U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

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

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>March 20, 2015</u>

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 possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from Lauren Gamache (202-205-3489, lauren.gamache@usitc.gov).

Name of firm _____

Website					Code	_
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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.

Certain steel nails or "subject product" 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.

<u>Purchaser</u>.--Any firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in purchasing certain steel nails from another firm that produces, imports, or otherwise distributes certain steel nails.

<u>Reporting of information</u>.-- 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-1.	OMB statistics	Please report th	e actual number of hou	rs required and the cost to your firm of
	completing this q	·		
	Hours	Dollars		
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I-2.	by this questionn	naire, if different	from that listed on the	s of your U.S. establishment(s) covered cover page. Firms operating more than blishments into a single report.
		•	_	urchase of certain steel nails, including or not physically separate from) such
I-3.	OwnershipIs yo	our firm owned,	in whole or in part, by	any other firm?
	□ No □	YesList the	following information.	
	Firm name		Address	Extent of ownership (percent)
				

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I-4.	Related SUBJECT importers/exportersDoes your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which import certain steel nails from Korea, Malaysia, Oman, Taiwan, and Vietnam into the United States or which export certain steel nails from Korea, Malaysia, Oman, Taiwan, and Vietnam to the United States? No YesList the following information.							
	Firm name	Address	Affiliation					
I-5.	Related NONSUBJECT importers/exportersDoes your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which import certain steel nails from countries other than Korea, Malays Oman, Taiwan, and Vietnam into the United States or which export certain steel nails from countries other than Korea, Malaysia, Oman, Taiwan, and Vietnam to the United States? No YesList the following information.							
	Firm name and country	Address	Affiliation					
I-6.	Related producersDoes your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which produce certain steel nails? No YesList the following information.							
	Firm name	Address	Affiliation					

PART II.--PURCHASES

<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 this questionnaire.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

II-1. <u>Purchases.</u>— Report your firm's U.S. purchases of certain steel nails (based on delivery date). Do not include imports for which your firm was the importer of record; such imports should be reported in your U.S. importer's questionnaire.

ltem	2012	2013	2014		
Purchases of certain steel nails produced in	Quantity (in short tons)				
United States					
Korea					
Malaysia					
Oman					
Taiwan					
Vietnam					
All other countries:1					
Total purchases (auto-calc)	0	0	C		
¹ Please identify these countries:					

II-2. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns.</u>--Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of certain steel nails from different sources have changed in the last three years.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States						
Korea						
Malaysia						
Oman						
Taiwan						
Vietnam						
All other countries						
		e country or plain the reas			rchased certa	ain steel nails from only

II-4. <u>Supplier identification.</u>--Please list your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for certain steel nails since 2012. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of certain steel nails that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2014.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2014 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

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PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

III-1. **Firm type.**--Which of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of certain steel nails (check all that apply)?

Distributor	Industrial end user	Construction end user	Mass merchandise retailer	Wholesaler	Other	Describe other

If your firm is a distributor of certain steel nails, please answer questions III-2 and III-3.

III-2. <u>Competition for sales.</u>--Do you compete for sales to your customers with the manufacturers or importers from which you purchase certain steel nails?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe and identify the firms with which you compete.

III-3.	<u>Types of customers</u> What are the major types of consumers to which you sell certain stenails?	el

If your firm is an end user of certain steel nails, please answer questions III-4 and III-5.

III-4. <u>End uses.</u>--List the top 3 products you make using certain steel nails and estimate the percent of your <u>total production cost</u> that is accounted for by certain steel nails and by other inputs (such as labor, energy, and other raw materials).

	Share of total cost in e produce acc	Total (should					
					sum to 100.0%		
Product(s) you produce	Certain steel nails		Other inputs		across)		
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %		
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %		
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %		

III-5. Demand for end use prod	lucts	
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(a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating certain steel nails changed since January 1, 2012?

Increased	No change	Decreased	Fluctuated

(b) Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for certain steel nails?

No	Yes	Explain

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	Subs		stitute is u		No	Yes	Explanation
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2.						П	
3.							
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States

III-8.	Importance of purchasing domestic productPlease fill out the table below, estimating the
	percentage of your firm's total 2014 purchases of certain steel nails that required certain steel
	nails produced in the United States.

	Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2014 purchases of certain steel nails
Purchases that did not require domestic product	%
Purchases that were required by law or regulation to be domestic product (e.g., government purchases under "Buy American" provisions)	%
Purchases that were not required by law or regulation, but were required by your customers to be domestic product	%
Purchases that were required to be domestic product for other reasons (<i>explain</i> :	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

III-9. Conditions of competition.--

(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?

Check all th	at apply.	Please describe.
	No	Skip to question III-10.
	Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)	
	Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition	

(b) 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.

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at leas	t sometimes, ex
		D	ecision based o	n produc	er	
Your firm						
Your customers						
		Decis	ion based on c	ountry of	origin	
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(b) Has this purchasing frequency changed since January 1, 2012?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

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III-13.				actedHow many suppliers do you generally contact before mand firms	aking a
III-14.			tionsDo	o your purchases of certain steel nails usually involve negotiatio chaser?	ns
		No		f yes, explain the factors you generally negotiate and note who our firm quotes competing prices during negotiations.	ether
III-15.	Change i	n suppli	<u>ers</u> Hav	e you changed suppliers since January 1, 2012?	
		No		f yes, please list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added o dropped, the reasons for the change.	r
III-16.			•	aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that hav January 1, 2012?	e
	_	No	Yes I	f yes, please identify the firms.	
III-17.		-		o you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qua o your firm?	lified
	If yes, pr	ovide th	e followir	ng information.	
				ys to qualify a new supplier.	
	C	descripti	on of the	tion of the certification or qualification process. Also, a brief factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., ility of supplier, etc.).	quality
	No	Yes	Number of days		

III-18.	Failure to certifySince January 1, 2012, have any producers (domestic or foreign) failed in
	their attempts to certify or qualify their certain steel nails with your firm or have any producers
	lost their approved status?

No	If yes, please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification.

III-19.	Major purchasing factorsPlease list, in order of their importance, the three major factors your
	firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase certain steel nails (examples include
	availability, extension of credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line,
	traditional supplier, etc.).

1.	
2.	
3.	
Ple	ease list any other factors that are very important in your purchase decisions:

III-20. Private labeling.--

(a) Does your firm require private labeled product of any of its certain steel nail purchases?

No	Yes	Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2014 purchases of certain steel nails that were private labeled
		%

(b) Has any supplier (including foreign and domestic firms) refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm's private labeling requests for certain steel nails since January 1, 2012?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the supplier, source of the product, and the reason why the supplier refused/declined to supply private labeled product.

III-22.

III-23.

Always

Usually

III-21. <u>Purchasing factors.</u>-- Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for certain steel nails.

Factor	important	important	important							
Availability										
Delivery terms										
Delivery time										
Discounts offered										
Extension of credit										
Minimum quantity requirements										
Packaging										
Price										
Private labeling										
Product consistency										
Product range										
Quality exceeds industry standards										
Quality meets industry standards										
Reliability of supply										
Technical support/service										
U.S. transportation costs										
Quality characteristicsWhat characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of certain steel nails?										
Frequency of decisions based on price nails that is offered at the lowest price		s your firm purch	ase the certain ste							

Sometimes

Never

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III-24. **Price leaders.**— A price leader is defined as (1) one or more firms (including foreign and domestic firms) that initiate a price change, either upward or downward, that is followed by other firms, or (2) one or more firms that have a significant impact on prices. A price leader is not necessarily the lowest-priced supplier.

Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the certain steel nails market since January 1, 2012.

Firm(s)	Describe how the firm(s) exhibited price leadership

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PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1. Country knowledge.--Please indicate the countries of origin for certain steel nails for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.

United States	Korea	Malaysia	Oman	Taiwan	Vietnam	Other countries	Other countries (specify)

IV-2. Interchangeability.--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		\times					
Oman		\times	\times				
Taiwan		\times	\times	\times			
Vietnam		\times	\times	\times			
China							
For any country							eable,

identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

IV-3. <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 purchases 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							
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:

	-		-	-	customers ever specifically order certain steel nails fror ossible sources of supply?
No	Yes	If yes,	identif	y the o	countries and explain.
Availabil a) Are ce sources?	rtain gra			s of ce	ertain steel nails available from only certain country
No	Yes	If yes,	please	identi	ify the countries and the grade/type/size.
		le to pur	chase	all nee	eded SKUs (shelf keeping units) from the following
countries		e to pur	chase :	all nee	eded SKUs (shelf keeping units) from the following If no, please describe the products that are not available
Countries Country	5?	le to pur	ı	ı	If no, please describe the products that are not
b) Is your countries Country United St	5?	le to pur	ı	ı	If no, please describe the products that are not
Country United St	tates	le to pur	ı	ı	If no, please describe the products that are not
Country United St	tates	e to pur	ı	ı	If no, please describe the products that are not
Country United St Korea Malaysia	tates	le to pur	ı	ı	If no, please describe the products that are not
Country United St Korea Malaysia Oman	tates	le to pur	ı	ı	If no, please describe the products that are not

Choice of product not based on price.--If you purchased certain steel nails from one country

source although a comparable product was available from another country source at a lower

price, please explain your reasons for doing so (please specify by country).

IV-6.

IV-7. **Factor country comparisons.--**For the factors listed below, please rate how certain steel nails produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with certain steel nails produced in each of the other countries you identified.

	<u>Un</u>	ited Standard mpared oduct fr	ites I to	product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Malaysia</u>			<u>Uni</u>	om ates I to om	
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price ¹									
Private labeling									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Quality meets industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

Availability Delivery terms Delivery time Discounts offered Extension of credit Minimum quantity requirements Packaging Private labeling Product consistency Product range Quality exceeds industry standards Quality meets industry standards Reliability of supply		Uni coi pro	oduct fr ited Sta mpared oduct fr Taiwar	ates d to om	product from United States compared to product from Vietnam		ites I to om	<u>Uni</u> coı	product fro <u>United Sta</u> compared product fro <u>China</u>	
Delivery terms	Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Delivery time	Availability									
Discounts offered	Delivery terms									
Extension of credit	Delivery time									
Minimum quantity requirements	Discounts offered									
Packaging	Extension of credit									
Price ¹	Minimum quantity requirements									
Private labeling Product consistency Product range Quality exceeds industry standards Quality meets industry standards Reliability of supply	Packaging									
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Product range Quality exceeds industry standards Quality meets industry standards Reliability of supply	Private labeling									
Quality exceeds industry standards	Product consistency									
Quality meets industry standards	Product range									
Reliability of supply	Quality exceeds industry standards									
	Quality meets industry standards									
Technical support/service	Reliability of supply									
	Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹	U.S. transportation costs ¹									

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

	Uni cor pro	product from United States compared to product from all other nonsubject countries			product from <u>Korea</u> compared to product from <u>Malaysia</u>			product from <u>Korea</u> compared to product from <u>Oman</u>		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	
Availability										
Delivery terms										
Delivery time										
Discounts offered										
Extension of credit										
Minimum quantity requirements										
Packaging										
Price ¹										
Private labeling										
Product consistency										
Product range										
Quality exceeds industry standards										
Quality meets industry standards										
Reliability of supply										
Technical support/service										
U.S. transportation costs ¹										

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

	cor	product from Korea compared to product from Taiwan			product from <u>Korea</u> compared to product from <u>Vietnam</u>			product from Korea compared to product from China		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	
Availability										
Delivery terms										
Delivery time										
Discounts offered										
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Minimum quantity requirements										
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Price ¹										
Private labeling										
Product consistency										
Product range										
Quality exceeds industry standards										
Quality meets industry standards										
Reliability of supply										
Technical support/service										
U.S. transportation costs ¹										

¹A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

	cor pro	product from Korea compared to product from all other nonsubject countries			product from <u>Malaysia</u> compared to product from <u>Oman</u>			product from <u>Malaysia</u> compared to product from <u>Taiwan</u>		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	
Availability										
Delivery terms										
Delivery time										
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	coi pro	product from <u>Malaysia</u> compared to product from <u>Vietnam</u>			product from <u>Malaysia</u> compared to product from <u>China</u>			product from Malaysia compared to product from all other nonsubject countries		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	
Availability										
Delivery terms										
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	coi	product from <u>Oman</u> compared to product from <u>Taiwan</u>			product from <u>Oman</u> compared to product from <u>Vietnam</u>			product from <u>Oman</u> compared to product from <u>China</u>		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	
Availability										
Delivery terms										
Delivery time										
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	cor pro	product from Oman compared to product from all other nonsubject countries			product from <u>Taiwan</u> compared to product from <u>Vietnam</u>			product from <u>Taiwan</u> compared to product from <u>China</u>		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	
Availability										
Delivery terms										
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	cor pro	product from Taiwan compared to product from all other nonsubject countries			product from <u>Vietnam</u> compared to product from <u>China</u>			product from <u>Vietnam</u> compared to product from <u>all other</u> <u>nonsubject</u> <u>countries</u>		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	
Availability										
Delivery terms										
Delivery time										
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IV-8. <u>Minimum quality</u>.--How often do certain steel nails from the following countries meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

Source	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never	Don't know
United States					
Korea					
Malaysia					
Oman					
Taiwan					
Vietnam					
China					
Other:					
Other explanationsIf your					

IV-9.	Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to any question in sections I, II, III, or IV that did not provide a narrative response box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below.

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:

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If your firm does not purchase 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.