U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

CERTAIN CORROSION-RESISTANT STEEL PRODUCTS FROM CHINA, INDIA, ITALY, KOREA, AND TAIWAN

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by March 22, 2016

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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 duty investigations concerning certain corrosion-resistant steel products ("corrosion-resistant steel") from China, India, Italy, Korea, and Taiwan (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-534-538 and 731-TA-1274-1278 (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

Address

Signature

City			State	Zip	p Code			_
Website _								
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Background. This proceeding was instituted in response to petitions filed on June 3, 2015, by United States Steel Corporation (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), Nucor Corporation (Charlotte, North Carolina), Steel Dynamics Inc. (Fort Wayne, Indiana), California Steel Industries (Fontana, California), ArcelorMittal USA LLC (Chicago, Illinois), and AK Steel Corporation (West Chester, Oregon). Countervailing and/or 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 subsidization and/or dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at https://usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2016/corrosion resistant steel products china india/final.htm.

Corrosion-resistant steel. —The products covered by the scope are certain flat-rolled steel products, either clad, plated, or coated with corrosion-resistant metals such as zinc, aluminum, or zinc-, aluminum-, nickel- or iron-based alloys, whether or not corrugated or painted, varnished, laminated, or coated with plastics or other non-metallic substances in addition to the metal coating. The products covered include coils that have a width of 12.7 mm or greater, regardless of form of 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 less than 4.75 mm and a width that is 12.7 mm or greater and that measures at least 10 times the thickness. The products covered also include products not in coils (e.g., in straight lengths) of a thickness 4.75 mm or more than a width exceeding 150 mm and measuring at least twice the thickness. The products described above may be rectangular, square, circular, or other shape 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 for above, and (2) where the width and thickness vary for a specific period (e.g., the thickness of certain products with non-rectangular cross-section, the width of certain products with nonrectangular shape, etc.), the measurement at its greatest width or thickness applies.

Steel products included in the scope in this investigation 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; (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
- 1.25 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 (also called wolfram), or
- 0.80 percent of molybdenum, or
- 0.10 percent of niobium (also called columbium), or
- 0.30 percent of vanadium, or
- 0.30 percent of zirconium

Unless specifically excluded, products are included in this scope regardless of levels of boron and titanium.

For example, specifically included in this scope are vacuum degassed, fully stabilized (commonly referred to interstitial-free ("IF")) steels and high strength low alloy ("HSLA") 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. Furthermore, this scope also includes Advanced High Strength Steels ("AHSS") and Ultra High Strength Steels ("UHSS"), both of which are considered high tensile strength and high elongation steels.

Subject merchandise also includes corrosion-resistant steel that has been further processed in a third country, including but not limited to annealing, tempering, painting, varnishing, trimming, cutting, punching and/ or slitting or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigations if performed in the country of manufacture of the in-scope corrosion resistant steel.

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 this proceeding unless specifically excluded. The following products are outside of and/or specifically excluded from the scope of this investigation:

- Flat-rolled steel products either plated or coated with tin, lead, chromium, chromium oxides, both tin and lead ("terne plate"), or both chromium and chromium oxides ("tin free steel"), whether or not painted, varnished or coated with plastics or other non-metallic substances in addition to the metallic coating;
- Clad products in straight lengths of 4.7625 mm or more in composite thickness and of a width which exceeds 150 mm and measure at least twice the thickness; and
- Certain clad stainless flat-rolled products, which are three-layered corrosion-resistant steel flat-rolled steel products less than 4.75 mm in composite thickness that consist of a flat-rolled steel product clad on both sides with stainless steel in a 20%-60%-20% ratio.

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-1. OMB statistics.--Please report 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 25 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. <u>Establishments covered.</u>— Provide the name and address of your U.S. establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire, if different from that listed on the cover page. 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>purchase</u> of corrosion-resistant steel,
including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate
from) such facilities.

Business Proprietary U.S. Purchasers' Questionnaire - Corrosion-Resistant Steel Page 5 I-3. Ownership.--Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm? Yes--List the following information. l No **Extent of ownership** Address (percent) Firm name I-4. Related SUBJECT importers/exporters.--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which import corrosion-resistant steel from China, India, Italy, Korea, and/or Taiwan into the United States or which export corrosion-resistant steel from China, India, Italy, Korea, and/or Taiwan to the United States? l No Yes--List the following information. Affiliation Firm name **Address** I-5. Related NONSUBJECT importers/exporters.--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which import corrosion-resistant steel from countries other than China, India, Italy, Korea, and/or Taiwan into the United States or which export corrosion-resistant steel from countries other than China, India, Italy, Korea, and/or Taiwan to the United States? No Yes--List the following information. Firm name and country Address Affiliation

I-6.	<u>Related producers</u> Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which
	produce corrosion-resistant steel?

No Yes--List 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. Purchases.—

(a) Report your firm's total U.S. purchases of corrosion-resistant steel, and indicate your firm's share of total purchases through annual or longer term contracts in 2015. (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).

Purchases of corrosion-resistant steel produced in	2013	2014 cantity (in short to	2015	Percent share of 2015 purchases through contracts
	Qu	lantity (iii short to		Contracts
United States				
China				
India				
Italy				
Korea				
Taiwan				
All other countries:1				
Sources unknown				
¹ Please identify these countries:				•

(b) Report your firm's 2015 purchases of the following types of corrosion-resistant steel.

					2015				
				Qua	antity (in sl	hort tons)			
Steel type	Did not purchase	United States	China	India	Italy	Korea	Taiwan	All other sources	Name of producers, if known
55% Al-Zn alloy coated (e.g. Galvalume), 0.018 inches and thinner, less than 45 inches in width									
EG Steel with a maximum zinc coating per side of 20g/m², or 40g/m² on both sides									
AHSS 490									
AHSS 1180									

II-2. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns.</u>--Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of corrosion-resistant steel from different sources have changed since January 1, 2013.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States						
China						
India						
Italy						
Korea						
Taiwan						
All other countries						
Sources unknown						
			If your firm ha		d corrosion-r	esistant steel from

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II-4.	Supplier identificationPlease list your firm's FIVE largest suppliers for corrosion-resistant steel
	since January 1, 2013. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of
	corrosion-resistant steel that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2015.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2015 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

III-1.	Firm typeWhich of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of corrosion-resistant
	steel (check all that apply)?

Automotive end user	Construction end user	Consumer appliance end user	Steel service center or distributor	Other	Describe other

If your firm is a steel service center or distributor of corrosion-resistant steel, please answer questions III-2 and III-3.

III-2. <u>Competition for sales.</u>--Does your firm compete for sales to customers with the manufacturers or importers from which your firm purchases corrosion-resistant steel?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-3.	<u>Types of customers</u> What are the major types of consumers to which your firm sells corresistant steel?						

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

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

	Share of total cost in each of the product(s) your firm produces accounted for by				Total (should
Product(s) your firm	corrosion-resistant				sum to 100.0%
produces	steel		Other inputs		across)
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %

III-5.	Demand	for	end	use	products

(a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating corrosion-resistant steel changed since January 1, 2013?

Increased	No change	No change Decreased		

(b) Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for corrosion-resistant steel?

No	Yes	Explain

I-6. <u>Substitutes</u>	-Can other	products b	e substitute	d for c	orrosi	sion-resistant steel?
	lo	YesPle	ease fill out	the tak	ole.	
	E	nd use in w	hich this			e changes in the price of this substitute ed the price for corrosion-resistant stee
Substitute		substitute is used			Yes	Explanation
1.						
2						
3.					П	
known) for c	orrosion-re	sistant stee	el has chang	ed sinc	e Jan	d outside of the United States (if nuary 1, 2013. Explain any trends and anges in demand.
known) for c	orrosion-re	sistant stee	el has chang	ed sinced these	e Jan	nuary 1, 2013. Explain any trends and anges in demand.
known) for c	orrosion-resprincipal fa	sistant stee ctors that h	el has chang nave affecte	ed sinced these	e Jan e chai tuate h no	nuary 1, 2013. Explain any trends and anges in demand.
known) for condescribe the	orrosion-res principal fa Overall	sistant stee ctors that h	el has chang nave affecte Overall	ed sinced these Fluct witl	e Jan e chai tuate h no	nuary 1, 2013. Explain any trends and anges in demand.
Market Within the United States	orrosion-res principal fa Overall	sistant stee ctors that h	el has chang nave affecte Overall	ed sinced these Fluct witl	e Jan e chai tuate h no	nuary 1, 2013. Explain any trends and anges in demand.
Market Within the United States Outside the United States	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	ed since d these Fluct with clear	tuate h no	nuary 1, 2013. Explain any trends and anges in demand.

III-8.	Importance of purchasing domestic productPlease fill out the table below, estimating the
	percentage of your firm's total 2015 purchases of corrosion-resistant steel that required
	corrosion-resistant steel produced in the United States.

	Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2015 purchases of corrosion-resistant steel
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 (explain:)	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

III-9. Conditions of competition.--

(a) Is the corrosion-resistant steel market subject to business cycles (other than general economy-wide conditions) and/or other conditions of competition distinctive to corrosion-resistant steel?

Check a	ill that 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 corrosion-resistant steel since January 1, 2013?

No	Yes	If yes, describe.

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III-10.	Decisions based on producer and country-of-originHow often does your firm, and if known,
	do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving corrosion-resistant steel based on its
	producer or country of origin?

	Always Usuall		ually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, explain.
Decision based on producer						
Your firm						
Your customers						
			Deci	sion based on c	ountry of	origin
Your firm						
Your customers						
Availability of supplyHas the availability of corrosion-resistant steel in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2013?						
Availability in the U.S.					noting th	ne countries and reasons for the
mark	et	No	Yes	changes.		
U.Sproduce	d product					

III-12. <u>Supply constraints.</u>—Has any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with corrosion-resistant steel since January 1, 2013 (examples include placing customers on allocation or "controlled order entry," declining to accept new customers or renew existing customers, delivering less than the quantity promised, been unable to meet timely shipment commitments, weather-related effects, etc.)?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-13. Purchasing frequency.--

Subject imports

Nonsubject imports

III-11.

(a) How frequently does your firm make purchases of corrosion-resistant steel (check one)?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify

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	(b)	Has this	purchas	sing frequ	iency cha	anged sir	ce January 1, 2013?	
		No	Yes	If yes, p	lease de	scribe.		
III-14. Number of suppliers contactedHow many suppliers does your firm general making a purchase? Between and firms						before		
III-15.	Supplie	r negotia	tions					
	(a) betwee	-		n's purchases of corrosion-resistant steel usually involve negotiations purchaser?				ons
		No	Yes	_	-		your firm generally negotiates and s competing prices during negotiation	
	(b) corrosic		_	n raw ma I supplier		costs affe	ect your firm's price negotiations v	vith your
		No	Yes	Please e	xplain.			
	(c)	Are your firm's purchase prices indexed to raw material costs?						
		Р	urchase	es	No	Yes	Please explain.	
		By Cont	ract					
		Spot ma	rket					
III-16.	Change	in suppli	<u>ers</u> Ha	as your fii	rm chan	ged supp	liers since January 1, 2013?	
		No	Yes			-	olier(s), whether the firm was added s for the change.	or

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III-17.	-	ew suppliersAre you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have ntered the market since January 1, 2013?						
	No	Yes	If yes, ple	ease identify the firms.				
III-18.		-		onDo you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified sistant steel to your firm?				
	 If yes, provide the following information. The number of days to qualify a new supplier. A general description of the certification or qualification process. Also, a brief description of the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.). 							
	No	Yes	Number of days	Process and factors				
III-19.		to certif	y or qualif	uary 1, 2013, have any domestic or foreign producers failed y their corrosion-resistant steel with your firm or have any p				
	No	Yes	specific s	ease identify these firms, the countries where they are loca teel type, and the reasons why they failed the ion/qualification.	ted,			
III-20.	considers	s in decid ty, extens	ing from v sion of cre	Please list, in order of their importance, the main factors you whom to purchase corrosion-resistant steel (examples includ dit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line	e			

Please list any other factors that are very important in your purchase decisions:

1. 2.

3.

III-22.

III-23.

Always

Usually

Sometimes

Never

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

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important			
Availability						
Delivery terms						
Delivery time						
Discounts offered						
Extension of credit						
Minimum quantity requirements						
Packaging						
Price						
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 corrosion-resistant steel?						
Frequency of decisions based on price resistant steel that is offered at the low		s your firm purcha	ase the corrosion-			

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	<u>Paint reb</u> the paint		·	resistant steel, do you receive rebates from
	No	Yes	If yes, is the rebate reflected in the resistant steel producer?	ne final price paid to the corrosion-
	either up significan Please lis	ward on the impart the name	r downward, that is followed by other ct on prices. A price leader is not ned	or more firms that initiate a price change, er firms, or (2) one or more firms that have a cessarily the lowest-priced supplier. Ice leaders in the corrosion-resistant steel
	Firm(s)		Describe how the firm(s) exhibited	price leadership
	Switching	g to im	ports.—	
	c	orrosio		of its purchases from U.Sproduced sion-resistant steel from China, India, Italy, bject country.
	Sour	ce	Yes (also respond to parts (b) and (c))	No (If "No" for all countries, skip to next question)
	Chin	na		
	Indi	ia		
	Ital	у		
	Kore	22		

Source		Yes		No
China				
India				
Italy				
Korea				
Taiwan				
·		If Yes, estimate the quantity of purchases that your firm shifted to imports since	rice a pri	If No, please indicate th
If you	Yes	If Yes, estimate the quantity	·	
·		If Yes, estimate the quantity of purchases that your firm shifted to imports since January 2013 because of price	·	If No, please indicate th
Source		If Yes, estimate the quantity of purchases that your firm shifted to imports since January 2013 because of price	·	If No, please indicate th
Source		If Yes, estimate the quantity of purchases that your firm shifted to imports since January 2013 because of price	·	If No, please indicate th
Source China India		If Yes, estimate the quantity of purchases that your firm shifted to imports since January 2013 because of price	·	If No, please indicate th

III-27.

corrosion-resistant steel in order to compete with lower-priced imports of corrosionresistant steel from subject countries? Respond for each subject country.

Source	Yes (also respond to question part (b))	No (If "No" for all countries, skip to next question)	Don't know
China			
India			
Italy			
Korea			
Taiwan			

(b) If your firm responded "yes" to any of the above countries, please provide an estimate of the reduction in U.S. producers' prices, and any additional explanations, such as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors.

Source	Estimated reduction in U.S. prices (percent)	Additional explanation, including such information as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors
China	%	
India	%	
Italy	%	
Korea	%	
Taiwan	%	

PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1. <u>Country knowledge.--</u>Please indicate the countries of origin for corrosion-resistant steel for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.

United States	China	India	Italy	Korea	Taiwan	Other countries	Other countries (specify)

IV-2. <u>Interchangeability.--</u>Is corrosion-resistant steel 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	China	India	Italy	Korea	Taiwan	Canada (nonsubject)	Other countries
United States							
China							
India		\times					
Italy		\times	\times				
Korea							
Canada		\times	$\overline{}$				

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

IV-3. **Factors other than price.**--Are differences other than price (*e.g.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between corrosion-resistant steel 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	China	India	Italy	Korea	Taiwan	Canada (nonsubject)	Other countries
United States							
China							
India		\times					
Italy		\times	\times				
Korea			\times				
Canada		\times	\times				

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

No	Yes	If yes, identify the countries and explain.
	=	erchandiseAre certain grades/types/sizes of corrosion-resistant steel only rtain country sources?
No	Yes	If yes, please identify the countries and the grade/type/size.
country s	source al	t not based on priceIf you purchased corrosion-resistant steel from one though a comparable product was available from another country source at se explain your reasons for doing so (please specify by country).

IV-7. <u>Factor country comparisons.</u>--For the factors listed below, please rate how corrosion-resistant steel produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with corrosion-resistant steel produced in each of the other countries you identified.

	<u>Uni</u> cor	duct fr ted Sta npared duct fr China	ites I to	<u>Uni</u> cor	duct fr ted Sta npared duct fr India	<u>ites</u> I to	cor	<u>ites</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									
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. transpo	ortation	costs in	dicates	that the	first co	untry ge	enerally	has low	er

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.

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	<u>Un</u>	oduct fr ited Sta mpared oduct fr Korea	ites I to	Uni coi pro	oduct fr ited Sta mpared oduct fr Taiwan	ates I to om	Uni coi pro <u>No</u>	Product fro <u>United Sta</u> compared product fro <u>Nonsubje</u> <u>countrie</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									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Quality meets industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									

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	coı	oduct fr China mpared oduct fr India	l to	<u>China</u>	oduct fr compa oduct fr <u>Italy</u>	red to	<u>China</u>	Product fror <u>China</u> compare product fror <u>Korea</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										
Product consistency										
Product range										
Quality exceeds industry standards										
Quality meets industry standards										
Reliability of supply										
Technical support/service										
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	coi	oduct fr China mpared oduct fr Taiwar	l to om	China pro No	duct fr compa duct fr onsubje ountrie	red to om ect	<u>India</u>	om red to om	
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Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price ¹									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Quality meets industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									
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Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Lackaging									
Price ¹									
Product consistency [
Product range [
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Quality meets industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									

prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

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	coı	oduct fr <u>Italy</u> mpared oduct fr <u>Korea</u>	l to	<u>Italy</u>	oduct fr compai oduct fr Taiwar	red to om	Product from Italy compared product from nonsubject countries		red to rom ect
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									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
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Reliability of supply									
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U.S. transportation costs ¹									
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Comparable			ountrie	<u>ct</u> <u>s</u>	Product from Taiwan compared to product from nonsubject countries		
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Reliability of supply Technical support/service U.S. transportation costs ¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates the superior of superior							

prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

IV-9.

IV-8. <u>Minimum quality.--</u>How often does corrosion-resistant steel 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									
China									
India									
Italy									
Korea									
Taiwan									
Canada									
Other:									
Other: Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to any question that did not provide a narrative response box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below.									

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