U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

FINISHED CARBON STEEL FLANGES

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by March 14, 2017

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 countervailing and antidumping investigations concerning finished carbon steel flanges ("flanges") from India, Italy, and Spain (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-563 and 731-TA-1331-1333 (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

City	State Zip Code
Website	
Has your firm imported	flanges (as defined on next page) from any country at any time since January 1, 2014?
NO (Sign the	e certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)
YES (Comple	te all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.-- This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on June 30, 2016, by Weldbend Corporation ("Weldbend"), Argo, Illinois and Boltex Mfg. Co., L.P. ("Boltex"), Houston, Texas. Countervailing and/or antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these proceedings if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce ("Commerce") makes an affirmative determination of subsidization and/or dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/title 7/2017/finished carbon steel flanges india italy and/final. htm

Finished carbon steel flanges.--The scope of these investigations covers finished carbon steel flanges. Finished carbon steel flanges differ from unfinished carbon steel flanges (also known as carbon steel flange forgings) in that they have undergone further processing after forging, which can include beveling, bore threading, center or step boring, face machining, recoining or resizing, taper boring, machining ends or surfaces other than a gasket face, drilling bolt holes, and/or burring or shot blasting. Any one of these post-forging processes suffices to render the forging into a finished carbon steel flange for purposes of these petitions. However, mere heat treatment of a carbon steel flange forging (without any other further processing after forging) does not render the forging into a finished carbon steel flange for purposes of these petitions.

While these finished carbon steel flanges are generally manufactured to specification ASME B16.5 or ASME B16.47 series A or series B, the scope is not limited to flanges produced under those specifications. All types of finished carbon steel flanges are included in the scope, regardless of pipe size (usually expressed in inches of nominal pipe size), pressure class (usually expressed in pounds of pressure, e.g., 150, 300, 400, 600, 900, 1500, 2500, etc.), type of face (e.g., flat face, full face, raised face, etc.), configuration (e.g., weld neck, slip on, socket weld, lap joint, threaded, etc.), wall thickness (usually expressed in inches), and normalization or heat treatment (which may not always be used). The carbon steel used to produce finished carbon steel flanges includes, but is not limited to, carbon steel produced to ASTM A105 and ASTM A694 standards.

Finished carbon steel flanges are currently imported under statistical reporting numbers 7307.91.5010 and 7307.91.5050 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). They may also be imported under HTSUS statistical reporting numbers 7307.91.5030 and 7307.91.5070. The HTSUS provisions are for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope is dispositive.

<u>Importer</u>.--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing flanges (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

Reporting of information.-- If information is not readily available from your records, provide carefully prepared estimates. If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire (i.e., a producer, importer, and/or purchaser questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions.

<u>Confidentiality</u>.--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to this questionnaire that reveal the individual operations of your firm will be treated as confidential by the Commission to the extent that such data are not otherwise available to the public and will not be disclosed except as may be required by law (see 19 U.S.C. § 1677f). Such confidential information will not be published in a manner that will reveal the individual operations of your firm; however, general characterizations of numerical business proprietary information (such as discussion of trends) will be treated as confidential business information only at the request of the submitter for good cause shown.

<u>Verification</u>.-- The information submitted in this questionnaire is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all files, worksheets, and supporting documents used in the preparation of the questionnaire response. Please also retain a copy of the final document that you submit.

Release of information.--The information provided by your firm in response to this questionnaire, as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with this proceeding, may become subject to, and released under, the administrative protective order provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1677f) and section 207.7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.7). This means that certain lawyers and other authorized individuals may temporarily be given access to the information for use in connection with this proceeding or other import-injury proceedings conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise; those individuals would be subject to severe penalties if the information were divulged to unauthorized individuals.

<u>Valid number error messages.</u>—If you are completing this form in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 rather than \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete this form. Detailed instructions on how to resolve this issue is provided at the end of this questionnaire and is available upon request from Drew Dushkes (202-205-3229, andrew.dushkes@usitc.gov).

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U.S.	Importers	Questionnaire -	- Finished	Carbon	Steel Flan	ges

I-1.	OMB statisticsPlease 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 40 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire.

We welcome comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate, suggestions for reducing the burden, and any suggestions for improving this questionnaire. Please attach such comments to your response or send to the Office of Investigations, USITC, 500 E St. SW, Washington, DC 20436.

I-2.	<u>Establishments covered</u> Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire. If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.				
	" <u>Establishment</u> "Each facility of a firm involved in the <u>importation</u> of flanges, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.				
I-3.	OwnershipIs your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?				
	No YesList the	e following information			
	Firm name	Address	Extent of ownership (percent)		

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PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Drew Dushkes (202-205-3229, andrew.dushkes@usitc.gov). Supply all data requested on a calendar-year basis.

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Name						
Title						
Email						
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ıg changes in relation to the importation of flanges since January 1, 2014.

(check as many as appropriate)		(If checked, please describe; leave blank if not applicable)
	Office/warehouse openings	
	Office/warehouse closings	
	Relocations	
	Expansions	
	Acquisitions	
	Consolidations	
	Prolonged shutdowns or importation curtailments	
	Revised labor agreements	
	Other (e.g., technology)	

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<u>Arranged imports</u> Has your firm imported or arranged for the importation of flanges for delivery after December 31, 2016?					
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Definitions

"Imports" –Those products identified for Customs purposes as imports for consumption for which your firm was the importer of record (i.e., was responsible for paying any import duty) or consignee (i.e., to which the merchandise was first delivered).

"Import quantities" –Quantities reported should be net of returns.

"Import values" — Values reported should be landed, duty-paid values at the U.S. port of entry, including ocean freight and insurance costs, brokerage charges, and import duties (i.e., all charges except inland freight in the United States).

"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. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.

"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.

"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-5. <u>IMPORTS FROM INDIA</u> Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of flanges imported from India by your firm during the specified periods.

India

Qu	uantity (<i>in 1,000 pounds</i>	s), value (<i>in \$1,000</i>)		
	Calendar years			
Item	2014	2015	2016	
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)				
Imports: ¹ Quantity (B)				
Value (C)				
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (D)				
Value (E)				
Internal consumption/ company transfers: Quantity (F)				
Value² (G)				
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (H)				
Value (I)				
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (J)				
Channels of distribution: Commercial U.S. shipments: To distributors (quantity) (K)				
To end users (quantity) (L)				
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II-5. IMPORTS FROM INDIA.—Continued

<u>RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.</u>--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line J) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, and H). 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.

	Calendar years		
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016
A + B - D - F - H - J = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	0
¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless			

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.</u>--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines K and L) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line D) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

	Calendar years		
Reconciliation item	2014	2015	2016
K + L - D = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0

II-6. Commercial U.S. shipments, by ASME specification.--Report your firm's share of commercial U.S. shipments of flanges imported from India that meet ASME (e.g. ASME B16.5 or ASME B16.47, series A or series B) or internationally equivalent standards during calendar year 2016.

Commercial U.S. shipments in 2016	Share of total commercial U.S. shipments in 2016
Meeting ASME or internationally equivalent standard	%

II-7. <u>IMPORTS FROM ITALY</u> Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of flanges imported from Italy by your firm during the specified periods.

Italy

Qua	ntity (in 1,000 pounds	s), value (<i>in \$1,000</i>)	
	Calendar years		
Item	2014	2015	2016
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)			
Imports: ¹ Quantity (B)			
Value (C)			
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (D)			
Value (E)			
Internal consumption/ company transfers: Quantity (F)			
Value² (G)			
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (H)			
Value (I)			
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (J)			
Channels of distribution: Commercial U.S. shipments: To distributors (quantity) (K)			
To end users (quantity) (L)			
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II-7. IMPORTS FROM ITALY.—Continued

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	Calendar years		
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	Calendar years		
Reconciliation item	2014	2015	2016
K + L - D = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0

II-8. <u>Commercial U.S. shipments, by ASME specification</u>.--Report your firm's share of commercial U.S. shipments of flanges imported from Italy that meet ASME (e.g. ASME B16.5 or ASME B16.47, series A or series B) or internationally equivalent standards during calendar year 2016.

Commercial U.S. shipments in 2016	Share of total commercial U.S. shipments in 2016
Meeting ASME or internationally equivalent standard	%

II-9. <u>IMPORTS FROM SPAIN</u> Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of flanges imported from Spain by your firm during the specified periods.

Spain

Qua	ntity (<i>in 1,000 pounds</i>	s), value (<i>in \$1,000</i>)	
	Calendar years		
Item	2014	2015	2016
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)			
Imports: ¹ Quantity (B)			
Value (C)			
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (D)			
Value (E)			
Internal consumption/ company transfers: Quantity (F)			
Value² (G)			
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (H)			
Value (I)			
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (J)			
Channels of distribution: Commercial U.S. shipments: To distributors (quantity) (K)			
To end users (<i>quantity</i>) (L)			
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II-9. IMPORTS FROM SPAIN.—Continued

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	Calendar years		
Reconciliation item	2014	2015	2016
K + L - D = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0

II-10. <u>Commercial U.S. shipments, by ASME specification</u>.--Report your firm's share of commercial U.S. shipments of flanges imported from Spain that meet ASME (e.g. ASME B16.5 or ASME B16.47, series A or series B) or internationally equivalent standards during calendar year 2016.

Commercial U.S. shipments in 2016	Share of total commercial U.S. shipments in 2016
Meeting ASME or internationally equivalent standard	%

II-11. <u>IMPORTS FROM ALL OTHER SOURCES</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of flanges imported from **all other sources** combined by your firm during the specified periods.

ALL OTHER SOURCES

(list sources:)
Qua	intity (in 1,000 pound	s), value (<i>in \$1,000</i>)	
	Calendar years		
Item	2014	2015	2016
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)			
Imports: ¹ Quantity (B)			
Value (C)			
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (D)			
Value (E)			
Internal consumption/ company transfers: Quantity (F)			
Value ² (G)			
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (H)			
Value (I)			
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (J)			
Channels of distribution:			
Commercial U.S. shipments: To distributors (quantity) (K)			
To end users (quantity) (L)			
¹ Please identify the foreign producers, ² Sales to related firms (including internuses a different basis for valuing these salurovide value data using that basis for each identify your firm's principal export management.)	nal consumption) must be es within your company, th of the periods noted a	please specify that basis (e.g.	

II-11. IMPORTS FROM ALL OTHER SOURCES.—Continued

<u>RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES</u>.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line J) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, and H). 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.

	Calendar years				
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016		
A + B - D - F - H - J = should equal zero					
("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	0		
¹ Explanation if the calculated fields at	ove are returning values	s other than zero (i.e., "0	") but are nonetheless		
accurate:					

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.</u>--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines K and L) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line D) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

	Calendar years			
Reconciliation item	2014	2015	2016	
K + L - D = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	

II-12. <u>Commercial U.S. shipments, by ASME specification</u>.--Report your firm's share of commercial U.S. shipments of flanges imported from all other sources that meet ASME (e.g. ASME B16.5 or ASME B16.47, series A or series B) or internationally equivalent standards during calendar year 2016.

Commercial U.S. shipments in 2016	Share of total commercial U.S. shipments in 2016
Meeting ASME or internationally equivalent standard	%

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 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.

PART III.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Tana Farrington (202-205-2389, <u>Tana.Farrington@usitc.gov</u>).

III-1. <u>Contact information.</u>-- Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part III.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

PRICE DATA

III-2. This question requests quarterly quantity and value data for your firm's commercial shipments to unrelated U.S. customers since January 1, 2014 of the following products your firm imported from India, Italy, and Spain (all subject sources), and from China (nonsubject source)::

Product 1.--3 inch, 150 class, Raised Face, Weld neck standard flange (3 150 RF WN STD)

<u>Product 2.--</u> 4 inch, 150 class, Raised Face, Weld neck standard flange (4 150 RF WN STD)

Product 3.-- 6 inch, 150 class, Raised Face, Weld neck standard flange (6 150 RF WN STD)

Product 4.--16 inch, 150 class, Raised Face, Weld neck standard flange (16 150 RF WN STD)

Product 5.--6 inch, 150 class, Raised Face, Slip on standard flange (6 150 RF Slip on)

Product 6.--2 inch, 150 class, Raised Face, Threaded standard flange (2 150 RF THD)

Please note that values should be <u>f.o.b.</u>, <u>U.S.</u> <u>point of shipment</u> 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 2014-December 2016, did your firm import from India, Italy, and Spain (all subject sources), and/or from China (nonsubject source) and sell to unrelated U.S. customers any of the above listed products (or any products that were competitive with these products)?

YesPlease complete the following pricing data table(s) as appropriate.
NoSkip to question III-3.

Product 2: Product 3:

III-2(a). <u>Price data</u>.--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from India and sold by your firm.

INDIA

	(Quantity in pie	ces, value in dolla	ırs)		
	Produ	uct 1	Produ	ict 2	Product 3	
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2014:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2015:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2016:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
¹ Net values (<i>i.e.</i> , gross goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S ² Pricing product definit	i. point of shipmer tions are provided	nt. on the first pag	ge of part III.			
Note -If your firm's product provide a description of you						
Product 1:						

Product 6:

III-2(a). <u>Price data (continued)</u>.--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from India and sold by your firm.

INDIA

		Quantity in pie	ces, value in dollo	ars)		
	Product 4		Produ	Product 5		ıct 6
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2014:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2015:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2016:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
¹ Net values (<i>i.e.</i> , gross s goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S. ² Pricing product definiti NoteIf your firm's product	point of shipmer ions are provided	nt. on the first pa	ge of part III.			
provide a description of your						
Product 4:						
Product 5:						

III-2(b). **Price data**.--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from Italy and sold by your firm.

ITALY

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

¹ 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.

NoteIf 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:

² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of part III.

Product 5: Product 6:

III-2(b). <u>Price data (continued)</u>.--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from Italy and sold by your firm.

ITALY

	(Quantity in pie	ces, value in dollo	ars)					
	Product 4 Product 5 Product 6								
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value			
2014:									
January-March									
April-June									
July-September									
October-December									
2015:									
January-March									
April-June									
July-September									
October-December									
2016:									
January-March									
April-June									
July-September									
October-December									
¹ Net values (<i>i.e.</i> , gross goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S ² Pricing product defini	6. point of shipmer	nt.		prepaid freight	, and the value of	returned			
Note If your firm's product provide a description of you	•	•	•	•					
Product 4:									

Product 3:

III-2(c). <u>Price data</u>.--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from Spain and sold by your firm.

SPAIN

		Quantity in pie	ces, value in dolla	ars)		
	Prod	uct 1	Produ	ıct 2	Produ	uct 3
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2014:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2015: January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2016: January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
¹ Net values (<i>i.e.</i> , gross s goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S ² Pricing product definit Note -If your firm's product	 point of shipmer ions are provided does not exactly 	nt. I on the first pa meet the produ	ge of part III. uct specifications b	out is competitiv	re with the specifi	ed product,
provide a description of your Product 1:	tirm's product. <i>i</i>	Also, please exp	olain any anomalie	s in your firm's	reported pricing d	lata.
Product 2:						

Product 6:

III-2(c). <u>Price data (continued)</u>.--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from Spain and sold by your firm.

SPAIN

	Produ	uct 4	Product 5		Product 6	
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2014:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2015:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2016:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
¹ Net values (<i>i.e.</i> , gross s goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S ² Pricing product definit NoteIf your firm's product provide a description of your	point of shipmer ions are provided does not exactly	nt. on the first pag meet the produ	ge of part III.	out is competitiv	e with the specifi	ed product,
Product 4:						
Product 5:						

Product 3:

III-2(d). <u>Price data</u>.--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from China and sold by your firm.

CHINA

		Quantity in pie	ces, value in dollo	ars)						
	Product 1				Produ	ıct 3				
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value				
2014:										
January-March										
April-June										
July-September										
October-December										
2015:										
January-March										
April-June										
July-September										
October-December										
2016:										
January-March										
April-June										
July-September										
October-December										
goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S. ² Pricing product definiti	October-December 1 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. 2 Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of part III.									
Note If your firm's product provide a description of your		•	•	•	•					
Product 1:										
Product 2:										

that were used to compile your price data.

III-2(d). <u>Price data (continued)</u>.--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from China and sold by your firm.

CHINA

Report data in actual pieces (not 1,000s of pounds) and actual dollars (not 1,000s).

		(Quantity in pie	ces, value in dollo	ars)		
	uct 5	Produ	ıct 6			
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2014:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2015:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2016:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
¹ Net values (<i>i.e.</i> , gross sa goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S. ² Pricing product definition	point of shipme	nt.		, prepaid freight,	and the value of	returned
Note -If your firm's product of provide a description of your f		•	•	•	•	•
Product 4:						
Product 5:						
Product 6:						
Pricing data met	thodology.—	Please descri	be the method	d and the kind	ds of documen	ts/records

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.

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III-3.	Price setting How does your firm determine the prices that it charges for sales of finished
	carbon steel flanges (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

III-4. <u>Discount policy</u>.-- Please indicate and describe your firm's discount policies (*check all that apply*).

Quantity discounts	Annual total volume discounts	No discount policy	Other	Describe

III-5. Pricing terms.--

(a) What are your firm's typical sales terms for flanges imported from India, Italy, and/or Spain?

Net 30 days	Net 60 days	2/10 net 30 days	Other	Other (specify)

(b) On what basis are your firm's prices of imported flanges from India, Italy, and/or Spain usually quoted *(check one)*?

Delivered	F.o.b.	If f.o.b., specify point

III-6. <u>Contract versus spot</u>.--Approximately what share of your firm's sales of flanges imported from India, Italy, and/or Spain in 2016 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						
	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)	Total (shoul sum to 100.0%	ld o	
Share of 2016 sales	%	%	%	%	0.0	%	

III-7. <u>Contract provisions.</u>— Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical sales contracts for flanges from India, Italy, and/or Spain (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	No. of days		365	
Price renegotiation	Yes			
(during contract period)	No			
	Quantity			
Fixed quantity and/or price	Price			
5.1.5/ 5.1 p. 1.55	Both			
Meet or release	Yes			
provision	No			
Not applicab	le			

III-8. <u>Lead times.</u>--What is your firm's share of sales of flanges imported from India, Italy, and/or Spain 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 flanges?

Source	Share of 2016 sales	Lead time (average number of days)
From your firm's U.S. inventory	%	
From foreign manufacturers' inventory	%	
Produced to order	%	
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	

III-9.	<u>Shippir</u>	ng information.—			
	(a)	What is the approximate percentage of the total deliv India, Italy, and/or Spain that is accounted for by U.S. percent.		_	•
	(b)	Who generally arranges the transportation to your firm Purchaser (check one)	m's custom	iers' lo	cations?
	(c)	When your firm sells flanges imported from India, Italy they shipped? Point of importation Storage facility (check one)		pain, f	rom where are
	(d)	Indicate the approximate percentage of your firm's sa Italy, and/or Spain that are delivered the following dis of shipment.			
		Distance from your firm's U.S. point of shipment	Share	•	
		Within 100 miles		%	
		101 to 1,000 miles		%	
		Over 1,000 miles	·	%	
		Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0	%	

III-10. <u>Geographical shipments.</u>—In which U.S. geographic market area(s) has your firm sold flanges imported from subject countries since January 1, 2014 (check all that apply)?

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

III-11. <u>End uses.--</u>List the end uses of the flanges that your firm imports from India, Italy, and/or Spain. For each end-use product, what percentage of the <u>total cost</u> is accounted for by flanges and other inputs?

	Share of total cost	Total	
			(should sum to
End use product	Flanges	Other inputs	100.0% across)
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %

				%			%	0.0 %
				%			%	0.0 %
				%			%	0.0 %
III	-12. <u>Substitutes</u>	- Can other Io	<u></u>	e substitute ease fill out			?	
		Eı	nd use in w	hich this	Н		-	rice of this substitute ce for flanges?
	Substitute		substitute		No	Yes	Ex	xplanation
1								
2								
3	i.							
III	States (if kno	wn) for flar s. Explain ar	nges has ch	anged since	Janua	ary 1, 20	014 in the oil a	side of the United and gas sector and in ave affected these
						tuate		
	Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease		trend	Expla	anation and factors
Oil and gas	sector:			<u> </u>				
Within t	he United States				[
Outside t	he United States				[
Other than	oil and gas sector:							
Within t	he United States				[
Outside t	the United States				[
	c officed States				L		1	

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III-14.			Have there been ar s since January 1, 2	ny significant changes in the product range, product 2014?	t mix or
	No	Yes	If yes, please des	cribe.	
III-15.	Condition	s of comp	etition.—		
		_		usiness cycles (other than general economy-widens of competition distinctive to flanges?	
	Check all	that apply	y .	Please describe.	
		No		Skip to question III-16.	
			ness cycles (e.g. business)		
			r distinctive as of competition		
			e been any change nuary 1, 2014?	es in the business cycles or conditions of competiti	on for
	No	Yes	If yes, describ	e.	
III-16.	January 1, declining t	2014 (exa to accept i	amples include pla new customers or	used, declined, or been unable to supply flanges si cing customers on allocation or "controlled order or renew existing customers, delivering less than the set timely shipment commitments, etc.)?	
	No	Yes	If yes, please des	cribe.	

III-17. Raw materials.-- How have flanges raw material prices changed since January 1, 2014?

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 flanges.

III-18. <u>Interchangeability</u>.--Are flanges produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (*i.e.*, can they physically be used in the same applications)?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 in the table below:

A = the products from a specified country-pair are *always* interchangeable

F = the products are *frequently* interchangeable

S = the products are *sometimes* interchangeable

N = the products are *never* interchangeable

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

Country-pair	India	Italy	Spain	China	Other countries
United States					
India					
Italy					
Spain					
China					
II		-	e <i>sometimes</i> or <i>r</i> mit or preclude i		•

III-19. <u>Factors other than price</u>.--Are differences other than price (*e.g.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between flanges 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 0 in the table below:

A = such differences are *always* significant

F = such differences are *frequently* significant

S = such differences are *sometimes* significant

N = such differences are *never* significant

0 = no familiarity with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	India	Italy	Spain	China	Other countries
United States					
India					
Italy					
Spain					
China					

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

m 20. Approved manufacturers lists.	III-20.	Approved	manufacturers'	lists
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(a) Please estimate the share of your firm's U.S. commercial shipments of flanges that were to customers that required the listing of the producer on an approved manufacturers' list (whether published or proprietary).

	Calendar years		
	2014	2015	2016
Estimated share of your firm's U.S. commercial			
shipments of imported flanges subject to an			
approved manufacturers' listing	%	%	%

(b)	Are there distinctions between different types or classes of approved manufacturers' lists, e.g., standard, high yield, low temperature, etc.? Please describe.					
(c)	With what frequency are flanges produced by firms listed on approved manufacturers' lists flanges produced by firms not on approved manufacturers' lists interchangeable?					
	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never		
	Please explain your answer:					
(d)	(d) Please provide as an attachment to this questionnaire any approved manufacture your firm has, including where the approved flanges are manufactured. Please che					
	List(s) attached	My firm does not use have any approved manufacturers' lists				
(e)	Additional comments on approved manufacturers' lists:					

III-21. <u>Customer identification</u>.--List the names and contact information for your firm's 10 largest U.S. customers for flanges since January 1, 2014. Indicate the share of the quantity of your firm's total shipments of flanges that each of these customers accounted for in 2016.

	Customer's name	City	State	Share of 2016 sales (%)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

III-22.	. Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in part 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 yo firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with the MS Word questionnaire.			

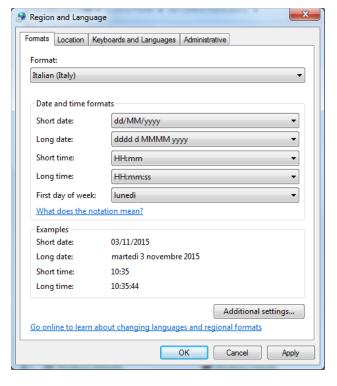
Correcting Valid number error messages.--If you are completing a Commission questionnaire in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 instead of as \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. This issues stem from your computer number formatting setting (e.g., not the MS Word document itself, but the computer from which you are opening up the document). In the United States commas (,) delineate multiples of 1000 and periods (.) delineate fractions less than one. Many EU countries use the reverse where multiples of 1000 are delineated with periods (.) and fractions less than one are delineated with commas (,). The US International Trade Commission's questionnaires are set-up in the United States with the U.S. number formatting. When this formatting interacts with a computer set to EU number formatting, we believe this may cause this issue.

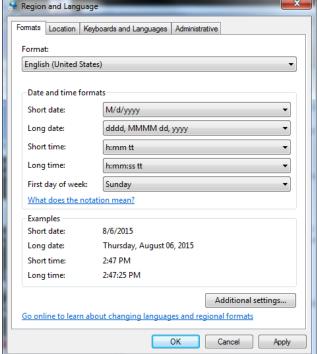
The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete the questionnaire.

To temporarily change your computer's number settings to U.S. settings, please do the following (for Microsoft Windows Operating system):

- START
- Control Panel
- Region and Language (under Clock, Language, and Region category)
- Format tab
- Change the Format from your existing one (e.g. "Italian (Italy)") to "English (United States)" (see screen shots below)

When you do this the number "twelve million dollars and thirty five cents" would change from \$12.000.000,35 (Italy format) to \$12,000,000.35 (U.S. format), and then there will be no conflict with the USITC foreign producer questionnaire form. When you finish reporting the data then you can close the questionnaire and switch back to Italy settings.





HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

This questionnaire is available as a "fillable" form in MS Word format on the Commission's website at:

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/title 7/2017/finished carbon steel flanges india italy and/final.htm

Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the questionnaire document. Please submit the completed questionnaire using one of the methods noted below. If your firm is unable to complete the MS Word questionnaire or cannot use one of the electronic methods of submission, please contact the Commission for further instructions.

• <u>Upload via Secure Drop Box</u>.—Upload the MS Word questionnaire along with a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1) through the Commission's secure upload facility:

Web address: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/ Pin: FCSF

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to andrew.dushkes@usitc.gov; include a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1). Submitters are strongly encouraged to encrypt nonpublic documents that are electronically transmitted to the Commission to protect your sensitive information from unauthorized disclosure. The USITC secure drop-box system and the Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) use Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 140-2 cryptographic algorithms to encrypt data in transit. Submitting your nonpublic documents by a means that does not use these encryption algorithms (such as by email) may subject your firm's nonpublic information to unauthorized disclosure during transmission. If you choose a non-encrypted method of electronic transmission, the Commission warns you that the risk of such possible unauthorized disclosure is assumed by you and not by the Commission.

If your firm did not import this product, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.

<u>Parties to this proceeding</u>.—If your firm is a party to this proceeding, it is required to serve a copy of the completed questionnaire on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 207.7). A list of such parties may be obtained from the Commission's Secretary (202-205-1803). A certificate of service must accompany the completed questionnaire you submit (see 19 CFR § 207.7). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.