

U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

STAINLESS STEEL SHEET AND STRIP FROM CHINA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by **February 29, 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 stainless steel sheet and strip from China (inv. No. 701-TA-557 and 731-TA-1312 (Preliminary)). 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)).

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| Name of firm _____ |
| Address _____ |
| City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ |
| Website _____ |
| Has your firm imported stainless steel sheet and strip (as defined on next page) from any country at any time since January 1, 2013? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only 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 Drop Box by clicking on the following link: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/. (PIN: SAS7) |

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.

Name of Authorized Official

Title of Authorized Official

Date

Signature

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email address

PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background. This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on February 12, 2016, by AK Steel Corp., West Chester, Ohio; Allegheny Ludlum, LLC, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; North American Stainless, Inc., Ghent, Kentucky; and Outokumpu Stainless USA, LLC, Bannockburn, Illinois. 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 dumping and/or subsidization.

Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at:

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2016/stainless_steel_sheet_and_strip_china/preliminary.htm

“Stainless steel sheet and strip”-- The merchandise covered by this investigation is stainless steel sheet and strip, whether in coils or straight lengths. Stainless steel is an alloy steel containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements. The subject sheet and strip is a flat-rolled product – either in coils or straight lengths – with a width that is greater than 9.5 mm and with a thickness of 0.3048 mm and greater but less than 4.75 mm, and that is annealed or otherwise heat treated and pickled or otherwise descaled. The subject sheet and strip may also be further processed (e.g., cold-rolled, polished, aluminized, coated, etc.) provided that it maintains the specific dimensions of sheet and strip following such processing.

Excluded from the scope of these investigations are the following:

- (1) sheet and strip that is not annealed or otherwise heat treated, not pickled or otherwise descaled, and not cold-rolled;
- (2) plate (i.e., flat-rolled stainless steel products of a thickness of 4.75 mm or more); and
- (3) flat wire (i.e., cold-rolled sections, with a prepared edge, rectangular in shape, of a width of not more than 9.5 mm).

Tariff Classification:

The products under investigation are currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule subheadings: 7219.13.0031, 7219.13.0051, 7219.13.0071, 7219.13.0081, 7219.14.0030, 7219.14.0065, 7219.14.0090, 7219.23.0030, 7219.23.0060, 7219.24.0030, 7219.24.0060, 7219.32.0005, 7219.32.0020, 7219.32.0025, 7219.32.0035, 7219.32.0036, 7219.32.0038, 7219.32.0042, 7219.32.0044, 7219.32.0045, 7219.32.0060, 7219.33.0005, 7219.33.0020, 7219.33.0025, 7219.33.0035, 7219.33.0036, 7219.33.0038, 7219.33.0042, 7219.33.0044, 7219.33.0045, 7219.33.0070, 7219.33.0080, 7219.34.0005, 7219.34.0020, 7219.34.0025, 7219.34.0030, 7219.34.0035, 7219.34.0050, 7219.35.0005, 7219.35.0015, 7219.35.0030, 7219.35.0035, 7219.35.0050, 7219.90.0010, 7219.90.0020, 7219.90.0025, 7219.90.0060, 7219.90.0080, 7220.12.1000, 7220.12.5000, 7220.20.1010, 7220.20.1015, 7220.20.1060, 7220.20.1080, 7220.20.6005, 7220.20.6010, 7220.20.6015, 7220.20.6060, 7220.20.6080, 7220.20.7005, 7220.20.7010, 7220.20.7015, 7220.20.7060, 7220.20.7080, 7220.20.8000, 7220.20.9030, 7220.20.9060, 7220.90.0010, 7220.90.0015, 7220.90.0060, and 7220.90.0080.

Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this proceeding is dispositive.

Importer.--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing stainless steel sheet and strip (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.

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

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

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

I-1. **OMB statistics.**--Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this questionnaire.

| Hours | Dollars |
|-------|---------|
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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. **Establishments covered.**--Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire. If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

“Establishment”--Each facility of a firm involved in the importation of stainless steel sheet and strip, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

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I-3. **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) |
|-----------|---------|----------------------------------|
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I-4. **Related importers/exporters.**--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that are engaged in importing stainless steel sheet and strip from China into the United States or that are engaged in exporting stainless steel sheet and strip from China to the United States?

No Yes--List the following information.

| Firm name | Address | Affiliation |
|-----------|---------|-------------|
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I-5. **Related producers.**--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that are engaged in the production of stainless steel sheet and strip?

No Yes--List the following information.

| Firm name | Address | Affiliation |
|-----------|---------|-------------|
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I-6. **Importing operations.**--Please indicate the nature of your firm's importing operations on stainless steel sheet and strip. More than one answer may be applicable.

| Importer of record | Takes title to the imported product(s) | Consignee of the imported products(s) | Customs broker or freight forwarder |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

I-7. **Consignee.**--If your firm is an importer of record of stainless steel sheet and strip but is not the consignee, please list the consignees below (firm name, address, telephone number, and individual to contact).

| Firm name | Address | Contact person and phone number |
|-----------|---------|---------------------------------|
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I-8. **FTZ, TIB, or bonded warehouses.**--Please indicate whether your firm enters stainless steel sheet and strip into, or withdraws such merchandise from, foreign trade zones or bonded warehouses. Also indicate whether your firm imports stainless steel sheet and strip under the TIB (temporary importation under bond) program.

“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, as well as other savings. A foreign trade zone must be designed as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in the Foreign-Trade Zones Act.

“Bonded warehouse” is a secured facility supervised by U.S. customs, where dutiable landed imports are stored pending their re-export, or release after payment of import duties, taxes, and other charges. A bonded warehouse must be designed as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in 19 U.S.C. § 1555.

“Temporary Importation under Bond (“TIB”) program” is a procedure whereby imported merchandise may be entered under certain conditions for a limited time into the United States free of duty. Under the program, an importer posts a bond for twice the amount of duty, taxes, etc. that would otherwise be owed on the importation and agrees to export or destroy the merchandise within a specified time or pay liquidated damages. This program is restricted to certain categories of merchandise listed in subheadings 9813.00.05 through 9813.00.75 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States(HTS).

| | No | Yes |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Foreign trade zones | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bonded warehouses | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Temporary importation under bond | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

I-9. **Third-country trade activities.**--To your knowledge, have the products subject to this proceeding been the subject of any other import relief proceedings in the United States or in any other countries?

No Yes--Please specify.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from **Chris Cassise (202-708-5408, chris.cassise@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.

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|-----------|--|
| 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 importation of stainless steel sheet and strip since January 1, 2013.

| <i>(check as many as appropriate)</i> | | <i>(please describe)</i> |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Office/warehouse openings | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Office/warehouse closings | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Relocations | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Expansions | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Acquisitions | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Consolidations | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Prolonged shutdowns or importation curtailments | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Revised labor agreements | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (e.g., technology) | |

II-3. **Arranged imports.**--Has your firm imported or arranged for the importation of stainless steel sheet and strip from China for delivery on or after December 31, 2015?

“Arranged imports” are imports for which your firm has placed an order with a foreign producer for subject merchandise, but delivery of those imports is not scheduled to occur until after the date listed above.

No Yes—Fill out the table below.

| Quantity (<i>in short tons</i>) | |
|--|--|
| China | |

II-4. **Reasons for importing if producer.**--If your firm also produces stainless steel sheet and strip in the United States, please indicate the reasons for importing this product. If your firm's reasons differ by source, please elaborate.

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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.

“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-5. **IMPORTS FROM CHINA.**—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of stainless steel sheet and strip imported from China by your firm during the specified periods. [+Link to definitions](#)

China

| Quantity (in short tons), value (in \$1,000) | | | |
|--|----------------|------|------|
| Item | Calendar years | | |
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
| 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, processors, or service centers (quantity) (K) | | | |
| To end users (quantity) (L) | | | |

¹ Please identify the foreign producers, if known: _____.

² Sales to related firms (including internal consumption) must be valued at fair market value. In the event that your firm uses a different basis for valuing these sales within your company, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.) and provide value data using that basis for each of the periods noted above: _____.

³ Identify your firm's principal export markets: _____.

II-5. **IMPORTS FROM CHINA.**–*Continued*

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.--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.

| Reconciliation | Calendar years | | |
|---|----------------|------|------|
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
| 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 accurate: _____. | | | |

RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.--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. commercial 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.

| Reconciliation item | Calendar years | | |
|--|----------------|------|------|
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
| K + L – D = zero ("0"), if not revise. | 0 | 0 | 0 |

II-6. **IMPORTS FROM ALL OTHER SOURCES.**—Report your firm’s imports and your firm’s shipments and inventories of stainless steel sheet and strip imported from **all other sources combined** by your firm during the specified periods. . [+Link to definitions](#)

ALL OTHER SOURCES COMBINED

(list sources: _____)

| Quantity (in short tons), value (in \$1,000) | | | |
|---|----------------|------|------|
| Item | Calendar years | | |
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
| 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, processors, or service centers (quantity) (K) | | | |
| To end users (quantity) (L) | | | |
| ¹ Please identify the foreign producers, if known: _____. ² Sales to related firms (including internal consumption) must be valued at fair market value. In the event that your firm uses a different basis for valuing these sales within your company, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.) and provide value data using that basis for each of the periods noted above: _____. ³ Identify your firm’s principal export markets: _____. | | | |

II-6. IMPORTS FROM ALL OTHER SOURCES.–Continued

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.--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.

| Reconciliation | Calendar years | | |
|---|----------------|------|------|
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
| 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 accurate: _____.

RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.--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. commercial 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.

| Reconciliation item | Calendar years | | |
|--|----------------|------|------|
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
| K + L – D = zero ("0"), if not revise. | 0 | 0 | 0 |

II-7. 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 Andrew Knipe (202-205-2390, andrew.knipe@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.

| | |
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| 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, 2013 of the following products your firm imported from subject country China and/or nonsubject countries Mexico and/or Taiwan:

Product 1.—AISI Grade 304, 0.075 inch nominal thickness (0.068-0.082 inch actual), width 48-60 inches, in coils, 2B finish.

Product 2.—AISI Grade 304, 0.029 inch nominal thickness (0.0291-0.032 inch actual), width 48-60 inches, in coils, 2B finish.

Product 3.—AISI Grade 304, 0.036 inch nominal thickness (0.032-0.040 inch actual), width 48-60 inches, in coils, 2B finish.

Product 4.—AISI Grade 316L, 0.060 inch nominal thickness (0.054-0.066 inch actual), width 48-60 inches, in coils, 2B finish.

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-December 2015, did your firm import from subject country China and/or nonsubject countries Mexico and/or Taiwan and sell to unrelated U.S. customers any of the above listed products (or any products that were competitive with these products)?

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

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

China

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 |
| 2013: | | | | | | | | |
| January-March | | | | | | | | |
| April-June | | | | | | | | |
| July-September | | | | | | | | |
| October-December | | | | | | | | |
| 2014: | | | | | | | | |
| January-March | | | | | | | | |
| April-June | | | | | | | | |
| July-September | | | | | | | | |
| October-December | | | | | | | | |
| 2015: | | | | | | | | |
| January-March | | | | | | | | |
| April-June | | | | | | | | |
| July-September | | | | | | | | |
| October-December | | | | | | | | |
| <p>¹ Net values (<i>i.e.</i>, 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.</p> <p>² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part IV.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Product 1:</p> <p>Product 2:</p> <p>Product 3:</p> <p>Product 4:</p> | | | | | | | | |

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

Mexico

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 |
| 2013: | | | | | | | | |
| January-March | | | | | | | | |
| April-June | | | | | | | | |
| July-September | | | | | | | | |
| October-December | | | | | | | | |
| 2014: | | | | | | | | |
| January-March | | | | | | | | |
| April-June | | | | | | | | |
| July-September | | | | | | | | |
| October-December | | | | | | | | |
| 2015: | | | | | | | | |
| January-March | | | | | | | | |
| April-June | | | | | | | | |
| July-September | | | | | | | | |
| October-December | | | | | | | | |
| <p>¹ Net values (<i>i.e.</i>, 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.</p> <p>² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part IV.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Product 1:</p> <p>Product 2:</p> <p>Product 3:</p> <p>Product 4:</p> | | | | | | | | |

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

Taiwan

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 |
| 2013: | | | | | | | | |
| January-March | | | | | | | | |
| April-June | | | | | | | | |
| July-September | | | | | | | | |
| October-December | | | | | | | | |
| 2014: | | | | | | | | |
| January-March | | | | | | | | |
| April-June | | | | | | | | |
| July-September | | | | | | | | |
| October-December | | | | | | | | |
| 2015: | | | | | | | | |
| January-March | | | | | | | | |
| April-June | | | | | | | | |
| July-September | | | | | | | | |
| October-December | | | | | | | | |
| <p>¹ Net values (<i>i.e.</i>, 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.</p> <p>² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part IV.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Product 1:</p> <p>Product 2:</p> <p>Product 3:</p> <p>Product 4:</p> | | | | | | | | |

III-2(d). **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.

III-3. **Price setting.**-- How does your firm determine the prices that it charges for sales of stainless steel sheet and strip (*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"/> | |

III-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"/> | |

III-5. **Pricing terms.**--

(a) What are your firm's typical sales terms for stainless steel sheet and strip imported from China?

| 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 imported stainless steel sheet and strip from China usually quoted (*check one*)?

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

III-6. **Contract versus spot.**--Approximately what share of your firm's sales of stainless steel sheet and strip imported from China 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) | |
| Share of 2015 sales | % | % | % | % | 0.0 % |

III-7. **Contract provisions.**— Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical sales contracts for stainless steel sheet and strip from China (or check "not applicable" if your firm does not sell on a long-term, short-term and/or annual contract basis).

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

III-8. **Lead times.**--What is your firm's share of sales of stainless steel sheet and strip imported from China from inventory vs. produced to order and what is the typical lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of stainless steel sheet and strip?

| Source | Share of 2015 sales | Lead time (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. **Shipping information.**—

- (a) What is the approximate percentage of the total delivered cost of stainless steel sheet and strip imported from China 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) When your firm sells stainless steel sheet and strip imported from China, from where is it shipped?
 Point of importation Storage facility *(check one)*
- (d) Indicate the approximate percentage of your firm's sales of stainless steel sheet and strip imported from China that are delivered the following distances from your firm's U.S. point 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. **Geographical shipments.**--In which U.S. geographic market area(s) has your firm sold stainless steel sheet and strip imported from China since January 1, 2013 (check all that apply)?

| Geographic area | China | Other ¹ |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Northeast. --CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Midwest. --IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, and WI. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Southeast. --AL, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Central Southwest. --AR, LA, OK, and TX. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mountains. --AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pacific Coast. --CA, OR, and WA. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other. --All other markets in the United States not previously listed, including AK, HI, PR, and VI. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ¹ Please identify: | | |

III-11. **End uses.**--List the end uses of the stainless steel sheet and strip that your firm imports from China. For each end-use product, what percentage of the total cost is accounted for by stainless steel sheet and strip and other inputs?

| End use product | Share of total cost of end-use product accounted for by | | Total (should sum to 100.0% across) |
|-----------------|---|--------------|--|
| | stainless steel sheet and strip | Other inputs | |
| | % | % | 0.0 % |
| | % | % | 0.0 % |
| | % | % | 0.0 % |

III-12. **Substitutes.**-- Can other products be substituted for stainless steel sheet and strip?

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 stainless steel sheet and strip? | | |
|------------|--|--|--------------------------|-------------|
| | | No | Yes | Explanation |
| 1. | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 2. | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 3. | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

III-13. **Demand trends.**-- Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for stainless steel sheet and strip has changed since January 1, 2013. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.

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

III-14. **Product changes.**--Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix or marketing of stainless steel sheet and strip since January 1, 2013?

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

III-15. **Conditions of competition.**—

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

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

(b) If yes, have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for stainless steel sheet and strip since January 1, 2013?

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

III-16. **Supply constraints.**--Has your firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply stainless steel sheet and strip 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, etc.)?

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

III-17. **Raw materials.**--How have stainless steel sheet and strip raw materials prices changed since January 1, 2013?

| 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 stainless steel sheet and strip. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

III-18. **Surcharges.**--

(a) Does your firm employ a surcharge for any of the following inputs (check all that apply)?

| Input | No | Yes | If yes, please describe the surcharge formula applied in each case and whether the formula has changed since 2013. |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Nickel | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Chromium | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Manganese | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Molybdenum | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Scrap (iron) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Energy (natural gas and / or electricity) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Fuel (for transport) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other (describe: _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

(b) Report the source(s) of prices for nickel, chromium, manganese, and molybdenum used in the surcharge formula:

(c) How frequently does your firm change or adjust its surcharges for stainless steel sheet and strip? If it varies depending on the alloy or another basis, please explain:

III-19. **Interchangeability.**--Is stainless steel sheet and strip 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 | China | Mexico | Other countries |
|--|-------|--------|-----------------|
| United States | | | |
| China | | | |
| Mexico | | | |
| For any country-pair producing stainless steel sheet and strip that is <i>sometimes</i> or <i>never</i> interchangeable, identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use: | | | |

III-20. **Factors other than price.**--Are differences other than price (*e.g.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between stainless steel sheet and strip 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 | China | Mexico | Other countries |
|---|-------|--------|-----------------|
| United States | | | |
| China | X | | |
| Mexico | X | X | |
| 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 stainless steel sheet and strip, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors: | | | |

III-21. **Customer identification.**--List the names and contact information for your firm's 10 largest U.S. customers for stainless steel sheet and strip since January 1, 2013. Indicate the share of the quantity of your firm's total shipments of stainless steel sheet and strip that each of these customers accounted for in 2015.

| | Customer's name | Contact person | Email | Telephone | City | State | Share of 2015 sales (%) |
|----|-----------------|----------------|-------|-----------|------|-------|-------------------------|
| 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | |
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| 9 | | | | | | | |
| 10 | | | | | | | |

III-22. **Other explanations.**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part III that did not provide a narrative response box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with the MS Word questionnaire.

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