

FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

HOT-ROLLED STEEL PRODUCTS

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by **August 25, 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 and countervailing duty investigations concerning hot-rolled steel from Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, and the United Kingdom (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-545-547 and 731-TA-1291-1297 (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 hot-rolled steel (as defined on next page) at any time since January 1, 2012?</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>Data reported in this questionnaire relate to (Check one):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Australia <input type="checkbox"/> Brazil <input type="checkbox"/> Japan <input type="checkbox"/> Korea</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Netherlands <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> United Kingdom</p> <p>Return questionnaire via the Commission Drop Box by clicking on the following link: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/. (PIN: HRS)</p>

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. By means of this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this questionnaire and throughout this proceeding in any other import-injury proceedings conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise. I acknowledge that information submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout this proceeding may be used by the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel who are acting in the capacity of Commission employees, for developing or maintaining the records of this proceeding or related proceedings for which this information is submitted, or in internal audits and proceedings relating to the programs and operations of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3. I understand that all contract personnel will sign non-disclosure agreements.

Name of Authorized Official

Title of Authorized Official

Date

Signature

Phone:

Fax:

Email address

PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.--This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on August 11, 2015, by AK Steel Corporation (West Chester, Ohio), ArcelorMittal USA LLC (Chicago, Illinois), Nucor Corporation (Charlotte, North Carolina), SSAB Enterprises, LLC (Lisle, Illinois), Steel Dynamics, Inc. (Fort Wayne, Indiana), and United States Steel Corporation (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania). Antidumping and 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 subsidization and/or dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at [LINK](#).

Hot-Rolled Steel.--The products covered by these investigations are certain hot-rolled, flat-rolled steel products, with or without patterns in relief, and that are neither clad, plated, nor coated with metal but whether or not annealed, painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other non-metallic substances. The products covered include coils that have a width of 12.7 mm or greater, regardless of thickness, and regardless of the form of the coil (e.g., in successively superimposed layers, spirally oscillating, etc.). The products covered also include products not in coils (e.g., in straight lengths) of a thickness of less than 4.75 mm and a width that is 12.7 mm or greater that measures at least 10 times the thickness. The covered products described above may be rectangular, square, circular, or other shapes and include products of either rectangular or non-rectangular cross-section where such cross-section is achieved subsequent to the rolling process, i.e., products which have been “worked after rolling” (e.g., products which have been beveled or rounded at the edges).

For purposes of the width and thickness requirements referenced above:

- (1) where the nominal and actual measurements vary, a product is within the scope if application of either the nominal or actual measurement would place it within the scope based on the definitions set forth above, and
- (2) where the width and thickness vary for a specific product (e.g., the thickness of certain products with non-rectangular cross-section, the width of certain products with non-rectangular shape, etc.), the measurement at its greatest width or thickness applies.

Steel products included in the scope of these investigations are products in which: (1) iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements; (2) the carbon content is 2 percent or less, by weight; and (3) none of the elements listed below exceeds the quantity, by weight, respectively indicated:

- 2.50 percent of manganese, or
- 3.30 percent of silicon, or
- 1.50 percent of copper, or
- 1.50 percent of aluminum, or
- 1.25 percent of chromium, or
- 0.30 percent of cobalt, or
- 0.40 percent of lead, or
- 2.00 percent of nickel, or
- 0.30 percent of tungsten, or
- 0.80 percent of molybdenum, or
- 0.10 percent of niobium, or
- 0.30 percent of vanadium, or
- 0.30 percent of zirconium.

Hot-Rolled Steel (Continued).--

Unless otherwise specifically excluded, products are included in this scope regardless of levels of boron and titanium. For example, specifically included within the scope of these investigations are vacuum degassed, fully stabilized (commonly referred to as interstitial-free (“IF”)) steels, high strength low alloy (“HSLA”) steels, and the substrate for motor lamination steels. IF steels are recognized as low carbon steels with micro-alloying levels of elements such as titanium and/or niobium added to stabilize carbon and nitrogen elements. HSLA steels are recognized as steels with micro-alloying levels of elements such as chromium, copper, niobium, titanium, vanadium, and molybdenum. The substrate for motor lamination steels contains micro-alloying levels of elements such as silicon and aluminum.

All products that meet the written physical description, and in which the chemistry quantities do not exceed any one of the noted element levels listed above, are within the scope of these investigations unless specifically excluded.

The following products are outside of and/or specifically excluded from the scope of these investigations:

- Universal mill plates (i.e., hot-rolled, flat-rolled products not in coils that have been rolled on four faces or in a closed box pass, of a width exceeding 150 mm but not exceeding 1250 mm, of a thickness not less than 4.0 mm, and without patterns in relief);
- Products that have been cold-rolled (cold-reduced) after hot-rolling;
- Ball bearing steels, as defined in the HTSUS.
- Tool steels, as defined in the HTSUS.
- Silico-manganese (as defined in the HTSUS) or silicon electrical steel with a silicon level exceeding 3.30 percent.
- USS abrasion-resistant steels (USS AR 400, USS AR 500).
- Non-rectangular shapes, not in coils, which are the result of having been processed by cutting or stamping and which have assumed the character of articles or products classified outside chapter 72 of the HTSUS.

The merchandise subject to these investigations is classified in the HTSUS at subheadings:

7208.10.15.00, 7208.10.30.00, 7208.10.60.00, 7208.25.30.00, 7208.25.60.00, 7208.26.00.30, 7208.26.00.60, 7208.27.00.30, 7208.27.00.60, 7208.36.00.30, 7208.36.00.60, 7208.37.00.30, 7208.37.00.60, 7208.38.00.15, 7208.38.00.30, 7208.38.00.90, 7208.39.00.15, 7208.39.00.30, 7208.39.00.90, 7208.40.60.30, 7208.40.60.60, 7208.53.00.00, 7208.54.00.00, 7208.90.00.00, 7210.70.30.00, 7211.14.00.30, 7211.14.00.90, 7211.19.15.00, 7211.19.20.00, 7211.19.30.00, 7211.19.45.00, 7211.19.60.00, 7211.19.75.30, 7211.19.75.60, 7211.19.75.90, and 7211.90.00.00.

Certain hot-rolled, flat-rolled steel products covered by these investigations also enter under the following tariff numbers: 7225.11.00.00, 7225.19.00.00, 7225.30.30.50, 7225.30.70.00, 7225.40.70.00, 7225.99.00.90, 7226.11.10.00, 7226.11.90.30, 7226.11.90.60, 7226.19.10.00, 7226.19.90.00, 7226.91.50.00, 7226.91.70.00, and 7226.91.80.00. Subject merchandise may also enter under 7210.90.90.00, 7212.40.10.00, 7212.40.50.00, and 7212.50.00.00, and 7226.99.01.80. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and U.S. Customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under investigation 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, 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.

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, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, and/or the United Kingdom involved in the production or export of hot-rolled steel, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities. Firms operating more than one establishment in Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, or the United Kingdom should combine the data for all establishments for any single country into a single report. If your firm has hot-rolled steel establishments in more than one subject country listed, please provide a separate questionnaire response for each country.

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- 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 hot-rolled steel in the United States or other countries?

No Yes--Please name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnaire.

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I-4. **Related U.S. importers.**--Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import hot-rolled steel 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 hot-rolled steel 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 Justin Enck (justin.enck@usitc.gov, 202-205-3363) or Mary Messer (mary.messer@usitc.gov, 202-205-3193).
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 hot-rolled steel 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 (<i>e.g.</i> , 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 hot-rolled steel in the future?

- No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue. **Include in the response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce hot-rolled steel (in short tons) for 2015 and 2016.**

II-4a. **Production using same machinery.**-- Please report your firm's production of products made on the same equipment and machinery used to produce hot-rolled steel, and the combined production capacity on this shared equipment and machinery.

"Overall 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).

"Production" --All production in your establishment(s) in Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, or the United Kingdom, including production consumed internally within your firm.

Item	Quantity (in short tons)				
	Calendar years			January-June	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015
Overall production capacity					
Production of:					
Hot-rolled steel¹	0	0	0	0	0
Other products ²					
Total	0	0	0	0	0
¹ Data entered for production of hot-rolled steel will populate here once reported in question II-7. ² Please identify these products: _____.					

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

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

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

II-4e. **Product shifting.**—

(i). Is your firm able to switch production (capacity) between hot-rolled steel 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: _____.

(ii). 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.

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

II-6. **Firm's estimated share of production in Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, or the United Kingdom.**--Please estimate the percentage of total production of hot-rolled steel in the country specified on the certification page accounted for by your firm's production in 2014. _____ percent.

II-7. **Firm's estimated share of country's exports.**--Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of hot-rolled steel from the country specified on the certification page accounted for by your firm's exports in 2014. _____ percent.

II-8. **Inventories in the United States.**--Has your firm, since 2012, maintained any inventories of hot-rolled steel 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-9. **Third country trade actions.**--Is the hot-rolled steel exported by your firm subject to antidumping/countervailing duty/safeguard findings, remedies, or proceedings?

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

- II-10. **Trade data.**--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of hot-rolled steel in your establishment(s) in Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, or the United Kingdom 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.

"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).

"Production" --All production in your establishment(s) in Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, or the United Kingdom, including production consumed internally within your firm.

"Shipments"--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, or the United Kingdom . Quantities reported should be net of returns.

"Home market commercial shipments"--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, or the United Kingdom.

"Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms"--Shipments made to related firms in Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, or the United Kingdom, including product consumed internally by your firm.

"Export shipments"--Shipments to destinations outside Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, or the United Kingdom, including shipments to related firms.

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

Note: As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/records used in the preparation of the trade data, as Commission staff may contact your firm regarding questions on the trade data. The Commission may also request that your company submit copies of the supporting documents/records (such as production and sales schedules, inventory records, etc.) used to compile these data.

II-10. **Trade data**--Continued.

Quantity (in short tons)							
Item	Actual experience					Projections ¹	
	Calendar year			January-June		Calendar year	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015	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	0	0
Total shipments (I) (should equal D+E+F+G)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
End-of-period inventories (J)							
<p>¹ Please explain the basis for your firm's projections. _____.</p> <p>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. _____.</p> <p>³ Identify principal other export markets. _____.</p>							

II-10. **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			January-June		Calendar year	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015	2016
B + C – D – E – F – G – J = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	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-11. **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: [LINK](#)

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:** **HRS**

- **E-mail.**—E-mail your questionnaire to justin.enck@usitc.gov and mary.messer@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.