#### FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

# CARBON AND CERTAIN ALLOY STEEL WIRE ROD ("WIRE ROD") FROM BELARUS, ITALY, KOREA, RUSSIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, TURKEY, THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, UKRAINE, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>April 11, 2017</u>

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 duty investigations and antidumping duty investigations concerning wire rod from Belarus, Italy, Korea, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-573-574 and 731-TA-1349-1358 (Preliminary)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

Name of firm

Address		
Website		
Has your firm produced	or exported wire rod (as defined on next pa	age) at any time since January 1, 2014?
NO (Sign the	certification below and promptly return <b>only</b> this	s page of the questionnaire to the Commission)
YES (Complet	te all parts of the questionnaire, and return the e	ntire questionnaire to the Commission)
Data reported in this	questionnaire relate to (Check one):	
BELARUS SOUTH AFRICA UKRAINE		SSIA E UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
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#### PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

**Background.** -- This proceeding was instituted in response to a petitions filed on March 28, 2017, by Charter Steel, Saukville, Wisconsin; Gerdau Ameristeel US Inc., Tampa, Florida; Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc., Peoria, Illinois; and Nucor Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina. 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 <a href="https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/title\_7/2017/carbon\_and\_certain\_alloy\_steel\_wire\_rod\_belarus/preliminary.htm">https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/title\_7/2017/carbon\_and\_certain\_alloy\_steel\_wire\_rod\_belarus/preliminary.htm</a>.

<u>Wire rod.</u>— The merchandise covered by these investigations are certain hot-rolled products of carbon steel and alloy steel, in coils, of approximately round cross section, less than 19.00 mm in actual solid cross-sectional diameter. Specifically excluded are steel products possessing the above-noted physical characteristics and meeting the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) definitions for (a) stainless steel; (b) tool steel; (c) high-nickel steel; (d) ball bearing steel; or (e) concrete reinforcing bars and rods. Also excluded are free cutting steel (also known as free machining steel) products (i.e., products that contain by weight one or more of the following elements: 0.1 percent or more of lead, 0.05 percent or more of bismuth, 0.08 percent or more of sulfur, more than 0.04 percent of phosphorous, more than 0.05 percent of selenium, or more than 0.01 percent of tellurium). All products meeting the physical description of subject merchandise that are not specifically excluded are included in this scope.

Wire rod is currently imported under statistical reporting numbers 7213.91.3011, 7213.91.3015, 7213.91.3020, 7213.91.3093; 7213.91.4500, 7213.91.6000, 7213.99.0030, 7227.20.0030, 7227.20.0080, 7227.90.6010, 7227.90.6020, 7227.90.6030, and 7227.90.6035 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Products imported under statistical reporting numbers 7213.99.0090 and 7227.90.6090 of the HTSUS also may be included in this scope if they meet the physical description of subject merchandise above. The HTSUS provisions are for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope is dispositive.

- (1) Low and medium-low carbon industrial and standard quality rods.—Rods manufactured from low or medium-low carbon steel and primarily intended for drawing into industrial or standard quality wire. This category also includes special quality rods. For the purpose of these questionnaires, data for chain quality rods, cold finishing rods, fine wire quality rods, and nondeformed concrete reinforcement rods should be reported in this category.
- (2) High and medium-high carbon industrial and standard quality rods.—Rods manufactured from high or medium-high carbon steel and primarily intended for drawing into wire for such products as strand, hose, upholstery spring, mechanical spring, oil tempering, cold rolling, bearing, rope, screens, aluminum conductor steel reinforcement ("ACSR") core, pipe wrap, prestressed concrete wire, utility strand, and music wire.
- (3) Tire cord and tire bead quality rods.--High-carbon wire rods that downstream purchasers, either specialized wire drawers or producers of steel-reinforced pneumatic tires, draw into bead or cord wire. Tire bead reinforces the bead (inner edge) of a tire and seals the tire against the wheel whereas tire cord is adhered to the inside of the tread for steel-reinforced pneumatic tires.

- **(4)** Welding quality rods.—Rods intended for producing wire for gas welding, electric arc welding, submerged arc welding, and metal insert gas welding.
- **(5)** Cold heading quality ("CHQ") rods.—Rods used in the manufacture of heading, forging, or cold extrusion quality wire.
- **(6)** Other specialty carbon and alloy quality rods.—For the purpose of these questionnaires, data for scrapless nut, aircraft, cold heading bearing, and valve spring quality rods should be reported in this category.

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

<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 Michael Szustakowski (202-205-3169, mgs@usitc.gov).

I-1.	OMB statisticsPlease report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to you
	firm of completing this questionnaire.

Hours	Dollars			

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 20 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire.

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

I-2. <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.

"Establishment"-- Each facility of a firm in Belarus, Italy, Korea, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, The United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, and The United Kingdom involved in the production or export of wire rod, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities. Firms operating more than one establishment in Belarus, Italy, Korea, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, The United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, and The United Kingdom should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.

<u>Related producers</u> Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce or have any plans to produce wire rod in the United States or other countries?	
☐ No	YesPlease name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnair

I-4.	<u>Related U.S. importers</u> Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import wire rod into the United States?				
	No	YesPlease name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire.			

I-5. <u>U.S. importers</u>.--Please provide the names, street addresses (not P.O. boxes), contacts, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the <u>FIVE</u> largest U.S. importers of your firm's wire rod in 2016.

Importer's name		Contact person	Email	Telephone	Street address (not P.O. box), city, state, and zip code	Share of your firm's 2016 U.S. exports (%)
1					Street Address , City State Zip Code	
2					Street Address , City State Zip Code	
3					Street Address , City State Zip Code	
4					Street Address , City State Zip Code	
5					Street Address , City State Zip Code	

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

consolidations

prolonged shutdowns or production curtailments

revised labor agreements

other (e.g., technology)

		nation on this part of the quency). <b>Supply all data requested</b>	estionnaire can be obtained from mgs (202-205-3169, d on a <u>calendar-year</u> basis.
II-1.		nission staff may contact that	tify the responsible individual and the manner by which tindividual regarding the confidential information submitted
	Name		
	Title		
	Email		
	Telep	hone	
	Fax		
II-2.			dicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following on of wire rod since January 1, 2014.
	(che	ck as many as appropriate)	(If checked, please describe; leave blank if not applicable)
		plant openings	
		plant closings	
		relocations	
		expansions	
		acquisitions	

II-3.		<u>Anticipated changes in operations.</u> Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of its operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of wire rod in the future?					
	□ No	Yes—Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue. Include in the response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce wire rod (in short tons) for 2017 and 2018.					

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

"Overall production capacity" or "capacity" –The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods for all products manufactured in that establishment using the same manufacturing equipment. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup).

"Production" -- All production in your establishment(s) in Belarus, Italy, Korea, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, The United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, and The United Kingdom, including production consumed internally within your firm.

Quantity (in short tons)					
Calendar years					
Item	2014	2015	2016		
Overall production capacity					
Production of in-scope merchandise: Wire rod¹	0	0	0		
Production of out-of-scope merchandise: Stainless steel bars and rods					
Tool steel and high-nickel steel bars and rods					
Ball bearing steel bars and rods					
Concrete reinforcing bars and rods					
Other products <sup>2</sup>					
Total production	0	0	0		

II-4b.	per w	ting parametersThe production capacity reported in II-4a is based on operating hours eek, weeks per year. Report any date-specific periods when the establishments were perating (i.e., not actually producing product) at the reported parameters.
II-4c.	_	ity calculationPlease describe the methodology used to calculate overall production ity reported in II-4a, and explain any changes in reported capacity.
II-4d.		ction constraintsPlease describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your firm's ction capacity.
II-4c. II-4d. II-5. II-6.	<u>Produ</u>	ct shifting.—
	(i).	Is your firm able to switch production (capacity) between wire rod and other products using the same equipment and/or labor?
		No Yes(i.e., have produced other products or are able to produce other products). Please identify other actual or potential products:
	(ii).	Please describe the factors that affect your firm's ability to shift production capacity between products (e.g., time, cost, relative price change, etc.), and the degree to which these factors enhance or constrain such shifts.
II-5.		of salesWhat percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was sented by sales of wire rod? percent.
II-6.	The U total p	estimated share of production in Belarus, Italy, Korea, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, nited Arab Emirates, Ukraine, and The United KingdomPlease estimate the percentage of production of wire rod in the country specified on the certification page accounted for by your production in 2016 percent.
II-7.	the Ur	estimated share of country's exportsPlease estimate the percentage of total exports to nited States of wire rod from the country specified on the certification page accounted for ur firm's exports in 2016 percent.

II-8.	Inventories in the United Stater rod in the United States (not in			•		
	"Inventories"Finished goods	inventory, not raw m	naterials or work in prog	gress.		
	☐ No ☐ YesRepo	No YesReport the quantity of such end-of-period inventories below.				
		Quantity (in s	short tons)			
			Calendar year			
	Item	2014	2015	2016		
	Inventory					
		he products(s), countr lings/remedies/proce	ries affected, and the da edings.	ate of such		
II-10.	Trade dataReport your firm related to the production of w South Africa, Spain, Turkey, The specified periods. Do not question; those data to the dereported in question II-11.	vire rod in your establ ne United Arab Emirat include resales of wir	ishment(s) in Belarus, I tes, Ukraine, and The U e rod that your firm dic	taly, Korea, Russia, nited Kingdom during I not produce in this		
	Do not submit data by manufa multiple manufacturing establ for those establishments with	lishments within one	country, you are requir	ed to combine data		
	Do not submit data on multiple all be located in the country o			•		

"Average production capacity" or "capacity" –The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods for all products manufactured in that establishment using the same manufacturing equipment. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix).

Multinational companies with production in multiple subject countries should submit separate

foreign producer questionnaire responses for each subject country.

"Production" -- All production in your establishment(s) in Belarus, Italy, Korea, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, The United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, and The United Kingdom, including production consumed internally within your firm.

"Shipments"--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in Belarus, Italy, Korea, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, The United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, and The United Kingdom. Quantities reported should be net of returns.

"Home market commercial shipments"--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within Belarus, Italy, Korea, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, The United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, and The United Kingdom.

"Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms"--Shipments made to related firms in Belarus, Italy, Korea, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, The United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, and The United Kingdom, including product consumed internally by your firm.

**"Export shipments"**--Shipments to destinations outstide of the country indicacted on page 1 (Belarus, Italy, Korea, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, The United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, and The United Kingdom), including shipments to related firms.

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

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

### II-10. <u>Trade data</u>.--*Continued*.

	Quar	ntity (in short to	ns)			
	Ac	tual experience	Projections <sup>1</sup>			
	Calendar year			Calendar year		
Item	2014 2015		2016	2017	2018	
Average production capacity <sup>2</sup> (A)						
Beginning-of-period inventories (B)						
Production (C)						
Home market shipments: Internal consumption/ transfers (D)						
Commercial shipments (E)						
Exports to the United States (F)						
Exports to all other markets <sup>3</sup> (G)						
Total exports (H) (should equal F+G)	0	0	0	0	0	
Total shipments (I) (should equal D+E+F+G)	0	0	0	0	0	
End-of-period inventories (J)						
<sup>1</sup> Please explain the basis for you <sup>2</sup> The production capacity report describe the methodology used to c  3 Identify principal other export	ed is based on calculate produ	operating ction capacity, a	-		•	

II-10. **Trade data**.—*Continued*.

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line J) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line B), plus production (i.e., line C), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, E, F, and G). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather actually reflect your firm's records; and also provide any likely explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.

	Actual experience			Projections		
	Calendar year			Calendar year		
Item	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
B + C - D - E - F - G - J =						
should equal zero ("0") or						
provide an explanation.1	0	0	0	0	0	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate.

II-11. Exports to the United States not produced by your firm.--Report your firm's exports to the United States of wire rod that was produced in Belarus, Italy, Korea, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, The United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, and The United Kingdom but not by your firm during the specified periods. Note these data should <u>not</u> be included in question II-10.

	Quai	ntity (in short to	ons)		
	Actual experience			Projections	
	Calendar year			Calendar year	
Item	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Exports of wire rod to the United States not produced by your firm <sup>1</sup>					
<sup>1</sup> List the producer(s).					

II-12.	Other explanationsIf 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.

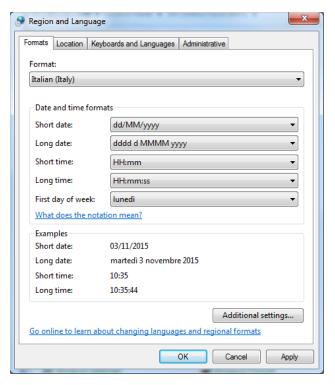
Correcting Valid number error messages.—If you are completing a Commission questionnaire in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 instead of as \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form 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.

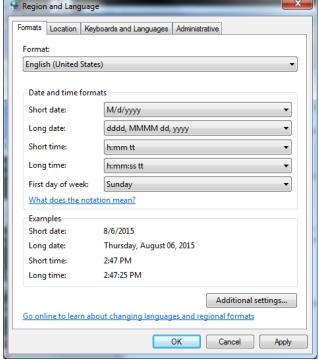
The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete the questionnaire.

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/carbon and certain alloy steel wir e rod belarus/preliminary.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: <a href="https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/">https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/</a> Pin: WR10

• E-mail.—E-mail your questionnaire to <a href="mgs@usitc.gov">mgs@usitc.gov</a>; 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 produce or export this product, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.

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