

## U.S. PRODUCERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

### HOT-ROLLED STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by **June 9, 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 antidumping and countervailing duty investigations concerning hot-rolled steel flat products from Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, and the United Kingdom (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-545-547 and 731-TA-1291-1297 (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 firm's possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)).

Name of firm	_____
Address	_____
City	_____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Website	_____
Has your firm produced hot-rolled steel (as defined on next page) at any time since January 1, 2013?	
<input type="checkbox"/> NO	(Sign the certification below and promptly return <b>only</b> this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	(Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)
Return questionnaire via the U.S. International Trade 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: <b>HRS</b> )	

#### 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, 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

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Title of Authorized Official

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Date

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**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 [http://www.admin.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2016/hot\\_rolled\\_steel\\_flat\\_products\\_australia\\_brazil/final.htm](http://www.admin.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2016/hot_rolled_steel_flat_products_australia_brazil/final.htm)

***Hot-Rolled Steel.***-- The products covered by these investigations are certain hot-rolled, flat-rolled steel products, with or without patterns in relief, and whether or not annealed, painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other non-metallic substances. The products covered do not include those that are clad, plated, or coated with metal. The products covered include coils that have a width or other lateral measurement ("width") of 12.7 mm or greater, regardless of thickness, and 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 of 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 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 forth above unless the resulting measurement makes the product covered by the existing antidumping<sup>1</sup> or countervailing duty<sup>2</sup> orders on Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate Products From the Republic of Korea (A-580-836; C-580-837), 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 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

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<sup>1</sup> Notice of Amendment of Final Determinations of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Orders: Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate Products From France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan and the Republic of Korea, 65 FR 6585 (February 10, 2000).

<sup>2</sup> Notice of Amended Final Determinations: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate From India and the Republic of Korea; and Notice of Countervailing Duty Orders: Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate From France, India, Indonesia, Italy, and the Republic of Korea, 65 FR 6587 (February 10, 2000).

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.

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 as interstitial-free (IF)) steels, high strength low alloy (HSLA) steels, the substrate for motor lamination steels, Advanced High Strength Steels (AHSS), and Ultra High Strength Steels (UHSS). 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. AHSS and UHSS are considered high tensile strength and high elongation steels, although AHSS and UHSS are covered whether or not they are high tensile strength or high elongation steels.

Subject merchandise includes hot-rolled steel that has been further processed in a third country, including but not limited to pickling, oiling, levelling, annealing, tempering, temper rolling, skin passing, painting, varnishing, trimming, cutting, punching, and/or slitting, or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the hot-rolled 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 investigation unless specifically excluded. The following products are outside of and/or specifically excluded from the scope of this investigation:

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;<sup>3</sup>
- Ball bearing steels;<sup>4</sup>
- Tool steels;<sup>5</sup> and
- Silico-manganese steels;<sup>6</sup>

The products subject to this investigation are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under item numbers: 7208.10.1500, 7208.10.3000, 7208.10.6000, 7208.25.3000, 7208.25.6000, 7208.26.0030, 7208.26.0060, 7208.27.0030, 7208.27.0060, 7208.36.0030, 7208.36.0060, 7208.37.0030, 7208.37.0060, 7208.38.0015, 7208.38.0030, 7208.38.0090, 7208.39.0015, 7208.39.0030, 7208.39.0090, 7208.40.6030, 7208.40.6060, 7208.53.0000, 7208.54.0000, 7208.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7211.14.0030, 7211.14.0090, 7211.19.1500, 7211.19.2000, 7211.19.3000, 7211.19.4500, 7211.19.6000, 7211.19.7530, 7211.19.7560, 7211.19.7590, 7225.11.0000, 7225.19.0000, 7225.30.3050, 7225.30.7000, 7225.40.7000, 7225.99.0090, 7226.11.1000, 7226.11.9030, 7226.11.9060, 7226.19.1000, 7226.19.9000, 7226.91.5000, 7226.91.7000, and 7226.91.8000. The products subject to the investigation may also enter under the following HTSUS numbers: 7210.90.9000, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, 7212.50.0000, 7214.91.0015, 7214.91.0060, 7214.91.0090, 7214.99.0060, 7214.99.0075, 7214.99.0090, 7215.90.5000, 7226.99.0180, and 7228.60.6000. The HTSUS subheadings above are provided for convenience and U.S. Customs purposes only. The written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.

***Certain alloy hot-rolled steel products (“Alloy hot-rolled steel” or “Alloy within scope hot-rolled steel”).***--Alloy hot-rolled steel, a subset of hot-rolled steel, 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) one or more of the elements listed below is present in the quantity, by weight, respectively indicated:

- 0.30 - 1.50 percent of aluminum,
- 0.0008 – unlimited percent of boron,
- 0.40 – 1.50 percent of copper,

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<sup>3</sup> For purposes of this scope exclusion, rolling operations such as a skin pass, levelling, temper rolling or other minor rolling operations after the hot-rolling process for purposes of surface finish, flatness, shape control, or gauge control do not constitute cold-rolling sufficient to meet this exclusion.

<sup>4</sup> Ball bearing steels are defined as steels which contain, in addition to iron, each of the following elements by weight in the amount specified: (i) Not less than 0.95 nor more than 1.13 percent of carbon; (ii) not less than 0.22 nor more than 0.48 percent of manganese; (iii) none, or not more than 0.03 percent of sulfur; (iv) none, or not more than 0.03 percent of phosphorus; (v) not less than 0.18 nor more than 0.37 percent of silicon; (vi) not less than 1.25 nor more than 1.65 percent of chromium; (vii) none, or not more than 0.28 percent of nickel; (viii) none, or not more than 0.38 percent of copper; and (ix) none, or not more than 0.09 percent of molybdenum.

<sup>5</sup> Tool steels are defined as steels which contain the following combinations of elements in the quantity by weight respectively indicated: (i) More than 1.2 percent carbon and more than 10.5 percent chromium; or (ii) not less than 0.3 percent carbon and 1.25 percent or more but less than 10.5 percent chromium; or (iii) not less than 0.85 percent carbon and 1 percent to 1.8 percent, inclusive, manganese; or (iv) 0.9 percent to 1.2 percent, inclusive, chromium and 0.9 percent to 1.4 percent, inclusive, molybdenum; or (v) not less than 0.5 percent carbon and not less than 3.5 percent molybdenum; or (vi) not less than 0.5 percent carbon and not less than 5.5 percent tungsten.

<sup>6</sup> Silico-manganese steel is defined as steels containing by weight: (i) Not more than 0.7 percent of carbon; (ii) 0.5 percent or more but not more than 1.9 percent of manganese, and (iii) 0.6 percent or more but not more than 2.3 percent of silicon.

- 0.30 - 1.25 percent of chromium,
- 1.65 – 2.50 percent of manganese,
- 0.08 – 0.80 percent of molybdenum,
- 0.30 - 2.00 percent of nickel,
- 0.06 – 0.10 percent of niobium (also called columbium),
- 0.60 – 3.30 percent of silicon,
- 0.05 – unlimited percent of titanium,
- 0.10 – 0.30 percent of vanadium,
- 0.05 – 0.30 percent of zirconium.

**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.

**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-1a. **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 50 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-1b. **TAA information release.**--In the event that the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) makes an affirmative final determination in this proceeding, do you consent to the USITC's release of your contact information (company name, address, contact person, telephone number, email address) appearing on the front page of this questionnaire to the Departments of Commerce, Labor, and Agriculture, as applicable, so that your firm and its workers can be made eligible for benefits under the Trade Adjustment Assistance program?

Yes       No

I-2. **Establishments covered.**--Provide the city, state, zip code, and brief description of each establishment covered by this questionnaire. If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol in the footnote to the table. **Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.**

**"Establishment"**--Each facility of a firm engaged in the production of hot-rolled steel, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

Establishments covered <sup>1</sup>	City, State	Zip (5 digit)	Description
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

<sup>1</sup> Additional discussion on establishments consolidated in this questionnaire: \_\_\_\_\_.

I-3. **Petition support.**--Does your firm support or oppose the petition?

Country	Support	Oppose	Take no position
Australia (Antidumping)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brazil (Antidumping)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brazil (Countervailing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Japan (Antidumping)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Korea (Antidumping)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Korea (Countervailing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Netherlands (Antidumping)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Turkey (Antidumping)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Turkey (Countervailing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The United Kingdom (Antidumping)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I-4. **Ownership.**--Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

No             Yes--List the following information.

Firm name	Address	Extent of ownership (percent)





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

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Justin Enck (202-205-3363, Justin.enck@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 hot-rolled steel since January 1, 2013.

<i>(check as many as appropriate)</i>		<i>(please describe, including the time period and volume affected)</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-3a. **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 in the periods indicated.

**"Overall production capacity" or "capacity"** – The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods. 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 U.S. establishment(s), including production consumed internally within your firm and production for another firm under a toll agreement.

Quantity (in short tons)					
Item	Calendar years			January-March	
	2013	2014	2015	2015	2016
<b>Overall production capacity</b>					
<b>Production of:</b>					
<b>Hot-rolled steel<sup>1</sup></b>	0	0	0	0	0
Other products <sup>2</sup>					
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Data entered for production of hot-rolled steel will populate here once reported in question II-7. <sup>2</sup> Please identify these products: _____.					

II-3b. **Operating parameters.**--The production capacity reported in II-3a is based on operating \_\_\_\_ hours per week, \_\_\_\_ weeks per year.

II-3c. **Capacity calculation.**--Please describe the methodology used to calculate overall production capacity reported in II-3a, and explain any changes in reported capacity.

II-3d. **Production constraints.**--Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your firm's production capacity.

II-3e. **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-4. **Tolling.**--Since January 1, 2013, has your firm been involved in a toll agreement regarding the production of hot-rolled steel?

**"Toll agreement"**--Agreement between two firms whereby the first firm furnishes the raw materials and the second firm uses the raw materials to produce a product that it then returns to the first firm with a charge for processing costs, overhead, etc.

No                       Yes--Please describe the toll arrangement(s) and name the firm(s) involved

II-5. **Foreign trade zones.**--

- (a) **Firm's FTZ operations.**--Does your firm produce hot-rolled steel in and/or admit hot-rolled steel into a foreign trade zone (FTZ)?

**"Foreign trade zone"** is a designated location in the United States where firms utilize special procedures that allow delayed or reduced customs duty payments on foreign merchandise. A foreign trade zone must be designed as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in the Foreign-Trade Zones Act.

- No                       Yes--Describe the nature of your firms operations in FTZs and identify the specific FTZ site(s).

- (b) **Other firms' FTZ operations.**--To your knowledge, do any firms in the United States import hot-rolled steel into a foreign trade zone (FTZ) for use in distribution of hot-rolled steel and/or the production of downstream articles?

- No/Don't know                       Yes--Identify the firms and the FTZs.

II-6. **Importer.**--Since January 1, 2013, has your firm imported hot-rolled steel?

**"Importer"** – The person or firm primarily liable for the payment of any duties on the merchandise, or an authorized agent acting on his behalf. The importer may be the consignee, or the importer of record.

- No                       Yes--**COMPLETE AND RETURN A U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE**

- II-7. **Production, shipment and inventory data.**--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of hot-rolled steel in its U.S. establishment(s) during the specified periods.

**"Average production capacity" or "capacity"** – The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods. 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 U.S. establishment(s), including production consumed internally within your firm and production for another firm under a toll agreement.

**"U.S. commercial shipments"** –Shipments made within the United States as a result of an arm's length commercial transaction in the ordinary course of business. 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.

**"Internal consumption"** – Product consumed internally by your firm.

**"Transfers to related firms"** –Shipments made to related domestic firms. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.

**"Related firm"** –A firm that your firm solely or jointly owns, manages, or otherwise controls. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.

**"Export shipments"** –Shipments to destinations outside the United States, 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-7. Production, shipment and inventory data.--**

<b>Quantity (in short tons) and value (in \$1,000)</b>					
<b>Item</b>	<b>Calendar years</b>			<b>January-March</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Average production capacity<sup>1</sup> (quantity) (A)</b>					
<b>Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (B)</b>					
<b>Production (quantity) (C)</b>					
<b>U.S. shipments:</b>					
<b>Commercial shipments:</b>					
Quantity (D) <sup>2</sup>					
Value (E)					
<b>Internal consumption:</b>					
Quantity (F)					
Value <sup>3</sup> (G)					
<b>Transfers to related firms:</b>					
Quantity (H)					
Value <sup>3</sup> (I)					
<b>Export shipments:<sup>4</sup></b>					
Quantity (J)					
Value (K)					
<b>End-of-period inventories<sup>4</sup> (quantity) (L)</b>					
<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> Of your data reported for U.S. commercial shipments in 2015 above, please indicate the quantity (in short tons) your firm sold in 2015 that was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade X-70 hot-rolled coil in thicknesses over 0.625": _____ short tons.</li> <li>• Hot-rolled coil with a tensile strength of 585 Mega Pascal to 779 Mega Pascal, used for automotive parts: _____ short tons.</li> <li>• Hot-rolled coil with a tensile strength of 780 Mega Pascal or more, used for automotive parts: _____ short tons.</li> <li>• High Strength Low Alloy Steel with minimum 50 ksi yield strength, greater than 0.500" in thickness and/or greater than 72" wide: _____ short tons.</li> <li>• Steel with 100 ksi yield strength, greater than 65" wide and/or greater than 0.375" thickness: _____ short tons.</li> <li>• Steel with 100 ksi yield strength, up to and including 0.375" thickness with Charpy impact value of at least 20 ft/lb at minus 40 degrees F in transverse test direction: _____ short tons.</li> <li>• High Strength Low Alloy grade 70 steel, thin gauge (maximum 0.078") meeting gauge tolerances not greater than 0.004" total through the entire coil (head to tail): _____ short tons.</li> <li>• Battery Quality Hot Band – Hot-rolled, continuously cast steel sheet in coil suitable for further processing and the ultimate manufacture of battery cans. The steel shall be ultra-clean, with individual particles of non-metallic inclusions not greater than 1 micron (0.000039") and clusters or groups of non-metallics not exceeding 5 microns (0.000197") in length. Scale shall be completely removable by hydrochloric acid pickling, the resulting surfaces being free of digs, scratches, pits, gouges and slivers. The steel shall have a low crown, with a symmetrical profile of 0.0020" maximum: _____ short tons.</li> </ul> <p><sup>3</sup> Internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. In the event that your firm uses a different basis for valuing these transactions, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.) and provide value data using that basis for each of the periods noted above: _____.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> Identify your firm's principal export markets: _____.</p>					

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

Reconciliation	Calendar years			January-March	
	2013	2014	2015	2015	2016
B + C – D – F – H – J – L = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. <sup>1</sup>	0	0	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-8. **Channels of distribution.**-- Report your firm's commercial U.S. shipments by channel of distribution.

Quantity (in short tons) and value (in \$1,000)					
Item	Calendar years			January-March	
	2013	2014	2015	2015	2016
<b>Channels of distribution:</b>					
<b>Commercial U.S. shipments:</b>					
To steel service centers and/or distributors (quantity) (M) <sup>1</sup>					
To end users (quantity) (N) <sup>2</sup>					

<sup>1</sup> In 2015, what estimated share of your firm's reported commercial shipments to **steel service centers and/or distributors** were in the following likely end use applications:

Distributor/service center likely end use	Share of total (percent)
Tubular goods producers	
Automotive and other transportation equipment manufacturers	
Construction/structural applications	
Appliances, machinery and parts	
Other end uses/unknown	
Total (should sum to 100.0 percent)	0.0

Identify the other end uses: \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>2</sup> Please estimate the share of your firm's U.S. commercial shipments to **end users** in 2015 that were for the following end-use applications:

End user likely end use	Share of total (percent)
Tubular goods producers	
Automotive and other transportation equipment manufacturers	
Construction/structural applications	
Appliances, machinery and parts	
Other end uses/unknown	
Total (should sum to 100.0 percent)	0.0

Identify the other end uses: \_\_\_\_\_.

Reconciliation	Calendar years			January-March	
	2013	2014	2015	2015	2016
M + N - D = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0



II-9. **Employment data.**--Report your firm's employment-related data related to the production of hot-rolled steel and provide any explanation for any trends in these data.

**"Production Related Workers" (PRWs)** includes working supervisors and all nonsupervisory workers (including group leaders and trainees) engaged in fabricating, processing, assembling, inspecting, receiving, storage, handling, packing, warehousing, shipping, trucking, hauling, maintenance, repair, janitorial and guard services, product development, auxiliary production for plant's own use (e.g., power plant), recordkeeping, and other services closely associated with the above production operations.

Average number employed may be computed by adding the number of employees, both full time and part time, for the 12 pay periods ending closest to the 15th of the month and divide that total by 12. For the January to March periods, calculate similarly and divide by 3.

**"Hours worked"** includes time paid for sick leave, holidays, and vacation time. Include overtime hours actually worked; do not convert overtime pay to its equivalent in straight time hours.

**"Wages paid"** --Total wages paid before deductions of any kind (e.g., withholding taxes, old-age and unemployment insurance, group insurance, union dues, bonds, etc.). Include wages paid directly by your firm for overtime, holidays, vacations, and sick leave.

Item	Calendar years			January-March	
	2013	2014	2015	2015	2016
Average number of PRWs (number)					
Hours worked by PRWs (1,000 hours)					
Wages paid to PRWs (\$1,000)					

Explanation of trends:

II-10. **Related firms.**--If your firm reported transfers to related firms in question II-8, please indicate the nature of the relationship between your firm and the related firms (e.g., joint venture, wholly owned subsidiary), whether the transfers were priced at market value or by a non-market formula, whether your firm retained marketing rights to all transfers, and whether the related firms also processed inputs from sources other than your firm.

II-11. **Purchases.**--Other than direct imports, has your firm otherwise purchased hot-rolled steel since January 1, 2013?

**"Purchase"** – A transaction to buy product from a U.S. corporate entity such as another U.S. producer, a U.S. distributor, or a U.S. firm that has directly imported the product.

**"Direct import"** –A transaction to buy from a foreign producer, exporter, or selling agent where your firm is the importer of record or consignee.

No             Yes--Report such purchases below and explain the reasons for your firms' purchases:

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<b>(Quantity in short tons)</b>					
Item	Calendar years			January-March	
	2013	2014	2015	2015	2016
<b>Purchases from U.S. importers<sup>1</sup> of hot-rolled steel from—</b>					
Australia					
Brazil					
Japan					
Korea					
The Netherlands					
Turkey					
The United Kingdom					
Canada (nonsubject)					
All other sources					
<b>Purchases from domestic producers<sup>2</sup></b>					
<b>Purchases from other sources<sup>2</sup></b>					
<p><sup>1</sup> Please list the name of the importer(s) from which your firm purchased this product. If your firm's import suppliers differ by source, please identify the source for each listed supplier: _____.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Please list the name of the producer(s) or U.S. distributor(s) from which your firm purchased this product: _____.</p>					

II-12. **Captive production use.**—Please report the share of your firm’s 2015 internal consumption and/or transfers to related firms, for the uses identified below. **These data should reconcile with the 2015 quantities reported in question II-7 (lines F+H).**

Products	Internal consumption 2015 (short tons)	Transfers to related firms 2015 (short tons)
Sold as hot-rolled steel	N/A	
Unusable/not further processed <sup>1</sup>		
Hot-rolled plate (cut to length plate from coil-4.75 mm and greater in thickness)		
Pipe and tubular products		
Cold-rolled sheet and strip		
Coated steel		
Tin mill products		
Processed into other products <sup>2</sup>		
Total	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Please describe these products: _____.		
<sup>2</sup> Please identify these products: _____.		

*RECONCILIATION OF INTERNAL CONSUMPTION, TRANSFERS, AND U.S. COMMERCIAL SHIPMENTS.*—The sum of the data reported above should be equal to the 2015 data reported for internal consumption, transfers, and U.S. commercial shipments. Please ensure that the reconciliation checks below are returning zero ("0")

Reconciliation	Calendar years		
	2013	2014	2015
Internal consumption (line F in II-7) reconciliation	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	0
Transfers to related parties (line H in II-7) reconciliation	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	0

II-13. **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.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Address questions on this part of the questionnaire to David Boyland (202-708-4725, David.Boyland@usitc.gov).

III-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 III.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

III-2. **Accounting system.**--Briefly describe your firm's financial accounting system.

A. When does your firm's fiscal year end (month and day)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If your firm's fiscal year changed during the data-collection period, explain below:

B.1. Describe the lowest level of operations (e.g., plant, division, company-wide) for which financial statements are prepared that include hot-rolled steel:

2. Does your firm prepare profit/loss statements for hot-rolled steel:  
 Yes       No

3. How often did your firm (or parent company) prepare financial statements (including annual reports, 10Ks)? Please check relevant items below.  
 Audited,    unaudited,    annual reports,    10Ks,    10 Qs,  
 Monthly,    quarterly,    semi-annually,    annually

4. Accounting basis:  GAAP,    cash,    tax, or    other comprehensive basis of accounting (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/records used in the preparation of the financial data, as Commission staff may contact your firm regarding questions on the financial data. The Commission may also request that your company submit copies of the supporting documents/records (financial statements, including internal profit-and-loss statements for the division or product group that includes hot-rolled steel, as well as specific statements and worksheets) used to compile these data.*

III-3. **Cost accounting system.**--Briefly describe your firm's cost accounting system (e.g., standard cost, job order cost, etc.).

III-4a. **Allocation basis.**--Briefly describe your firm's allocation basis, if any, for COGS, SG&A, and interest expense and other income and expenses.

III-4b. **Allocation changes.**--Please describe how changes in the production or sales of products other than hot-rolled steel by your firm have impacted the allocations of fixed costs, such as other factory costs, and SG&A expenses to hot-rolled steel. Please take into account products not only from the facilities in which your firm produced hot-rolled steel, but also relevant firm-wide production.

III-5. **Other products.**--Please list the products your firm produced in the facilities in which your firm produced hot-rolled steel, and provide the share of net sales accounted for by these products in your firm's most recent fiscal year.

Products	Share of sales
Hot-rolled steel	%
Cold-rolled steel	%
Coated (corrosion-resistant) steel	%
Tin mill products	%
Other:	%

III-6. Does your firm purchase inputs (raw materials, labor, energy, or any services) used in the production of hot-rolled steel from any related suppliers (e.g., inclusive of transactions between related firms, divisions and/or other components within the same company)?

- Yes--Continue to question III-7.       No--Continue to question III-9.

III-7. **Inputs from related suppliers.**--Please identify the inputs used in the production of hot-rolled steel that your firm purchases from related suppliers and that are reflected in table III-9 and III-10. For "Share of total COGS" please report this information by relevant input on the basis of your most recently completed fiscal year. For "Input valuation" please describe the basis, as recorded in your company's own accounting system, of the purchase cost from the related supplier; e.g., the related supplier's actual cost, cost plus, negotiated transfer price to approximate fair market value.

Input	Related supplier	Share of total COGS
<b>Input valuation as recorded in the firm's accounting books and records</b>		

III-8. **Inputs purchased from related suppliers.**--Please confirm that the inputs purchased from related suppliers, as identified in III-7, were reported in the financial results on hot-rolled steel (III-9 and III-10) in a manner consistent with your firm's accounting books and records.

Yes

No--In the space below, please report the valuation basis of inputs purchased from related suppliers as reported in table III-9 and III-10.

Complete table III-9 (financial results on hot-rolled steel with the value of transfers and internal consumption based on constructed fair market value) using the instructions that follow.

III-9. **Operations on hot-rolled steel with internal consumption and transfers to related parties valued based on constructed fair market value** --Estimating the fair market value of internal consumption and transfers to related firms: If there are no differences between the hot-rolled steel sold commercially and the hot-rolled steel internally consumed or transferred to related parties, the per-unit sales values of the internally consumed or transferred hot-rolled steel should be estimated to be the same as the per unit sales value of the commercially sold hot-rolled steel. If there are differences (such as from product mix, physical, or quality differences) between the hot-rolled steel sold commercially and the hot-rolled steel either internally consumed or transferred, the per-unit sales values of this internally consumed or transferred hot-rolled steel should be adjusted to reflect those differences. In either case, the cost of producing the internally consumed or transferred product should reflect the costs in your firm's accounting records. SG&A expense should be allocated to internal consumption and transfers using a reasonable estimation basis.

III-9. **Operations on hot-rolled steel with internal consumption and transfers to related parties valued based upon constructed fair market value**--Report the revenue and related cost information requested below on the hot-rolled steel operations of your U.S. establishment(s).<sup>1</sup> Include both domestic and export sales of the hot-rolled steel your firm produced, but do not report the resale of purchased hot-rolled steel. Note that internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. Input purchases from related suppliers should be consistent with and based on information in the firm's accounting books and records. Provide data for your firm's three most recently completed fiscal years in chronological order from left to right and for the specified interim period. If your firm was involved in tolling operations (either as the toller or as the tollee), please contact David Boyland at (202) 708-4725 before completing this section of the questionnaire.

<b>Quantity (in short tons) and value (in \$1,000)</b>					
<b>Item</b>	<b>Fiscal years ended--</b>			<b>January-March</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Net sales quantities:<sup>2</sup></b>					
Commercial sales ("CS")					
Internal consumption ("IC")					
Transfers to related firms ("Transfers")					
Total net sales quantities	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net sales values:<sup>2</sup></b>					
Commercial sales					
Internal consumption					
Transfers to related firms					
Total net sales values	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cost of goods sold (COGS):<sup>3</sup></b>					
Raw materials					
Direct labor					
Other factory costs					
Total COGS	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Gross profit or (loss)</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Selling, general, and administrative (SG&amp;A) expenses:</b>					
Selling expenses					
General and administrative expenses					
Total SG&A expenses	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Other expenses and income:</b>					
Interest expense					
All other expense items					
All other income items					
<b>Net income or (loss) before income taxes</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Depreciation/amortization included above</b>					

<sup>1</sup> Include only sales (whether domestic or export and inclusive of CS, IC, and Transfers) and costs related to your U.S. manufacturing operations.

<sup>2</sup> Less discounts, returns, allowances, and prepaid freight. The quantities and values should approximate the corresponding shipment quantities and values reported in Part II of this questionnaire.

<sup>3</sup> COGS (whether for domestic or export sales) should include costs associated with CS, IC, and Transfers.

*Note -- The table above contains calculations that will appear when you have entered data in the MS Word form fields.*

III-10. **Operations on hot-rolled steel -- U.S. commercial sales and exports only ("open market sales")**--Report the revenue and related cost information requested below on the hot-rolled steel operations of your U.S. establishment(s).<sup>1</sup> Include both domestic and export commercial sales of the hot-rolled steel your firm produced, but do not report the resale of purchased hot rolled steel. Input purchases from related suppliers should be consistent with and based on information in the firm's accounting books and records. Provide data for your firm's three most recently completed fiscal years in chronological order from left to right and for the specified interim periods. If your firm was involved in tolling operations (either as the toller or as the tollee) please contact David Boyland at (202) 708-4725 before completing this section of the questionnaire.

Quantity (in short tons) and value (in \$1,000)					
Item	Fiscal years ended--			January-March	
	2013	2014	2015	2015	2016
<b>Net sales quantities:</b> <sup>2</sup>					
Commercial sales ("CS")					
Total net sales quantities	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net sales values:</b> <sup>2</sup>					
Commercial sales					
Total net sales values	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cost of goods sold (COGS):</b> <sup>3</sup>					
Raw materials					
Direct labor					
Other factory costs					
Total COGS	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Gross profit or (loss)</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Selling, general, and administrative (SG&amp;A) expenses:</b>					
Selling expenses					
General and administrative expenses					
Total SG&A expenses	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Other expenses and income:</b>					
Interest expense					
All other expense items					
All other income items					
<b>Net income or (loss) before income taxes</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Depreciation/amortization included above</b>					
<sup>1</sup> Include only commercial sales (whether <u>domestic or export</u> ) and costs related to your <u>U.S. manufacturing operations</u> . <sup>2</sup> Less discounts, returns, allowances, and prepaid freight. The quantities and values should approximate the corresponding shipment quantities and values reported in Part II of this questionnaire. <sup>3</sup> COGS (whether for domestic or export sales) should include <u>costs associated with CS</u> .					



III-11. **Financial data reconciliation.**--The calculable line items from questions III-9 and III-10 (*i.e.*, total net sales quantities and values, total COGS, gross profit (or loss), total SG&A, and net income (or loss)) have been calculated from the data submitted in the other line items. Do the calculated fields return the correct data according to your firm's financial records ignoring non-material differences that may arise due to rounding?

Yes     No--If the calculated fields do not show the correct data, please double check the feeder data for data entry errors and revise.

Also, check signs accorded to the post operating income line items; the two expense line items should report positive numbers (*i.e.*, expenses are positive and incomes or reversals are negative--instances of the latter should be rare in those lines) while the income line item also in most instances should have its value be a positive number (*i.e.*, income is positive, expenses or reversals are negative).

If after reviewing and potentially revising the feeder data your firm has provided, the differences between your records and the calculated fields persist please identify and discuss the differences in the space below.

III-12a. **Nonrecurring items (charges and gains) included in reported hot-rolled steel financial results.**-- For each annual and interim period for which financial results are reported in tables III-9 or III-10, please specify all material (significant) nonrecurring items (charges and gains) in the schedule below, the specific table III-9 or III-10 line item where the nonrecurring items are included, a brief description of the relevant nonrecurring items, and the associated values (*in \$1,000*). If an aggregate nonrecurring item has been allocated to table III-9 or III-10, only the allocated value amount included in table III-9 or III-10 should be reported in the schedule below. Note: The Commission's objective here is to gather information only on material (significant) nonrecurring items which impacted the reported financial results in table III-9 or III-10.

	Fiscal years ended--			January-March	
	2013	2014	2015	2015	2016
<b>Nonrecurring item:</b> In this column please provide a brief description of each nonrecurring item and indicate the specific line item in table III-9 or III-10 where the nonrecurring item is classified.	<b>Nonrecurring item:</b> In these columns please report the amount of the relevant nonrecurring item reported in table III-9 or III-10.  <b>Value (\$1,000)</b>				
1. III-9 , classified as					
2. III-9 , classified as					
3. III-9 , classified as					
4. III-9 , classified as					
5. III-10 , classified as					
6. III-10 , classified as					
7. III-10 , classified as					
8. III-10 , classified as					

III-12b. **Classification of identified nonrecurring items (charges and gains) in the accounting books and records of the company.**--If non-recurring items were reported in table III-12a above, please identify where your company recorded these items in your accounting books and records in the normal course of business.

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III-13. **Asset values.**--Report the total net assets (i.e., both current and long-term assets) associated with the production, warehousing, and sale of hot-rolled steel. If your firm does not maintain some or all of the specific asset information necessary to calculate total assets for hot-rolled steel in the normal course of business, please estimate this information based upon a method (such as production, sales, or costs) that is consistent with relevant cost allocations in table III-9. Provide data as of the end of your firm's three most recently completed fiscal years.

**Note:** Total assets should reflect net assets after any accumulated depreciation and allowances deducted. Total assets should be allocated if these assets are also related to other products. Please provide a brief explanation if there are any substantial changes in total asset value during the period; e.g., due to asset write-offs, revaluation, and major purchases.

Value (in \$1,000)			
Item	Fiscal years ended--		
	2013	2014	2015
<b>Total assets (net)</b> <sup>1</sup>			
<sup>1</sup> Describe _____			

III-14. **Capital expenditures and research and development expenses.**--Report your firm's capital expenditures and research and development expenses for hot-rolled steel. Provide data for your firm's three most recently completed fiscal years and for the specified interim periods.

Value (in \$1,000)					
Item	Fiscal years ended--			January-March	
	2013	2014	2015	2015	2016
<b>Capital expenditures</b> <sup>1</sup>					
<b>Research and development expenses</b> <sup>2</sup>					
<sup>1</sup> Please describe the nature, focus, and significance of your firm's capital expenditures on hot-rolled steel: _____					
<sup>2</sup> Please describe the nature, focus, and significance of your firm's R&D expenses related to hot-rolled steel: _____					

III-15. **Data consistency and reconciliation.**--Please indicate whether your firm's financial data for questions III-9, III-10, III-13, and III-14 are based on a calendar year or on your firm's fiscal year:

Calendar year	Fiscal year	Specify fiscal year
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Please note the quantities and values reported in question III-9 and III-10 should reconcile with the data reported in question II-7 (including export shipments) as long as they are reported on the same calendar year basis.

Do these data in question III-9 and III-10 reconcile with data in question II-7?

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

III-16a. **Effects of imports on investment.**--Since January 1, 2013, has your firm experienced any actual negative effects on its return on investment or the scale of capital investments as a result of imports of hot-rolled steel from Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, and the United Kingdom?

No                       Yes--My firm has experienced actual negative effects as follows:

<i>(check as many as appropriate)</i>		<i>(please describe)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cancellation, postponement, or rejection of expansion projects	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Denial or rejection of investment proposal	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduction in the size of capital investments	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Return on specific investments negatively impacted	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	

III-16b. Does your firm's response differ by country?

No	Yes	If yes, indicate which country and why:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-17a. **Effects of imports on growth and development.**--Since January 1, 2013, has your firm experienced any actual negative effects on its growth, ability to raise capital, or existing development and production efforts (including efforts to develop a derivative or more advanced version of the product) as a result of imports of hot-rolled steel from Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, and the United Kingdom?

No                       Yes--My firm has experienced actual negative effects as follows:

<i>(check as many as appropriate)</i>		<i>(please describe)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rejection of bank loans	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lowering of credit rating	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Problem related to the issue of stocks or bonds	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ability to service debt	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	

III-17b. Does your firm's response differ by country?

No	Yes	If yes, indicate which country and why:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-18a. **Anticipated effects of imports.**--Does your firm anticipate any negative effects due to imports of hot-rolled steel from Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, and the United Kingdom?

No	Yes	If yes, my firm anticipates negative effects as follows:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-18b. Does your firm's response differ by country?

No	Yes	If yes, indicate which country and why:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-19. **Other explanations.**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part III that did not provide a narrative box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. The space below may also be used to provide supplemental information (e.g., gross assets and accompanying contextual information) that you consider important for purposes of evaluating the company's financial condition. Finally, 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 IV.-- PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS**

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from John Benedetto (202-205-3270, john.benedetto@usitc.gov).

IV-1. **Contact information.**--Please identify the individual that Commission staff may contact regarding the confidential information submitted in part IV.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

**PRICE DATA**

IV-2. This question requests quarterly quantity and value data for your firm's commercial shipments to unrelated U.S. customers since January 1, 2013 of the following products produced by your firm. As indicated below, please separate sales to distributors and service centers from sales to end users.

**Product 1.**--Hot-rolled carbon steel plate in coils, as-rolled (unprocessed), not pickled or temper-rolled, not high strength, produced to AISI-1006-1025 grade (including, but not limited to, ASTM A36), 0.187" through 0.625" in nominal or actual thickness, 40" through 72" in width.

**Product 2.**--Hot-rolled carbon steel sheet in coils, commercial quality, SAE 1006-1015 or ASTM A1011 equivalent, not high-strength, not pickled and oiled, not temper-rolled, 0.090" through 0.171" in nominal or actual thickness, 40" to 72" in width.

**Product 3.**--Hot-rolled carbon steel sheet in coils, commercial quality SAE 1006-1015 or ASTM A1011 equivalent, pickled and oiled, temper-rolled, not high strength, 0.090" through 0.171" in nominal or actual thickness, 40" to 72" in width.

**Product 4.**--Hot rolled steel plate in coils, high strength low alloy, for conversion to API PSL 2 X-70, 0.250 to 0.750, 50" to 77" in width.

**Please note that values should be f.o.b., U.S. point of shipment and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Values should reflect the *final net* amount paid to your firm (i.e., should be net of all deductions for discounts or rebates).**

During January 2013-March 2016, did your firm produce and sell to unrelated U.S. customers any of the above listed products (or any products that were competitive with these products)?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Yes.</b> --Please complete the following pricing data table as appropriate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No.</b> --Skip to question IV-3.

IV-2. **Price data.**—Report below the quarterly price data<sup>1</sup> for pricing products<sup>2</sup> produced and sold by your firm.

## SALES TO DISTRIBUTORS AND SERVICE CENTERS

**Report data in actual short tons and actual dollars (not 1,000s).**

<i>(Quantity in short tons, value in dollars)</i>								
Period of shipment	Product 1		Product 2		Product 3		Product 4	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
<b>2013:</b>								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
<b>2014:</b>								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
<b>2015:</b>								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
<b>2016:</b>								
January-March								

<sup>1</sup> Net values (*i.e.*, gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S. point of shipment.

<sup>2</sup> Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part IV.

**Note.**—If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.

Product 1:  
 Product 2:  
 Product 3:  
 Product 4:

IV-2. **Price data.-- Continued.** Report below the quarterly price data<sup>1</sup> for pricing products<sup>2</sup> produced and sold by your firm.

## SALES TO END USERS

**Report data in actual short tons and actual dollars (not 1,000s).**

(Quantity in short tons, value in dollars)								
Period of shipment	Product 1		Product 2		Product 3		Product 4	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
<b>2013:</b>								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
<b>2014:</b>								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
<b>2015:</b>								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
<b>2016:</b>								
January-March								

<sup>1</sup> Net values (*i.e.*, gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S. point of shipment.

<sup>2</sup> Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part IV.

**Note.**--If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.

Product 1:

Product 2:

Product 3:

Product 4:



**Pricing data methodology.**—Please describe the method and the kinds of documents/records that were used to compile your price data.

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

IV-3. **Price setting.**-- How does your firm determine the prices that it charges for sales of hot-rolled steel (*check all that apply*)? If your firm issues price lists, please submit sample pages of a recent list.

Transaction by transaction	Contracts	Set price lists	Other	If other, describe
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-4. **Discount policy.**-- Please indicate and describe your firm's discount policies (*check all that apply*).

Quantity discounts	Annual total volume discounts	No discount policy	Other	Describe
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-5. **Pricing terms.**--

(a) What are your firm's typical sales terms for its U.S.-produced hot-rolled steel?

Net 30 days	Net 60 days	2/10 net 30 days	Other	Other (specify)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(b) On what basis are your firm's prices of domestic hot-rolled steel usually quoted (*check one*)?

Delivered	F.o.b.	If f.o.b., specify point
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-6. **Contract versus spot.**--Approximately what share of your firm's sales of its U.S.-produced hot-rolled steel 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 2015 sales</b>	%	%	%	%	0.0 %

IV-7. **Contract provisions.**--Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical sales contracts for U.S.-produced hot-rolled steel (or check "not applicable" if your firm does not sell on a long-term, short-term and/or annual contract basis).

<b>Typical sales contract provisions</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Short-term contracts</b> (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	<b>Annual contracts</b> (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	<b>Long-term contracts</b> (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"/>

IV-8. **Lead times.**--What is your firm's share of sales from inventory and 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 its U.S.-produced hot-rolled steel?

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

**IV-9. Shipping information.--**

- (a) What is the approximate percentage of the total delivered cost of U.S.-produced hot-rolled steel that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs? \_\_\_\_\_ percent
- (b) Who generally arranges the transportation to your firm's customers' locations?  
 Your firm     Purchaser (*check one*)
- (c) Indicate the approximate percentage of your firm's sales of hot-rolled steel that are delivered the following distances from its production facility.

Distance from production facility	Share
Within 100 miles	%
101 to 1,000 miles	%
Over 1,000 miles	%
<b>Total</b> (should sum to 100.0%)	<b>0.0 %</b>

- (d) Did your firm ship hot-rolled steel to the Pacific Coast (CA, OR, and/or WA) from any of your mills? If so, did your firm encounter any difficulties (e.g. availability of rail cars) and/or additional costs?

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

**IV-10. Geographical shipments.--** In which U.S. geographic market area(s) has your firm sold its U.S.-produced hot-rolled steel since January 1, 2013 (check all that apply)?

Geographic area	√ if applicable
<b>Northeast.</b> —CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Midwest.</b> —IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, and WI.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Southeast.</b> —AL, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Central Southwest.</b> —AR, LA, OK, and TX.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Mountains.</b> —AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Pacific Coast.</b> —CA, OR, and WA.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Other.</b> —All other markets in the United States not previously listed, including AK, HI, PR, and VI.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**IV-11. End uses.—**

- (a) List the end uses of the hot-rolled steel that your firm manufactures and sells commercially. For each end-use product, what percentage of the total cost is accounted for by hot-rolled steel and other inputs?

End use product (commercial sales)	Share of total cost of end use product accounted for by		Total (should sum to 100.0% across)
	Hot-rolled steel	Other inputs	
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %

- (b) For the hot-rolled steel that your firm consumes internally or transfers to related firms, what percentage of the total cost of end use products is accounted for by hot-rolled steel and other inputs?

End use product (internal consumption or transfers to a related firm)	Share of total cost of end use product accounted for by		Total (should sum to 100.0% across)
	Hot-rolled steel	Other inputs	
Hot-rolled plate (CTL plate from coil-4.75 mm and greater in thickness)	%	%	0.0 %
Pipe and tubular products	%	%	0.0 %
Cold-rolled steel	%	%	0.0 %
Coated products	%	%	0.0 %
Tin mill products	%	%	0.0 %
Other products	%	%	0.0 %

**IV-12. Substitutes.--** Can other products be substituted for hot-rolled steel?

- 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 hot-rolled steel?		
		No	Yes	Explanation
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**IV-13. Demand trends.—**

(a) Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for hot-rolled steel has changed since January 1, 2013. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.

<b>Market</b>	<b>Overall increase</b>	<b>No change</b>	<b>Overall decrease</b>	<b>Fluctuate with no clear trend</b>	<b>Explanation and factors</b>
<b>Within the United States</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Outside the United States</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(b) Describe any changes in downstream product demand that have affected changes in demand for hot-rolled steel in the U.S. market since January 1, 2013.

<b>Market</b>	<b>Explanation and factors</b>
<b>Change in demand for oil-country tubular goods</b>	
<b>Change in demand for other downstream products</b>	

**IV-14. Product changes.--**Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix, or marketing of hot-rolled steel since January 1, 2013?

<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>If yes, please describe and quantify if possible.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**IV-15. Conditions of competition.--**

(a) Is the hot-rolled steel market subject to business cycles (other than general economy-wide conditions) and/or other conditions of competition distinctive to hot-rolled steel? If yes, describe.

<b>Check all that apply.</b>	<b>Please describe.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	Skip to question IV-16.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition</b>	

(b) If yes, have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for hot-rolled steel since January 1, 2013?

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

**IV-16. Supply constraints.--**Has your firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply hot-rolled 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, extended delivery times on quoted prices, etc.)?

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

**IV-17. Raw materials.--**How have hot-rolled steel raw materials prices and energy prices changed since January 1, 2013? If prices fluctuated, please describe the changes in each year.

<b>Prices</b>	<b>Overall increase</b>	<b>No change</b>	<b>Overall decrease</b>	<b>Fluctuate with no clear trend</b>	<b>Explain, noting how raw material price changes have affected your firm's selling prices for hot-rolled steel.</b>
Raw materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-18. **Interchangeability.**--Is hot-rolled 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 O 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

O = *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	Aus- tralia	Brazil	Japan	Korea	Nether- lands	Turkey	UK	Canada	Other countries
U.S.									
Australia									
Brazil									
Japan									
Korea									
Netherlands									
Turkey									
UK									
Canada									
For any country-pair producing hot-rolled steel that is <i>sometimes</i> or <i>never</i> interchangeable, identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:									



IV-19. **Factors other than price.**--Are differences other than price (*e.g.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between hot-rolled steel produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's sales of the products?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or O 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
- O = *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	Aus- tralia	Brazil	Japan	Korea	Nether- lands	Turkey	UK	Canada	Other countries
U.S.									
Australia									
Brazil									
Japan									
Korea									
Netherlands									
Turkey									
UK									
Canada									
For any country-pair for which factors other than price <i>always</i> or <i>frequently</i> are a significant factor in your firm's sales of hot-rolled steel, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:									

IV-20. **Customer identification.**--List the names and contact information for your firm's 10 largest U.S. customers for hot-rolled steel since January 1, 2013. Indicate the share of the quantity of your firm's total shipments of hot-rolled steel that each of these customers accounted for in 2015.

	Customer's name	City	State	Share of 2015 sales (%)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

IV-21. **Competition from imports**

- (a) **Lost revenue**--Since January 1, 2013: To avoid losing sales to competitors selling hot-rolled steel from Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, and the United Kingdom, did your firm:

	No	Yes
<b>Reduce prices</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Roll back announced price increases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- (b) **Lost sales**--Since January 1, 2013: Did your firm lose sales of hot-rolled steel to imports of this product from Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, and the United Kingdom?

No	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- IV-22. **Other explanations**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part IV 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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