

FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

SILICOMANGANESE FROM AUSTRALIA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by March 4, 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 antidumping investigation concerning silicomanganese from Australia (inv. No. 731-TA-1269 (Preliminary)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

<p>Name of firm _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Website _____</p> <p>Has your firm produced or exported silicomanganese (as defined on next page) at any time since January 1, 2012?</p> <p>Data reported in this questionnaire relate to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Australia</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES (Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)</p> <p>Return questionnaire via the Commission <i>Drop Box</i> by clicking on the following link: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/. (PIN: SIMN)</p>
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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:

Email address

Fax:

PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background. This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on February 19, 2015, by Felman Production LLC, Letart, West Virginia. Antidumping 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. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at http://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2015/silicomanganese_australia/preliminary.htm

Silicomanganese. The products covered by this investigation are all forms, sizes and compositions of silicomanganese except low-carbon silicomanganese, including silicomanganese briquettes, fines, and slag. Silicomanganese is a ferroalloy composed principally of manganese, silicon, and iron, and normally contains much smaller proportions of minor elements, such as carbon, phosphorus, and sulfur. Silicomanganese is sometimes referred to as ferrosilicon manganese. Silicomanganese is used primarily in steel production as a source of both silicon and manganese, and sometimes as an alloying agent in the production of iron castings. Silicomanganese generally contains by weight not less than 4 percent iron, more than 30 percent manganese, more than 8 percent silicon and not more than 0.2 percent phosphorus. Silicomanganese is sold primarily in sized, lump form, with sizes generally varying from 8" x 4" to 2" x down,¹ though all sizes of silicomanganese material are covered by the petition. Silicomanganese is classifiable under subheading 7202.30.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS").

Low-carbon silicomanganese is excluded from the scope of this petition. Low-carbon silicomanganese contains lower levels of carbon than standard silicomanganese and higher amounts of silicon. It is sometimes referred to as ferromanganese-silicon. Low-carbon silicomanganese is used in the manufacture of stainless steel and special carbon steel grades, such as motor lamination grade steel, which requires a very low carbon content. The low-carbon silicomanganese excluded from this petition is a ferroalloy with the following chemical specifications by weight: minimum 55 percent manganese, minimum 27 percent silicon, maximum 0.10 percent phosphorus, maximum 0.10 percent carbon, and maximum 0.05 percent sulfur. Low-carbon silicomanganese is classifiable under HTSUS subheading 7202.30.0000.

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, purchaser and/or foreign producer questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions.

Confidentiality.--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.

¹ The size "2" x down includes lumps that are 2" in length and 2" or less in width.

Verification.--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 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 20 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.

- I-2. **Establishments covered**--Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire. If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

“Establishment”-- Each facility of a firm in Australia involved in the production or export of silicomanganese, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities. Firms operating more than one establishment in Australia should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.

- I-3. **Related U.S. producers**--Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce silicomanganese 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.

I-4. **Related U.S. importers.**--Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import silicomanganese into the United States?

No Yes--Please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire.

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I-5. **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 silicomanganese in 2014.

	Importer's name	Contact person	Email	Telephone	Street address (not P.O. box), city, state, and zip code	Share of your firm's 2014 U.S. 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 II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Michael Szustakowski (202-205-3169, mgs@usitc.gov) or Keysha Martinez (202-205-2136, Keysha.Martinez@usitc.gov). **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 silicomanganese since January 1, 2012.

<i>(check as many as appropriate)</i>		<i>(please describe)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	plant openings	
<input type="checkbox"/>	plant closings	
<input type="checkbox"/>	relocations	
<input type="checkbox"/>	expansions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	acquisitions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	consolidations	
<input type="checkbox"/>	prolonged shutdowns or production curtailments	
<input type="checkbox"/>	revised labor agreements	
<input type="checkbox"/>	other (e.g., technology)	

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 silicomanganese 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 silicomanganese (in short tons) for 2015 and 2016.**

II-4. **Product shifting.**--Please provide answers to each of the following questions relating to your firm's ability to shift production between silicomanganese and other products.

- (a) In relation to furnaces not dedicated 100 percent to the production of silicomanganese, please provide the following information on the other products produced in those furnaces (if more than four products, list the largest).

Product(s)	Costs and timeframes involved in switching production to/from SiMn	Est. share of furnace fleet's production time dedicated to product ¹ (share)
1. Ferromanganese	_____ _____	
2. Ferrosilicon	_____ _____	
3. _____	_____ _____	
4. _____	_____ _____	

¹ Provide an estimated share that represents how much of the annual average total production hours of all of your firm's furnaces relates to the production of the listed product in a given year. For example, report 25 percent of ferromanganese if in a year 500 hours are dedicated to ferromanganese and 1500 hours are dedicated to silicomanganese.

Additional discussion: _____

(b) In relation to those furnaces dedicated 100 percent to the production of silicomanganese since January 1, 2012, could these furnaces be converted to the production of products other than silicomanganese?

No Yes.--And at what cost/time constraint?

(c) Does your firm own or operate furnaces not reported in question II-4(a) at all (*i.e.*, not involved in silicomanganese production during the period) that could be converted to the production of silicomanganese?

No Yes.--And at what cost/time constraint?

II-5a. **Overall capacity and production.**-- Please report your firm's production of products made on the same equipment and machinery used to produce silicomanganese, and the combined production capacity on this shared equipment and machinery.

"Average production capacity" or "capacity" --The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods for all products manufactured in that establishment using the same manufacturing equipment. 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).

(Quantity in short tons)			
Item	Calendar years		
	2012	2013	2014
Overall production capacity			
Production of:			
Silicomanganese ¹	0	0	0
Ferromanganese			
Ferrosilicon			
Other product 3 (from question II-4a)			
Other product 4 (from question II-4a)			
Other products ²			
Total	0	0	0
¹ Data on production of silicomanganese will be populated from data reported in question II-11. ² Please identify these products:			

"Production" --All production in your establishment(s) in Australia, including production consumed internally within your firm.

II-5b. **Operating parameters.**--The production capacity (see definitions in instruction booklet) reported in II-5a is based on operating _____ hours per week, _____ weeks per year.

II-5c. **Capacity calculation.**--Please describe the methodology used to calculate overall production capacity reported in II-5a, and explain any changes in reported capacity.

II-5d. **Production constraints.**--Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your firm's production capacity.

II-6. **Share of sales.**--What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of silicomanganese? _____ percent

II-7. **Firm's estimated share of production in Australia.**--Please estimate the percentage of total production of silicomanganese in the country specified on the certification page accounted for by your firm's production in 2014. _____ percent

II-8. **Firm's estimated share of country's exports.**--Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of silicomanganese from the country specified on the certification page accounted for by your firm's exports in 2014. _____ percent

II-9. **Inventories in the United States.**--Has your firm, since 2012, maintained any inventories of silicomanganese in the United States (not including inventories held by firms identified in question I-3)?

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

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

Quantity (<i>in short tons</i>)			
Item	Calendar year		
	2012	2013	2014
Inventory			

II-10. **Third country trade actions.**--Is the silicomanganese 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.

- II-11. **Trade data.**--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of silicomanganese in your establishment(s) in Australia during the specified periods.

Do not submit data by manufacturing facility if they are in the same country. If your firm has multiple manufacturing establishments within one country, you are required to combine data for those establishments within one foreign producer questionnaire response.

Do not submit data on multiple countries combined. The establishments reported here should all be located in the country of the firm's address reported on the certification page. Multinational companies with production in multiple subject countries should submit separate foreign producer questionnaire responses for each subject country.

"Shipments"--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in Australia. Quantities reported should be net of returns.

"Home market commercial shipments"--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within Australia.

"Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms"--Shipments made to related firms in Australia, including product consumed internally by your firm.

"Export shipments"--Shipments to destinations outside Australia, including shipments to related firms.

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

II-11. **Trade data**--Continued.

Quantity (in short tons)					
Item	Actual experience			Projections ¹	
	Calendar year			Calendar year	
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Average production capacity ² (A)					
Beginning-of-period inventories (B)					
Production (C)					
Home market shipments: Internal consumption/ transfers (D)					
Commercial shipments (E)					
Exports to the United States (F)					
Exports to all other markets ³ (G)					
Total exports (H) (should equal F+G)	0	0	0	0	0
Total shipments (I) (should equal D+E+F+G)	0	0	0	0	0
End-of-period inventories (J)					

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

² The production capacity reported is based on operating _____ hours per week, _____ weeks per year. Please describe the methodology used to calculate production capacity, and explain any changes in reported capacity.

³ Identify principal other export markets.

II-11. **Trade data.**—*Continued.*

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line J) 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, E, F, and G). 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.

Item	Actual experience			Projections	
	Calendar year			Calendar year	
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
B + C – D – E – F – G – J = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	0	0	0
¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate.					

II-12. **Other explanations:**--If 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.

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/701731/2015/silicomanganese_australia/preliminary.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.

• **Upload via Secure Drop Box.**—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:** SIMN

• **E-mail.**—E-mail your questionnaire to mgs@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 did not produce or export this product, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.

Parties to this proceeding.—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.