smooth shank, 30-33 degree paper strip collated nails

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

During January 2012-December 2014, did your firm produce and sell to unrelated U.S. customers any of the above listed products (or any products that were competitive with these products)?

YesPlease complete the following pricing data table(s) as appropriate.
NoSkip to question IV-3.

¹ The length of the duplex nail shaft is measured from the bottom of the lower shoulder to the point, rather than from the head on top of the nail.

IV-2a. Price data.--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² produced and sold by your firm.

Report quantity data in thousand count of nails (1,000 nails) for products 1-6. Report value in actual dollars (not 1,000s).

Quantity (1,000 nails)	Value (dollars)	Quantity (1,000 nails)	Value	Quantity	Value
			(dollars)	(1,000 nails)	(dollars)
Produ	ıct 4	Produ	uct 5	Produ	ict 6
Quantity (1,000 nails)	Value (dollars)	Quantity (1,000 nails)	Value (dollars)	Quantity (1,000 nails)	Value (dollars)
				+	
				 	
	Quantity (1,000 nails)	(1,000 nails) (dollars)	Quantity Value Quantity	Quantity (1,000 nails) Value (dollars) (1,000 nails) Value (dollars)	Quantity (1,000 nails) Value (dollars) (1,000 nails) (dollars) (1,000 nails)

¹ Net values (*i.e.*, gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S. point of shipment.

Note.—If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.

² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part IV.

IV-2a. Continued.

Report quantity data in actual short tons for products 7, 9, and 10, and in thousand count of nails (1,000 nails) for products 8, 11, and 12. Report value in actual dollars (not 1,000s).

	Produ	ıct 7	Produ	ıct 8	Produ	Product 9	
Period of shipment	Quantity (short tons)	Value (dollars)	Quantity (1,000 nails)	Value (dollars)	Quantity (short tons)	Value (dollars)	
2012:							
January-March							
April-June							
July-September							
October-December							
2013:							
January-March							
April-June							
July-September							
October-December							
2014:							
January-March							
April-June							
July-September							
October-December							
	Produ	ct 10	Produ	ct 11	Produ	ct 12	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
Period of shipment	(short tons)	(dollars)	(1,000 nails)	(dollars)	(1,000 nails)	(dollars)	
2012:							
January-March							
April-June							
July-September							
October-December							
2013:							
January-March							
April-June							
July-September							
October-December							
2014:							
January-March							
April-June							
July-September							
October-December							

¹ Net values (*i.e.*, gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S. point of shipment.

Note.—If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.

IV-2b.	Pricing data methodology.—Please describe the method and the kinds of documents/records
	that were used to compile your price data.

² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part IV.

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IV-3.	<u>Price setting</u> How does your firm determine the prices that it charges for sales of certain steel
	nails (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

IV-4. <u>Discount policy.--</u> Please indicate and describe your firm's discount policies (*check all that apply*).

Quantity discounts	Annual total volume discounts	No discount policy	Other	Describe

IV-5. Pricing terms.--

(a) What are your firm's typical sales terms for its U.S.-produced certain steel nails?

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

(b) On what basis are your firm's prices of domestic certain steel nails usually quoted *(check one)*?

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

IV-6. <u>Contract versus spot.</u>--Approximately what share of your firm's sales of its U.S.-produced certain steel nails in 2014 was on a (1) long-term contract basis, (2) annual contract basis, (3) short-term contract basis, and (4) spot sales basis?

	Type of sale						
	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Spot sales (for a single delivery)	Total (shoul sum to 100.0%	d o	
Share of your 2014 sales	%	%	%	%	0.0	%	

IV-7. <u>Contract provisions.</u>— Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical sales contracts for U.S.-produced certain steel nails (or check "not applicable" if your firm does not sell on a long-term, short-term and/or annual contract basis).

Typical sales contract provisions	Item	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)
Average contract duration	# of days		365	
Price renegotiation	Yes			
(during contract period)	No			
	Quantity			
Fixed quantity and/or price	Price			
	Both			
Meet or release	Yes			
provision	No			
Not applicab	le			

IV-8. <u>Lead times.</u>—What is your firm's share of sales both from inventory and produced to order and what is the typical lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of its U.S.-produced certain steel nails?

Source	Share of 2014 sales	Lead time (days)
From inventory	%	
Produced to order	%	
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	

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IV-9.	Shipp	ing information
	(a)	What is the approximate percentage of the total delivered cost of U.Sproduced certain steel nails that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs? percent
	(b)	Who generally arranges the transportation to your firm's customers' locations?

(c) Indicate the approximate percentage of your firm's sales of certain steel nails that are delivered the following distances from its production facility.

Distance from production facility	Share
Within 100 miles	%
101 to 1,000 miles	%
Over 1,000 miles	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

Your firm Purchaser (check one)

V-10. <u>Geographical shipments.--</u> In which U.S. geographic market area(s) has your firm sold its U.S.-produced certain steel nails since January 1, 2012 (check all that apply)?

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

IV-11. <u>End uses.</u>--List the end uses of the certain steel nails that your firm manufactures. For each enduse product, what percentage of the <u>total cost</u> is accounted for by certain steel nails and other inputs?

	Share of total cost	Total	
End use product	Certain steel nails	Other inputs	(should sum to 100.0% across)
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %

					70				⁷⁰	0.0 /0	
					%				%	0.0 %	
IV-12.	Suk	_	- Can other	_	be substitu [.] lease fill ou		ain s	teel n	ails?		
				End	l use in whi	ch this	su		ite affect	in the prices of the ed the price for ce eel nails?	
		Subst	titute	su	ıbstitute is	used	No	Yes		Explanation	
	1.										
	2.										
	3.										
IV-13.	<u>Demand trends.</u> Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for certain steel nails has changed since January 1, 2012. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.										
		Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear tren			Explana	ation and factors	
		Within e United States									
		Outside le United States									

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IV-14.		Product changesHave there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix, or marketing of certain steel nails since January 1, 2012?				
	No	Yes	If yes, please describe	e and quantify if possible.		
IV-15.	Conditions	of compe	etition			
	(a) Is the certain steel nails market subject to business cycles (other than general economy-wide conditions) and/or other conditions of competition distinctive to certain steel nails? If yes, describe.					
	Check all that apply.			Please describe.		
		No		Skip to question IV-16.		
	Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)					
	Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition					
	(b) If yes, have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for certain steel nails since January 1, 2012?					
	No	Yes	If yes, describe.			
IV-16.	since Janua entry," dec	ary 1, 2013 clining to a	2 (examples include placeept new customers	d, declined, or been unable to supply certain steel n lacing customers on allocation or "controlled order or renew existing customers, delivering less than the imely shipment commitments, etc.)?		

Yes

No

If yes, please describe.

IV-17.	Raw materialsHow have certain steel nails raw materials prices changed since January 1,
	2012?

Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explain, noting how raw material price changes have affected your firm's selling prices for certain steel nails.

IV-18. Private labeling.--

(a) Have your firm's customers requested private labeled certain steel nails since January 1, 2012?

No	Yes	Share of 2014 U.S. commercial shipments of U.S. produced certain steel nails that were private labeled
		%

(b) Has your firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply its customers' private labeling requests for certain steel nails since January 1, 2012?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

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IV-19. <u>Interchangeability.</u>--Are certain steel nails 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	Korea	Malaysia	Oman	Taiwan	Vietnam	China	Other countries
United States							
Korea							
Malaysia							
Oman			><				
Taiwan			><	\times			
Vietnam			><	\times	\times		
China				>		\times	

For any country-pair producing certain steel nails that is *sometimes* or *never* interchangeable, identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

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IV-20. <u>Factors other than price</u>.--Are differences other than price (*e.g.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between certain steel nails 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	Korea	Malaysia	Oman	Taiwan	Vietnam	China	Other countries
United States							
Korea							
Malaysia							
Oman			><				
Taiwan			><	\times			
Vietnam			> <	\searrow	\searrow		
China			><				

For any country-pair for which factors other than price *always* or *frequently* are a significant factor in your firm's sales of certain steel nails, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:

IV-21. <u>Customer identification.</u>— List the names and contact information for your firm's 10 largest U.S. customers for certain steel nails since January 1, 2012. Indicate the share of the quantity of your firm's total shipments of certain steel nails that each of these customers accounted for in 2014.

	Customer's name	City	State	Share of 2014 sales (%)
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2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

	IV-22.	Com	petition	from	imports	
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(a)	Lost revenue Since January 1, 2012:	To avoid losing sales to competitors selling
	subject product from Korea, Malaysia,	, Oman, Taiwan, and Vietnam, did your firm:

	No	Yes
Reduce prices		
Roll back announced price increases		

(b) <u>Lost sales.</u>--Since January 1, 2012: Did your firm lose sales of subject product to imports of this product from Korea, Malaysia, Oman, Taiwan, and Vietnam?

No	Yes	

(c) The submission of lost sales/lost revenue allegations is to be completed only by NON-PETITIONERS. (Note: petitioners may provide allegations involving quotes made AFTER the filing of the petition.) Please do not resubmit allegations provided previously.

If you indicated "yes" to any of the above, you can provide the Commission with additional information by downloading and completing the lost sales/lost revenues worksheet at http://usitc.gov/trade_remedy/question.htm. Note that the Commission may contact the firms named to verify the allegations reported.

Is your firm submitting the lost sales/lost revenues worksheet?

No—Please explain.
Yes—Please complete the worksheet and submit via the Commission dropbox. https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/ . (PIN: NAIL)

IV-23.	Other explanations If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part
	IV that did not provide a narrative response box, please note the question number and the
	explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your
	firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with
	the MS Word questionnaire.

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HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

This questionnaire is available as a "fillable" form in MS Word format on the Commission's website at:

http://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2014/certain_steel_nails_korea_malaysia_oman_taiwan_and/final.htm

Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the questionnaire document. Please submit the completed questionnaire using one of the methods noted below. If your firm is unable to complete the MS Word questionnaire or cannot use one of the electronic methods of submission, please contact the Commission for further instructions.

• <u>Upload via Secure Drop Box.</u>—Upload the MS Word questionnaire 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: NAIL

• E-mail.—E-mail your questionnaire to fred.ruggles@usitc.gov; include a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1). 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.

If your firm <u>does not </u>**produce this product**, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.

<u>Parties to this proceeding</u>.—If your firm is a party to this proceeding, you are required to serve a copy of the completed questionnaire on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR §207.7). A list of such parties may be obtained from the Commission's Secretary (202-205-1803). A certificate of service must accompany the completed questionnaire you submit (see 19 CFR §207.7). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.