### **U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE**

## CIRCULAR WELDED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PIPE FROM OMAN, PAKISTAN, THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, AND VIETNAM

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by August 12, 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 countervailing duty/antidumping investigation(s) concerning circular welded carbon-quality steel pipe ("circular welded pipe") from Oman, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates ("UAE"), and Vietnam (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-549 and 731-TA-1299, 1300, 1302, and 1303 (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 possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from Lauren Gamache (202-205-3489, lauren.gamache@usitc.gov).

Name of firm

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Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Website		
•	firm purchased circular welded pipe (as defined on next psince January 1, 2013?	page) from <u>any</u> source (domestic or foreign) at
☐ NO	(Sign the certification below and promptly return only th	is page of the questionnaire to the Commission)
•	(Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the questionnaire via the U.S. International Trade Common link: <a href="https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/">https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/</a> . (PIN: CWP4)	nission <i>Drop Box</i> by clicking on the
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knowledge and belie By submitting this c information provided	formation herein supplied in response to this questi of and understand that the information submitted is sub- pertification I also grant consent for the Commission, a d in this questionnaire and throughout this proceeding the same or similar merchandise.	iect to audit and verification by the Commission.  und its employees and contract personnel, to use the
investigation or othe personnel (a) for de reviews, and evalud Appendix 3; or (ii) by	acknowledge that information submitted in response er proceeding may be disclosed to and used: (i) by the veloping or maintaining the records of this or a relatedations relating to the programs, personnel, and open U.S. government employees and contract personnel, swill sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements.	Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract d proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, rations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C.
Name of Authorized	Official Title of Authorized Official	Date
	Phone:	
Signature	<b>5</b>	Email address

#### PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

**Background.**— This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on October 28, 2015, by Bull Moose Tube Company, Chesterfield, MO; EXLTUBE, Kansas City, MO; Wheatland Tube, a division of JMC Steel Group, Chicago, IL; and Western Tube & Conduit, Long Beach, CA. 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 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/701731/2016/circular welded carbon quality steel pipe oman/final.htm">https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2016/circular welded carbon quality steel pipe oman/final.htm</a>

<u>Circular welded pipe</u> covered by these investigations is welded carbon-quality steel pipes and tube, of circular cross-section, with an outside diameter (O.D.) not more than nominal 16 inches (406.4 mm), regardless of wall thickness, surface finish (e.g., black, galvanized, or painted), end finish (plain end, beveled end, grooved, threaded, or threaded and coupled), or industry specification (e.g., American Society for Testing and Materials International (ASTM), proprietary, or other), generally known as standard pipe, fence pipe and tube, sprinkler pipe, and structural pipe (although subject product may also be referred to as mechanical tubing). Specifically, the term "carbon quality" includes products in which:

- (a) iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements;
- (b) the carbon content is 2 percent or less, by weight; and
- (c) none of the elements listed below exceeds the quantity, by weight, as indicated:
- (i) 1.80 percent of manganese;
- (ii) 2.25 percent of silicon;
- (iii) 1.00 percent of copper;
- (iv) 0.50 percent of aluminum;
- (v) 1.25 percent of chromium;
- (vi) 0.30 percent of cobalt;
- (vii) 0.40 percent of lead;
- (viii) 1.25 percent of nickel;
- (ix) 0.30 percent of tungsten;
- (x) 0.15 percent of molybdenum;
- (xi) 0.10 percent of niobium;
- (xii) 0.41 percent of titanium;
- (xiii) 0.15 percent of vanadium; or
- (xiv) 0.15 percent of zirconium.

Covered products are generally made to standard O.D. and wall thickness combinations. Pipe multi-stenciled to a standard and/or structural specification and to other specifications, such as American Petroleum Institute (API) API-5L specification, may also be covered by the scope of these investigations. In particular, such multi-stenciled merchandise is covered when it meets the physical description set forth above, and also has one or more of the following characteristics: is 32 feet in length or less; is less than 2.0 inches (50 mm) in outside diameter; has a galvanized and/or painted (e.g., polyester coated) surface finish; or has a threaded and/or coupled end finish.

Standard pipe is ordinarily made to ASTM specifications A53, A135, and A795, but can also be made to other specifications. Structural pipe is made primarily to ASTM specifications A252 and A500. Standard and structural pipe may also be produced to proprietary specifications rather than to industry specifications.

Sprinkler pipe is designed for sprinkler fire suppression systems and may be made to industry specifications such as ASTM A53 or to proprietary specifications.

Fence tubing is included in the scope regardless of certification to a specification listed in the exclusions below, and can also be made to the ASTM A513 specification. Products that meet the physical description set forth above but are made to the following nominal outside diameter and wall thickness combinations, which are recognized by the industry as typical for fence tubing, are included despite being certified to ASTM mechanical tubing specifications:

O.D. in inches (nominal)	Wall thickness in inches (nominal)	Gage
1.315	0.035	20
1.315	0.047	18
1.315	0.055	17
1.315	0.065	16
1.315	0.072	15
1.315	0.083	14
1.315	0.095	13
1.660	0.055	17
1.660	0.065	16
1.660	0.083	14
1.660	0.095	13
1.660	0.109	12
1.900	0.047	18
1.900	0.055	17
1.900	0.065	16
1.900	0.072	15
1.900	0.095	13
1.900	0.109	12
2.375	0.047	18
2.375	0.055	17
2.375	0.065	16
2.375	0.072	15
2.375	0.095	13
2.375	0.109	12
2.375	0.120	11
2.875	0.109	12
2.875	0.165	8
3.500	0.109	12
3.500	0.165	8
4.000	0.148	9
4.000	0.165	8
4.500	0.203	7

The scope of this proceeding does not include:

- (a) pipe suitable for use in boilers, superheaters, heat exchangers, refining furnaces and feedwater heaters, whether or not cold drawn, which are defined by standards such as ASTM A178 or ASTM A192; (b) finished electrical conduit, i.e., Electrical Rigid Steel Conduit (also known as Electrical Rigid Metal Conduit and Electrical Rigid Metal Steel Conduit), Finished Electrical Metallic Tubing, and Electrical Intermediate Metal Conduit, which are defined by specifications such as American National Standard (ANSI) C80.1-2005, ANSI C80.3-2005, or ANSI C80.6-2005, and Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) UL-6, UL-797, or UL-1242;
- (c) finished scaffolding, i.e., component parts of final, finished scaffolding that enter the United States unassembled as a "kit." A kit is understood to mean a packaged combination of component parts that contains, at the time of importation, all of the necessary component parts to fully assemble final, finished scaffolding;
- (d) tube and pipe hollows for redrawing;
- (e) oil country tubular goods produced to API specifications;
- (f) line pipe produced to only API specifications, such as API 5L, and not multi-stenciled; and
- (g) mechanical tubing, whether or not cold-drawn, other than what is included in the above paragraphs.

The products subject to this proceeding are currently classifiable in Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) statistical reporting numbers 7306.19.1010, 7306.19.1050, 7306.19.5110, 7306.19.5150, 7306.30.1000, 7306.30.5015, 7306.30.5020, 7306.30.5025, 7306.30.5032, 7306.30.5040, 7306.30.5055, 7306.30.5085, 7306.30.5090, 7306.50.1000, 7306.50.5030, 7306.50.5050, and 7306.50.5070. The HTSUS subheadings above are provided for convenience and U.S. Customs purposes only. The written description of the scope of the proceeding is dispositive.

**Reporting of information**.-- If information is not readily available from your records, provide carefully prepared estimates. If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire (i.e., a producer, importer, 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.

I-1.	OMB statisticsPlease report 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 25 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 your U.S. establishment(s) covered
	by this questionnaire, if different from that listed on the cover page. Firms operating more than
	one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.

"Establishment"--Each facility of a firm involved in the purchase of circular welded pipe,

including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction v	with (whether or not phys	ically separate
from) such facilities.		

<u>Ownership</u> Is	your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any  YesList the following information.	other firm?
		Extent of ownership

Related SUBJECT importers/exportersDoes your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which import circular welded pipe from Oman, Pakistan, the UAE, and/or Vietnam into the United States or which export circular welded pipe from Oman, Pakistan, the UAE, and/or Vietnam to the United States?			
No YesLis	st the following information.		
Firm name	Address	Affiliation	
domestic or foreign, which Pakistan, the UAE, and/or from countries other than	import circular welded pipe Vietnam into the United State Oman, Pakistan, the UAE, and	r firm have any related firms, either from countries other than Oman, es or which export circular welded pid/or Vietnam to the United States?	
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Firm name and country	Address	Affiliation	
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### **PART II.--PURCHASES**

<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 this questionnaire.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

### II-1. <u>Purchases and inventories.</u>—

(a) Report your firm's total U.S. purchases of circular welded pipe. (Do not include imports for which your firm was the importer of record; such imports should be reported in your U.S. importer's questionnaire.)

Item	2013	2014	2015
Purchases of circular welded pipe produced in	Quantity (in short tons)		
United States			
Oman			
Pakistan			
UAE			
Vietnam			
Korea			
All other sources:1			
Sources unknown			
Total purchases	0	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Please identify these sources:			

(b) Please report your firm's end-of-period (EOP) inventories of circular welded pipe.

Item	2013	2014	2015
Ending inventories of circular welded pipe produced in	Quantity (in short tons)		
United States			
Oman			
Pakistan			
UAE			
Vietnam			
Korea			
All other sources:1			
Sources unknown			
Total purchases	0	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Please identify these sources:			

	II-2.	Purchases from	ı Allied
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	2013	2014	Jan Jun. 2015	Jul Dec. 2015	Jan Jun. 2016		
(b)	If you responded "Yes" to part (a), report the quantity and value of your firm's purchases.						
☐ No	YesPlease complete the following questions (b) through (e).						
(a)	Has your firm purchased circular welded pipe from U.S. producer Allied since January 2013?						

	2013	2014	Jan Jun. 2015	Jul Dec. 2015	Jan Jun. 2016
Quantity					
Value					

(c) If you responded "Yes" to part (a), were your purchases below normal market price?

		If yes, please complete.				
No	Yes	Date(s) of purchase	Estimated price difference (in percent)			

II-3.

II-4.

	If yes, please complete.							
No	Yes		Date(s) o	of purchase	Es	timated diffe	rence (in short tons)	
	f you resp uppliers?		ed "Yes" to p	part (b), did t	hese prices	affect price ne	egotiations with othe	
No	Yes	If ye	es, please de	scribe.				
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II-5.	Supplier identificationPlease list your firm's FIVE largest suppliers for circular welded pipe
	since January 1, 2013. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of
	circular welded pipe that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2015.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2015 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

## PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

III-1.	Firm typeWhich of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of circular welded
	pipe (check all that apply)?

End user	Distributor	Retailer	Other	Describe other

If your firm is a distributor of circular welded pipe, please answer questions III-2 and III-3.

III-2. <u>Competition for sales</u>.--Does your firm compete for sales to customers with the manufacturers or importers from which your firm purchases circular welded pipe?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-3.	<u>Types of customers.</u> What are the major types of consumers to which your firm sells circu welded pipe?	ulaı

If your firm is an end user of circular welded pipe, please answer questions III-4 and III-5.

III-4. <u>End uses.</u>--List the top 3 products your firm makes using circular welded pipe and estimate the percent of your <u>total production cost</u> that is accounted for by circular welded pipe and by other inputs (such as labor, energy, and other raw materials).

	Share of total cost in e firm produces		• • • • •	r	<b>Total</b> (should
Product(s) your firm produces	Circular welded pipe		Other inputs		sum to 100.0% across)
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
	%	+	%	H	0.0 %
	%	+	%	Ш	0.0 %

III-5.	Demand for e	nd use	<u>products</u>
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(a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating circular welded pipe changed since January 1, 2013?

Increased	No change	Decreased	Fluctuated

(b) Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for circular welded pipe?

No	Yes	Explain

<ul><li>S. Purchasers' Questionnaire - Circular Welded Pipe Page 12</li><li>-6. SubstitutesCan other products be substituted for circular welded pipe?</li></ul>						
□ N	0	YesPle	ease fill out	the tak	ole.	
	Ei	nd use in w	hich this			changes in the price of this substitute ed the price for circular welded pipe?
Substitute		substitute is used		No	Yes	Explanation
1.						
2.						
3.						
	-			_		January 1, 2013. Explain any trends d these changes in demand.
Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	witl	uate n no trend	Explanation and factors
Within the United States						
Outside the United					7	
States				_		
(b) Wha	t effects, if ed pipe?	any, do the	prices of g	as and	oil hav	ve on demand for and price of circular

III-8.	Importance of purchasing domestic productPlease fill out the table below, estimating the
	percentage of your firm's total 2015 purchases of circular welded pipe that required circular
	welded pipe produced in the United States.

	Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2015 purchases of circular welded pipe
Purchases that did not require domestic product	%
Purchases that were required by law or regulation to be domestic product (e.g., government purchases under "Buy American" provisions)	%
Purchases that were not required by law or regulation, but were required by your customers to be domestic product	%
Purchases that were required to be domestic product for other reasons	
(explain: )	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

### III-9. Conditions of competition.--

(a) Is the circular welded pipe market subject to business cycles (other than general economy-wide conditions) and/or other conditions of competition distinctive to circular welded pipe?

Check all that apply.		Please describe.
	No	Skip to question III-10.
	Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)	
	Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition	

(b) Have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for circular welded pipe since January 1, 2013?

No	Yes	If yes, describe.

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III-10.	Decisions based on producer and country-of-originHow often does your firm, and if known
	do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving circular welded pipe based on its
	producer or country of origin?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, explain.			
Decision based on producer								
Your firm								
Your customers								
		Decis	ion based on c	ountry of	origin			
Your firm								
Your customers								

III-11. **Availability of supply.--**Has the availability of circular welded pipe in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2013?

Availability in the U.S. market	No	Yes	Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the changes.
U.Sproduced product			
Subject imports			
Product from all other sources			

III-12. <u>Supply constraints.</u>--Has any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with circular welded pipe 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.

### III-13. Purchasing frequency.--

(a) How frequently does your firm make purchases of circular welded pipe (check one)?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify

	(b)	Has this purchasing frequency changed since January 1, 2013?							
		No	Yes	If yes,	please de	scribe.			
III-14.		er of suppliers contactedHow many suppliers does your firm generally contact before g a purchase? Between and firms							
III-15.	Supplie	er negotiations							
	(a)	Does yo supplier				cular wel	ded pipe usually involve negotiations between		
		No	Yes		-		s your firm generally negotiates and note s competing prices during negotiations.		
	(b)	Do changes in raw material costs affect your firm's price negotiations with your circular welded pipe suppliers?							
		No	Yes	Please	e explain.				
	(c)				_		steel prices affect your purchases of circular et your firm's price negotiations.		
				ı	Please des	cribe the	effects on your firm's purchases.		
		Increas	se in pri	ces					
		Decrea	se in pr	ices					
	(d)	(d) Are your firm's purchase prices indexed to raw material costs?							
		Purchases Please explain (e.g. the indexing mechanism, No Yes relevant raw materials, etc.)							
		By Con	tract						
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No	If yes, please list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or dropped, and the reasons for the change.

III-17. New suppliers.--Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since January 1, 2013?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the firms.

III-18. <u>Supplier qualification</u>.--Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell circular welded pipe to your firm?

If yes, provide the following information.

- The number of days to qualify a new supplier.
- A general description of the certification or qualification process. Also, a brief description of the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.).

No	Number of days	Process and factors

III-19. **Failure to certify.-**-Since January 1, 2013, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their circular welded pipe with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?

No	If yes, please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification.

Major purchasing factorsPlease list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm
considers in deciding from whom to purchase circular welded pipe (examples include
availability, extension of credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).

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2.	
3.	
Ple	ease list any other factors that are very important in your purchase decisions:

III-21. <u>Purchasing factors.</u>—Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for circular welded pipe.

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability			
Certified as lead-free under Safe Drinking Water Act			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Extension of credit			
Minimum quantity requirements			
Packaging			
Price			
Product consistency			
Product range			
Quality meets industry standards			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs			

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III-22.	Quality characteristicsWhat characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of circular welded pipe?						
III-23.		ecisions based on priceFred at the lowest price?	How often does your firm p	ourchase the circular welded			
	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never			
III-24.	source although	ict not based on priceIf is a comparable product was plain your reasons for doir	is available from another o	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
III-25.	either upward o	A price leader is defined a price leader is follow ct on prices. <i>A price leade</i>	ved by other firms, or (2) o	ne or more firms that have a			
	Please list the n market since Jai	ames of any firms you con nuary 1, 2013.	sidered price leaders in the	e circular welded pipe			
	Firm(s)	Describe how the firm(s)	exhibited price leadershi	р			

## III-26. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.—

(a)	Since January 2013, did your firm purchase imports of circular welded pipe from Oman,
	Pakistan, the UAE, and/or Vietnam instead of U.Sproduced circular welded
	pipe? Respond for each subject country.

Source	Yes (also respond to parts (b) and	No (If "No" for all countries, skip to next question)
Source	(c))	question
Oman		
Pakistan		
UAE		
Vietnam		

(b) If you responded "Yes" to part (a), was the imported product priced lower than the domestic product?

Source	Yes	No
Oman		
Pakistan		
UAE		
Vietnam		

(c) If you responded "Yes" to part (a) above, was price a primary reason for the shift?

Source	Yes	If Yes, estimate the quantity of purchases that your firm shifted to imports since January 2013 because of price (in short tons)	No	If No, please indicate the reason for the shift
Oman				
Pakistan				
UAE				
Vietnam				

#### III-27. U.S. producers and import competition.—

(a) Since January 1, 2013, in connection with a sale or offer to sell circular welded pipe to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced circular welded pipe in order to compete with lower-priced imports of circular welded pipe from the subject countries? Respond for each subject country.

Source	Yes (also respond to question part (b))	No (If "No" for all countries, skip to next question)	Don't know
Oman			
Pakistan			
UAE			
Vietnam			

(b) If your firm responded "yes" to any of the above countries, please provide an estimate of the reduction in U.S. producers' prices, and any additional explanations, such as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors.

Source	Estimated reduction in U.S. prices (percent)	Additional explanation, including such information as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors
Oman	%	
Pakistan	%	
UAE	%	
Vietnam	%	

#### PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1. <u>Country knowledge.</u>--Please indicate the countries of origin for circular welded pipe for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.

United States	Oman	Pakistan	UAE	Vietnam	Korea	All other sources	All other sources (specify)

IV-2. <u>Interchangeability.--</u>Is circular welded pipe 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	Oman	Pakistan	UAE	Vietnam	Korea	All other sources
United States						
Oman						
Pakistan						
UAE						
Vietnam						
Korea						

For any country-pair producing circular welded pipe which is *sometimes* or *never* interchangeable, please identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

IV-3. <u>Factors other than price</u>.--Are differences other than price (*e.g.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between circular welded pipe produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's purchases 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	Oman	Pakistan	UAE	Vietnam	Korea	All other sources			
United States									
Oman									
Pakistan									
UAE									
Vietnam									
Korea									
factor in yo	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 purchases of circular welded pipe, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:								

IV-4. <u>Country preferences.--</u>Do you or your customers ever specifically order circular welded pipe from one country in particular over other possible sources of supply?

No	Yes	If yes, identify the countries and explain.

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IV-5.	Availability of merchandiseAre certain grades/types/sizes of circular welded pipe only
	available from certain country sources?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the countries and the grade/type/size.

IV-6. **Domestic preference.**-- Is your firm willing to pay more for U.S.-produced circular welded pipe than circular welded pipe imported from Oman, Pakistan, the UAE, and/or Vietnam?

No	Yes	If yes, how much more? (percent)	If your answer varies by subject country, please explain.
		%	

IV-7. <u>Factor country comparisons.</u>—For the factors listed below, please rate how circular welded pipe produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with circular welded pipe produced in each of the other countries you identified.

	<u>Uni</u> coi	Product from United States compared to product from Oman			Product from United States compared to product from Pakistan			Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>UAE</u>		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	
Availability										
Delivery terms										
Delivery time										
Discounts offered										
Extension of credit										
Minimum quantity requirements										
Packaging										
Price <sup>1</sup>										
Product consistency										
Product range										
Quality meets industry standards										
Quality exceeds industry standards										
Reliability of supply										
Technical support/service										
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>										

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

## IV-7. **Continued.**

	Uni coi pro	Product from United States compared to product from Vietnam			duct fr ited Sta mpared duct fr Korea	ites I to	Product from United States compared to product from All other sources		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price <sup>1</sup>									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>									
<sup>1</sup> A rating of superior on price and U.S. trans	portation	costs in	dicates	that the	first co	untry ge	enerally	has low	/er

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

#### IV-7. Continued.

	Product from Oman compared to product from Pakistan			<u>Oma</u>	oduct fr n comp roduct UAE	pared	Product from  Oman compared to product from  Vietnam		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price <sup>1</sup>									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>									

prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

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	Product from Oman compared to product from Korea			Oma to pi	oduct fr n_comp roduct ther so	oared from	Product from Pakistan compared to product from UAE		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price <sup>1</sup>									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>									

prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

#### IV-7. Continued.

	Product from Pakistan compared to product from Vietnam			<u>Pakist</u>	oduct fr an com roduct Korea	pared	Product from Pakistan compared to product from All other sources		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price <sup>1</sup>									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>									

prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

#### IV-7. Continued.

	Product from <u>UAE</u> compared to  product from <u>Vietnam</u>			<u>UAE</u>	oduct fr compai oduct fr <u>Korea</u>	ed to	Product from <u>UAE</u> compared to  product from <u>All other sources</u>		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price <sup>1</sup>									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>									

prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

#### IV-7. Continued.

	Product from <u>Vietnam</u> compared to  product from <u>Korea</u>			Vietna to pi	oduct fr am com roduct ther so	npared from	Product from Korea compared to product from All other sources		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price <sup>1</sup>									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>									

prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

IV-9.

IV-8.	Minimum qualityHow often does circular welded pipe from the following countries meet
	minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

Source	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never	Don't know						
United States											
Oman											
Pakistan											
UAE											
Korea											
All other sources <sup>1</sup>											
<sup>1</sup> Please specify:				<u> </u>							
Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to any question that did not provide a narrative response box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below.											

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