

## FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

### STAINLESS STEEL WIRE ROD FROM ITALY, JAPAN, KOREA, SPAIN, AND TAIWAN

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by March 23, 2016

*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 review of the antidumping duty order concerning SS Wire Rod from Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and Taiwan (Inv. No. 731-TA-770-773 and 775 (Third Review)). 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 SS Wire Rod (as defined on next page) at any time since January 1, 2013?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b> (Sign the certification below and promptly return <b>only</b> this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b> (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"/> Italy      <input type="checkbox"/> Japan      <input type="checkbox"/> Korea      <input type="checkbox"/> Spain      <input type="checkbox"/> Taiwan</p> <p>Return questionnaire via the Commission <i>Drop Box</i> by clicking on the following link: <a href="https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/">https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/</a>. (PIN: SSWR)</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 or reviews conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise.*

*I, the undersigned, acknowledge that information submitted in response to this request for information and throughout this investigation or other proceeding may be disclosed to and used:*

*(i) by the Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of this or a related proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3; or*

*(ii) by U.S. government employees and contract personnel, solely for cybersecurity purposes. I understand that all contract personnel will sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements.*

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Name of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Phone:

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Email address

**PART I.--GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Background.** On August 4, 2015, the Commission instituted a review pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic industry within a reasonably foreseeable time. If both the Commission and Commerce make affirmative determinations, the orders will remain in place. If either the Commission or Commerce makes negative determinations, the Department of Commerce will revoke the orders. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at [https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2015/stainless\\_steel\\_wire\\_rod\\_italy\\_japan\\_korea\\_spain/third\\_review\\_full.htm](https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2015/stainless_steel_wire_rod_italy_japan_korea_spain/third_review_full.htm).

**SS Wire Rod** covered by these investigations are products that are hot-rolled or hot-rolled annealed and/or pickled and/or descaled rounds, squares, octagons, hexagons or other shapes, in coils, that may also be coated with a lubricant containing copper, lime, or oxalate. SS wire rod is made of alloy steels containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements. These products are manufactured only by hot-rolling or hot-rolling, annealing, and/or pickling and/or descaling, are normally sold in coiled form, and are of solid crosssection. The majority of SS wire rod sold in the United States is round in crosssectional shape, annealed and pickled, and later cold-finished into stainless steel wire or small-diameter bar. The most common size for such products is 5.5 millimeters or 0.217 inches in diameter, which represents the smallest size that normally is produced on a rolling mill and is the size that most wire-drawing machines are set up to draw. The range of SSWR sizes normally sold in the United States is between 0.20 inches and 1.312 inches diameter. Two stainless steel grades, SF20T and K-M35FL, are excluded from the scope of the orders. The chemical makeup for the excluded grades is as follows: **SF20T** (Carbon, 0.05 max; Chromium, 19.00/21.00; Manganese, 2.00 max; Molybdenum, 1.50/2.50; Phosphorous, 0.05 max; Lead, added (0.10/0.30); Sulfur, 0.15 max; Tellurium, added (0.03 min); Silicon, 1.00 max) and **K-M35FL** (Carbon, 0.015 max; Nickel, 0.30 max; Silicon, 0.70/1.00; Chromium, 12.50/14.00; Manganese, 0.40 max; Lead, 0.10/0.30; Phosphorus, 0.04 max; Aluminum, 0.20/0.35; Sulfur, 0.03 max). The products subject to these orders are currently imported under statistical reporting numbers 7221.00.0005, 7221.00.0015, 7221.00.0030, 7221.00.0045, and 7221.00.0075 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of these orders 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 30 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 Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and Taiwan involved in the production or export of SS Wire Rod, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities. Firms operating more than one establishment in Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and Taiwan should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.

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I-3. **U.S. importers.**--Please provide the names, contacts, email addresses, and telephone numbers of the **FIVE** largest U.S. importers of your firm's SS Wire Rod in 2015.

No.	Importer's name	Contact person	Email address	Area code and telephone number	Share of your firm's 2015 U.S. exports (%)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

I-4. **U.S. production.**--Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce SS Wire Rod 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-5. **U.S. importation.**--Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import SS Wire Rod into the United States?

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

I-6. **Business plan.**--In Parts II and III of this questionnaire we request a copy of your company's business plan. Does your company or any related firm have a business plan or any internal documents that describe, discuss, or analyze expected future market conditions for SS Wire Rod?

- No             Yes--Please provide the requested documents. If you are not providing the requested documents, please explain why not.

**PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION**

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Fred Ruggles (202-205-3187, [fred.ruggles@usitc.gov](mailto:fred.ruggles@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 SS Wire Rod since January 1, 2013.

<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 SS Wire Rod 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 your response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce SS Wire Rod (in short tons) for 2015 and 2016.**

II-4. **Anticipated changes in operations in the event the order is revoked.**--Would your firm anticipate any changes in the character of its operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of SS Wire Rod in the future if the antidumping duty orders on SS Wire Rod from Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and Taiwan were to be revoked?

- 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 your response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce SS Wire Rod (in short tons) for 2015 and 2016.**

II-5a. **Production using same machinery.**-- Please report your firm's production of products made on the same equipment and machinery used to produce SS Wire Rod, 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 Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and Taiwan, including production consumed internally within your firm.

Quantity (in short tons)			
Item	Calendar year		
	2013	2014	2015
<b>Overall production capacity</b>			
<b>Production of:</b> SS Wire Rod <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0
Other products <sup>2</sup>			
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Data entered for production of SS Wire Rod will populate here once reported in question II-14.  
<sup>2</sup> Please identify these products: \_\_\_\_\_.

II-5b. **Operating parameters.**--The production capacity 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-5e. **Product shifting.**

(i). Is your firm able to switch production (capacity) between SS Wire Rod 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.

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(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.

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II-6. **Share of sales.**--What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of SS Wire Rod? \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

II-7. **Firm's estimated share of production in country.**--Please estimate the percentage of total production of SS Wire Rod in the country specified on the certification page accounted for by your firm's production in 2015. \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

II-8. **Firm's estimated share of country's exports.**--Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of SS Wire Rod from the country specified on the certification page accounted for by your firm's exports in 2015. \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

II-9. **Inventories in the United States.**--Has your firm, since January 1, 2013, maintained any inventories of SS Wire Rod 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.

<b>Quantity (in short tons)</b>			
<b>Item</b>	<b>Calendar year</b>		
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Inventory			

II-10. **Third country trade actions.**--Is the SS Wire Rod 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. **Other export markets.**--Identify export markets (other than the United States) that your firm has developed or where it has increased its sales of SS Wire Rod since January 1, 2013. Please identify and discuss below.

II-12. **Significance of antidumping duty order.**--Describe the significance of the existing antidumping duty order covering imports of SS Wire Rod from Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and/or Taiwan in terms of its effect on your firm's production capacity, production, home market shipments, exports to the United States and other markets, and inventories. You may wish to compare your firm's operations before and after the imposition of the order.

II-13. **Anticipated changes if order revoked.**--Would your firm anticipate any changes in its production capacity, production, home market shipments, exports to the United States and other markets, or inventories relating to the production of SS Wire Rod in the future if the antidumping duty order on SS Wire Rod from Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and/or Taiwan were to be revoked?

- 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 for any trends or projections you may provide.

- II-14. **Trade data.**--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of SS Wire Rod in your establishment(s) in Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and Taiwan 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 Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and Taiwan, including production consumed internally within your firm.

**"Shipments"**--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and Taiwan. Quantities reported should be net of returns. Report net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods) in U.S. dollars, f.o.b. your point of shipment in Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and Taiwan.

**"Home market commercial shipments"**--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and Taiwan.

**"Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms"**--Shipments made to related firms in Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and Taiwan, including product consumed internally by your firm.

**"Export shipments"**--Shipments to destinations outside Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and Taiwan, 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-14. **Trade data**--Continued.

<b>Quantity (in short tons) and Value (in 1,000 dollars)</b>			
<b>Item</b>	<b>Calendar year</b>		
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Average production capacity</b> <sup>1</sup> (A)			
<b>Beginning-of-period inventories</b> (B)			
<b>Production</b> (C)			
<b>Home market shipments:</b> Internal consumption/ transfers <i>quantity</i> (D)			
<i>value</i> (E)			
Commercial shipments <i>quantity</i> (F)			
<i>value</i> (G)			
<b>Export shipments:</b> to the United States: <i>quantity</i> (H)			
<i>value</i> (I)			
to the European Union: <sup>2</sup> <i>quantity</i> (J)			
<i>value</i> (K)			
to Asia: <sup>3</sup> <i>quantity</i> (L)			
<i>value</i> (M)			
to all other markets: <sup>4</sup> <i>quantity</i> (N)			
<i>value</i> (O)			
<b>Total exports (quantity)</b> (P)	0	0	0
<b>Total shipments (quantity)</b> (Q)	0	0	0
<b>End-of-period inventories</b> (R)			
<p><sup>1</sup> 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><sup>2</sup> Identify your firm's principal <i>European Union</i> export markets: _____.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Identify your firm's principal <i>Asian</i> export markets: _____.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> Identify your firm's principal <i>other</i> export markets: _____.</p>			

II-14. **Trade data.**—*Continued.*

*RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line R) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line B), plus production (i.e., line C), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, H, J, L, and N). 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	Calendar year		
	2013	2014	2015
B + C – D – F – H – J – L – N – R= should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate: _____.			

II-15. **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.

**PART III.--MARKET FACTORS**

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Andrew Knipe (202-205-2390, [andrew.knipe@usitc.gov](mailto:andrew.knipe@usitc.gov)).

III-1. **Contact information.**-- Please identify the responsible individual and how Commission staff may contact the individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part III.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

III-2. **Contract versus spot.**--Approximately what share of your firm's sales of SS Wire Rod to U.S. customers in 2015 was on a (1) long-term contract basis, (2) annual contract basis, (3) short-term contract basis, and (4) spot sales basis?

	Type of sale				Total (should sum to 100.0%)
	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Spot sales (for a single delivery)	
<b>Share of your 2015 sales</b>	%	%	%	%	0.0 %

III-3. **Contract provisions.**— Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical sales contracts with U.S. customers for SS Wire Rod (or check "not applicable" if your firm does not sell on a long-term, short-term and/or annual contract basis).

Typical sales contract provisions	Item	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)
Average contract duration	<i>No. of days</i>		365	
Price renegotiation (during contract period)	<i>Yes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>No</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fixed quantity and/or price	<i>Quantity</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Price</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Both</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet or release provision	<i>Yes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>No</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

III-4. **Lead times.**— What is your firm's share of sales from inventory vs. produced to order and what is the typical lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of SS Wire Rod?

Source	Share of 2015 sales	Lead time (average number of days)
From inventory	%	
Produced to order	%	
<b>Total</b> (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	

III-5. **Raw materials.**-- Indicate how SS Wire Rod raw materials prices have changed since January 1, 2013, and how you expect they will change in the future.

Raw materials prices	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explain, noting how raw material price changes have affected your firm's selling prices for SS Wire Rod.
Changes since January 1, 2013	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anticipated changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-6. **Changes in factors affecting supply.**--Have any changes occurred in any other factors affecting supply (e.g., changes in availability or prices of energy or labor; transportation conditions; production capacity and/or methods of production; technology; export markets; or alternative production opportunities) that affected the availability of Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, or Taiwan-produced SS Wire Rod in the U.S. market since January 1, 2013?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-7. **Availability of SUBJECT import supply.**-- Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the availability of Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, or Taiwan-produced SS Wire Rod in the U.S. market in the future?

Increase	No change	Decrease	If you anticipate changes in supply, please identify the changes, including the time period and the impact of such changes on shipment volumes and prices.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-8. **Product shifting.**--Describe how easily your firm can shift its sales of SS Wire Rod between the U.S. market and alternative country markets. In your discussion, please describe any contracts, other sales arrangements, or other constraints (including any third-country trade barriers such as tariffs, quotas, or other non-tariff barriers) that would prevent or retard your firm from shifting SS Wire Rod between the U.S. and alternative country markets within a 12-month period.

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III-9. **Product range.**--Is the product range, product mix, or marketing of SS Wire Rod in your firm's home market different from that of SS Wire Rod for export to the United States or to third-country markets?

No	Yes	If yes, please explain.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-10. **Product changes.**--Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix, or marketing of SS Wire Rod in your firm's home market, for export to the United States, or for export to third-country markets since January 1, 2013? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Changes in product range, product mix, or marketing	No	Yes	Explain
Changes since January 1, 2013	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anticipated changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



III-11. **Substitutes.** --

(a) Can other products be substituted for SS Wire Rod?

No                       Yes--Please fill out the table.

Substitute	End use in which this substitute is used	Have changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for SS Wire Rod?		
		No	Yes	Explanation
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(b) Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for SS Wire Rod since January 1, 2013? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Changes in substitutes	No	Yes	Explain
Changes since January 1, 2013	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anticipated changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-12. **Interchangeability.**--Is the SS Wire Rod produced by your firm and sold in its home market interchangeable (*i.e.*, can be used in the same applications) with your firm's SS Wire Rod sold to the United States and/or to third-country markets?

Yes	No	If no, identify the market(s) and any differences in the products.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-13. **End uses.**—

- (a) Describe the end uses of the SS Wire Rod that your firm manufactures and sells to your firm's home market. If these end uses differ from those of the SS Wire Rod your firm sells to the U.S. market or to third-country markets, please explain.

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- (b) Have there been any changes in the end uses of SS Wire Rod since January 1, 2013? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Changes in end uses	No	Yes	Explain
Changes since January 1, 2013	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anticipated changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-14. **Demand trends.**--Indicate how demand in the following markets for SS Wire Rod has changed since January 1, 2013, and how you anticipate demand will change in the future. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected, and that you anticipate will affect, these changes in demand.

Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explanation and factors
<b>Demand since January 1, 2013</b>					
Home market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other markets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Anticipated future demand</b>					
Home market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other markets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-15. **Price differences.**--Please compare market prices (inclusive of any raw material surcharge) of SS Wire Rod in your firm's home market, the United States, and third-country markets.

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III-16. **International transportation.**—

(a) Who typically arranges international transportation for your firm's exports?

Exporter	Importer
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(b) If your firm typically arranges international transportation:

For 2015, report or estimate the average cost to ship typical volumes of SS Wire Rod from Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, or Taiwan to the United States	<b>dollars per short ton</b>
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III-17. **Description of home market.**--Describe briefly your firm's home market for SS Wire Rod, including the number of, and competition between, producers.

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III-18. **Import competition.**--Does your firm face competition from imports of SS Wire Rod in your firm's home market?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the country sources of these imports.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-19. **Market studies.**--Please provide as a separate attachment to this request any studies, surveys, etc. that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss SS Wire Rod supply (including production capacity and capacity utilization) and demand in (1) the United States, (2) each of the other major producing/consuming countries, including Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and Taiwan, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data from 2013 to the present and forecasts for the future.

III-20. **Other explanations.**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part III that did not provide a narrative response box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with the MS Word questionnaire.

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**Web address:** <https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/>      **Pin:** SSWR

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