

U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

IRON CONSTRUCTION CASTINGS FROM BRAZIL, CANADA, AND CHINA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by **August 19, 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 review of the countervailing and antidumping duty orders concerning iron construction castings from Brazil, Canada, and China (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-249 and 731-TA-262, 263, and 265 (Fourth Review)). 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 Andrew Knipe (202-205-2390, andrew.knipe@usitc.gov).

Name of firm	_____				
Address	_____				
City	_____	State	_____	Zip Code	_____
Website	_____				
Has your firm purchased iron construction castings (as defined on the next page) <u>from any source</u> (domestic or foreign) at any time since January 1, 2010?					
<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 Commission Drop Box by clicking on the following link: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/. (PIN: IRON)					

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 or reviews 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.--The Department of Commerce issued antidumping duty orders on imports of "heavy" and "light" iron construction castings from Canada on March 5, 1986 and from Brazil and China on May 9, 1986. On May 15, 1986, Commerce issued a countervailing duty order on imports of "heavy" iron construction castings from Brazil. On September 23, 1998, Commerce issued the final results of a changed circumstance review concerning iron construction castings from Canada, in which the antidumping duty order with respect to "light" castings was revoked. On October 1, 2015, the Commission instituted a review pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic industry within a reasonably foreseeable time. If both the Commission and Commerce make affirmative determinations, the orders will remain in place. If either the Commission or Commerce makes negative determinations, the Department of Commerce will revoke the orders. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2015/iron_construction_castings_brazil_canada_and_china/fourth_review_full.htm

Iron construction castings covered by these reviews consist of heavy castings and light castings.

Heavy castings -- manhole covers, rings, and frames, catch basin grates and frames, cleanout covers and frames used for drainage or access purposes for public utility, water and sanitary systems, collectively imported under Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) statistical reporting number 7325.10.0010 until 1999. Starting in 2000, heavy castings were imported under the following statistical reporting numbers: 7325.10.0010, 7325.10.0020, and 7325.10.0025. Heavy castings may also be imported under HTS statistical reporting number 7325.10.0080 as "other." Heavy castings from Brazil are subject to both antidumping and countervailing duty orders. Heavy castings from Canada and China are subject to antidumping duty orders.

Light castings -- valve, service, and meter boxes which are placed below ground to encase water, gas, or other valves, or water and gas meters. These types of light castings were imported under HTS statistical reporting number 7325.10.0050 until 1999. Starting in 2000, these light castings were imported under the following two reporting numbers: 7325.10.0030 and 7325.10.0035. Light castings may also be imported under HTS statistical reporting number 7325.10.0080 as "other." Light castings from Brazil and China are subject to antidumping duty orders.

Reporting of information.--If information is not readily available from your records in exactly the form requested, furnish carefully prepared estimates. If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire in connection with this proceeding (i.e., a producer, importer, and/or purchaser questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions in the questionnaires.

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 of your 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 the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this questionnaire.

Hours	Dollars

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 40 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire.

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

I-2. **Establishments covered**--Provide the name and address of 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 iron construction castings, 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)

I-4. **Related SUBJECT importers/exporters.**--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that import iron construction castings from Brazil, Canada, and/or China into the United States or that export iron construction castings from Brazil, Canada, and/or China to the United States?

No Yes--List the following information.

Firm name	Address	Affiliation

I-5. **Related NONSUBJECT importers/exporters.**--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that import iron construction castings from countries other than Brazil, Canada, and/or China into the United States or that export iron construction castings from countries other than Brazil, Canada, and/or China to the United States?

No Yes--List the following information.

Firm name and country	Address	Affiliation

I-6. **Related producers.**--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that produce iron construction castings?

No Yes--List the following information.

Firm name and country	Address	Affiliation

I-7. **Business plan.**--Does your company or any related firm have a business plan or any internal documents that describe, discuss, or analyze expected market conditions for iron construction castings?

No	Yes	If yes, please provide these documents. If you are not providing the requested documents, please explain why not.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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PART II.--PURCHASES

Contact information.--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. **Purchases (HEAVY CASTINGS).**--

- (a) Please estimate your firm's total U.S. purchases of **heavy** iron construction castings in 2015. (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.)

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)	
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- (b) Estimate the percentage of the quantity of your firm's purchases of **heavy** iron construction castings in 2015 that were produced in each of the specified countries.

Heavy iron construction castings produced in:	Share of quantity of 2015 purchases
United States	%
Brazil	%
Canada	%
China	%
All other countries: ¹	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %
¹ Please identify these countries:	

II-2. Purchases (LIGHT CASTINGS).--

- (a) Please estimate your firm's total U.S. purchases of **light** iron construction castings in 2015. (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.)

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)	
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- (b) Estimate the percentage of the quantity of your firm's purchases of **light** iron construction castings in 2015 that were produced in each of the specified countries.

Light iron construction castings produced in:	Share of quantity of 2015 purchases
United States	%
Brazil	%
China	%
All other countries: ¹	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %
¹ Please identify these countries:	

II-3. Changes in purchasing patterns.—

- (a) Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of **heavy** iron construction castings from different sources have changed since January 1, 2010.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Brazil	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All other countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sources unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(b) Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of **light** iron construction castings from different sources have changed since January 1, 2010.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Brazil	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All other countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sources unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

II-4. **Purchases from one country only.**--If your firm has purchased iron construction castings from only one country, please explain the reasons for doing so.

II-5. **Supplier identification.**--Please list your firm's **FIVE** largest suppliers for iron construction castings since January 1, 2013. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of iron construction castings 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 type.**--Which of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of iron construction castings (check all that apply)?

End user (heavy castings)	End user (light castings)	Distributor	Other	Describe other
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

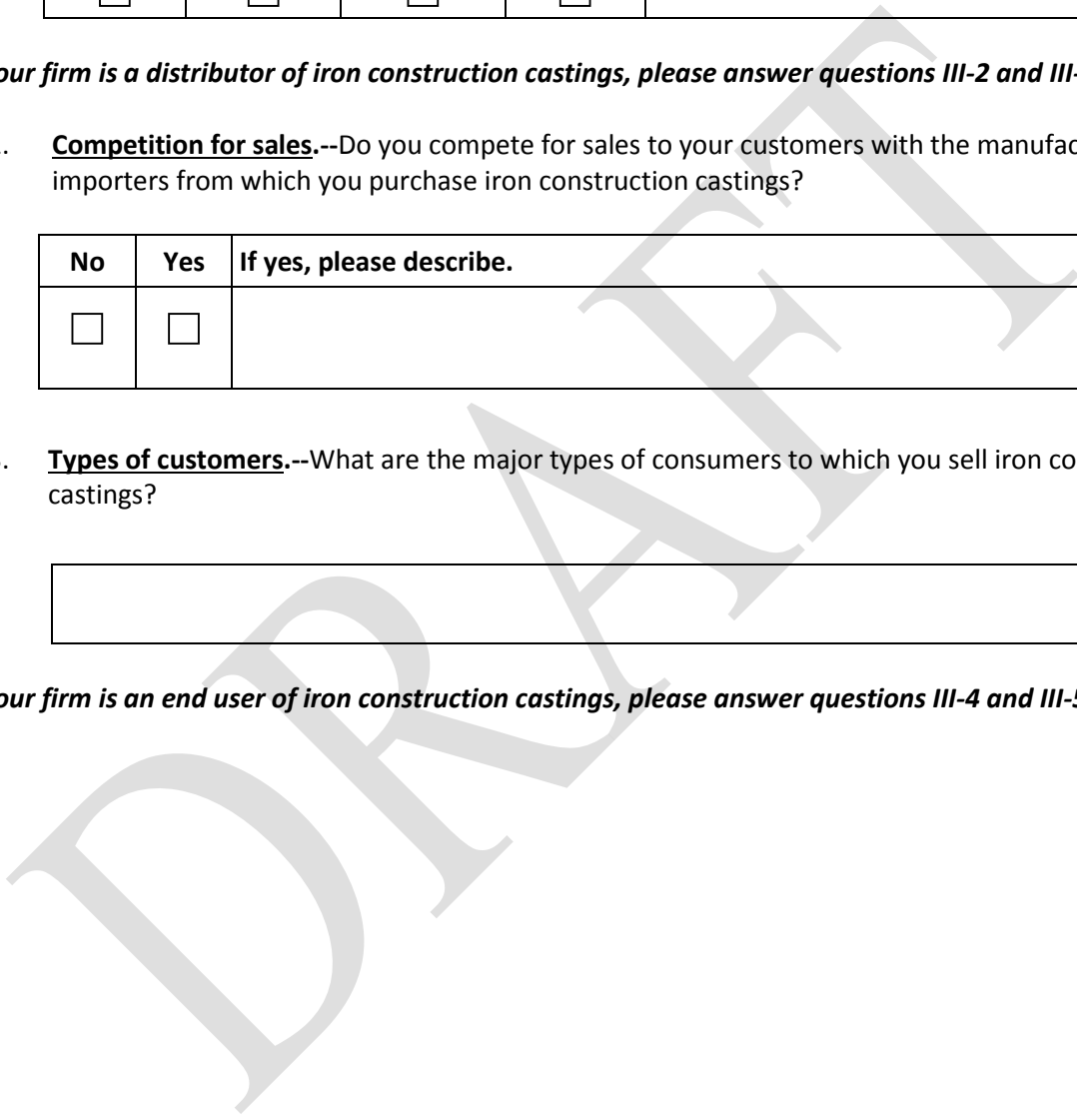
If your firm is a distributor of iron construction castings, please answer questions III-2 and III-3.

III-2. **Competition for sales.**--Do you compete for sales to your customers with the manufacturers or importers from which you purchase iron construction castings?

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

III-3. **Types of customers.**--What are the major types of consumers to which you sell iron construction castings?

If your firm is an end user of iron construction castings, please answer questions III-4 and III-5.



III-4. **End uses.--**

- (a) Select among the following list the products you make using iron construction castings, and estimate the percent of your total production cost that is accounted for by iron construction castings and by other inputs (such as labor, energy, and other raw materials).

Product(s) that your firm makes	No	Yes	Share of total cost in each of the product(s) your firm produces accounted for by				Total (should sum to 100.0% across)
			Iron construction castings		Other inputs		
Manhole covers, rings and frames (heavy)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
Catch basins, grates and frames (heavy)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
Cleanout covers and frames (heavy)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
Valve and service boxes (light)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
Meter boxes (light)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
Other (please describe:)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	%	+	%	=	0.0 %

- (b) Have there been any changes in the end uses of heavy and/or light iron construction castings since January 1, 2010? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Changes in end uses	No	Yes	Explain
Changes since January 1, 2010	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anticipated changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-5. Demand for end use products.--

- (a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating heavy and/or light iron construction castings changed since January 1, 2010?

Type	Increased	No change	Decreased	Fluctuated	Not applicable
Heavy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Light	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- (b) Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for iron construction castings?

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

III-6. Substitutes.--

- (a) Can other products be substituted for **heavy** iron construction castings?

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 heavy iron construction castings?		
			No	Yes	Explanation
1.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(b) Can other products be substituted for **light** iron construction castings?

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 light iron construction castings?		
		No	Yes	Explanation
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(c) Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for heavy and/or light iron construction castings since January 1, 2010? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Changes in substitutes	No	Yes	Explain
Changes since January 1, 2010	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anticipated changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-7. Demand trends.--

- (a) Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for heavy iron construction castings has changed since January 1, 2010, and how you anticipate demand will change in the future. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected, and that you anticipate will affect, these changes in demand.

Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explanation and factors
Demand since January 1, 2010					
Within the U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Outside the U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anticipated future demand					
Within the U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Outside the U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- (b) Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for light iron construction castings has changed since January 1, 2010, and how you anticipate demand will change in the future. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected, and that you anticipate will affect, these changes in demand.

Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explanation and factors
Demand since January 1, 2010					
Within the U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Outside the U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anticipated future demand					
Within the U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Outside the U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-8. **Market studies.**--Please provide as a separate attachment to this request any studies, surveys, etc. that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss iron construction castings supply (including production capacity and capacity utilization) and demand in (1) the United States, (2) each of the other major producing/consuming countries, including Brazil, Canada, and/or China, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data from 2010 to the present and forecasts for the future.

III-9. **Importance of purchasing domestic product.**--Please fill out the table below, estimating the percentage of your firm's total 2015 purchases of iron construction castings that required iron construction castings produced in the United States.

	Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2015 purchases of iron construction castings
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-10. **Conditions of competition.**--

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

Check all that apply.	Please describe. (Identify between heavy and light iron construction castings in your response)
<input type="checkbox"/> No	Skip to question III-11.
<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 iron construction castings since January 1, 2010?

No	Yes	If yes, describe. (Identify between heavy and light iron construction castings in your response)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-11. **Decisions based on producer and country-of-origin.**--How often does your firm, and if you know, do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving iron construction castings based on its producer or country of origin?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, explain.
Decision based on producer					
Your firm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Your customers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Decision based on country of origin					
Your firm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Your customers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-12. **Availability of supply.**--Has the availability of iron construction castings in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2010? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Availability in the U.S. market	No	Yes	Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the changes.
Changes since January 1, 2010:			
U.S.-produced product	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Subject imports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nonsubject imports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anticipated changes:			
U.S.-produced product	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Subject imports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nonsubject imports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-13. **Supply constraints.**--Has any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with iron construction castings since January 1, 2010 (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. (Identify between heavy and light iron construction castings in your response)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-14. **Purchasing frequency.**--

(a) How frequently do you make purchases of iron construction castings (check one)?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(b) Do you expect this purchasing frequency to change in the next two years?

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

III-15. **Number of suppliers contacted.**--How many suppliers do you generally contact before making a purchase? Between ____ and ____ firms.

III-16. **Supplier negotiations.**--Do your purchases of iron construction castings usually involve negotiations between supplier and purchaser?

No	Yes	If yes, explain the factors you generally negotiate and note whether your firm quotes competing prices during negotiations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-17. **Change in suppliers.**-- Has your firm changed suppliers since January 1, 2010?

No	Yes	If yes, please list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or dropped, and the reasons for the change.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-18. **New suppliers.**--

(a) Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since January 1, 2010?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the firms. (Identify between heavy and light iron construction castings in your response)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(b) Do you expect new iron construction castings suppliers to enter the U.S. market?

No	Yes	If yes, please explain. (Identify between heavy and light iron construction castings in your response)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-19. **Supplier qualification.**--Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell iron construction castings 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	Yes	Number of days	Process and factors
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

III-20. **Failure to certify.**--Since January 1, 2010, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their iron construction castings with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-21. **Major purchasing factors.**-- Please list, in order of their importance, the three major factors your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase iron construction castings (examples include availability, extension of credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).

1.	
2.	
3.	
Please list any other factors that are very important in your purchase decisions:	

III-22. **Purchasing factors.**--Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for iron construction castings.

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discounts offered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extension of credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum quantity requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product consistency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality exceeds industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality meets industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical support/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. transportation costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

III-23. **Quality characteristics.**--What characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of iron construction castings?

III-24. **Frequency of decisions based on price.**--How often does your firm purchase the iron construction castings that is offered at the lowest price?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

III-25. **Price leaders.**--A price leader is defined as (1) one or more firms that initiate a price change, either upward or downward, that is followed by other firms, or (2) one or more firms that have a significant impact on prices. *A price leader is not necessarily the lowest-priced supplier.*

(a) Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the **heavy** iron construction castings market since January 1, 2010.

Firm(s)	Describe how the firm(s) exhibited price leadership

(b) Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the **light** iron construction castings market since January 1, 2010.

Firm(s)	Describe how the firm(s) exhibited price leadership

III-26. **Changes in U.S. industry.**--

(a) Please identify and discuss any improvements/changes in the U.S. iron construction castings industry since January 1, 2010 and explain the factors, including the order(s) under review, that were responsible for each improvement/change.

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(b) Please discuss any improvements/changes that you anticipate in the future in the U.S. iron construction castings industry. Identify the time period and causes for these improvements/changes.

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III-27. **Effect of revocation.**--What do you think will be the likely effects of any revocation of the antidumping duty orders for imports of iron construction castings from Brazil, Canada, and China and the countervailing duty order for imports of iron construction castings from Brazil? As appropriate, please discuss any potential effects of revocation of these countervailing and antidumping duty orders on (1) the future activities of your firm and (2) the U.S. market as a whole. Please note the future time period to which you are referring.

Activities of your firm	
Entire U.S. market	

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PART IV.-- PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1. **Country knowledge.**--Please indicate the countries of origin for iron construction castings for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.

United States	Brazil	Canada	China	Other countries (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

IV-2. **Interchangeability.**--

(a) Are **heavy** iron construction castings 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	Brazil	Canada	China	Other countries
United States				
Brazil	X			
Canada	X	X		
China	X	X	X	

HEAVY CASTINGS

For any country-pair producing heavy iron construction castings which is *sometimes* or *never* interchangeable, please identify the country pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

- (b) Are **light** iron construction castings 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	Brazil	China	Other countries
United States			
Brazil	X		
China	X	X	
LIGHT CASTINGS			
For any country-pair producing light iron construction castings which is <i>sometimes</i> or <i>never</i> interchangeable, please identify the country pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:			

IV-3. **Factors other than price.--**

- (a) Are differences other than price (*e.g.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between **heavy** iron construction castings 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 O in the table below:

A = such differences are *always* significant

F = such differences are *frequently* significant

S = such differences are *sometimes* significant

N = such differences are *never* significant

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

Country-pair	Brazil	Canada	China	Other countries
United States				
Brazil	X			
Canada	X	X		
China	X	X	X	
HEAVY CASTINGS				
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 heavy iron construction castings, identify the country pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:				

- (b) Are differences other than price (*e.g.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between **light** iron construction castings produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's purchases of the products?

Country pair	Brazil	China	Other countries
United States			
Brazil	X		
China	X	X	
LIGHT CASTINGS			
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 light iron construction castings, identify the country pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:			

- IV-4. **Country preferences.**--Do you or your customers ever specifically order heavy and/or light iron construction castings from one country in particular over other possible sources of supply?

No	Yes	If yes, identify the countries and explain. (Identify between heavy and light iron construction castings in your response)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- IV-5. **Availability of merchandise.**--Are certain grades/types/sizes of heavy and/or light iron construction castings only available from certain country sources?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the countries and the grade/type/size. (Identify between heavy and light iron construction castings in your response)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- IV-6. **Choice of product not based on price.**--If you purchased iron construction castings from one source although a comparable product was available from another country source at a lower price, please explain your reasons for doing so (please specify by country).

IV-7. Factor country comparisons.--

- (a) For the factors listed below, please rate how **heavy** iron construction castings produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with **heavy** iron construction castings produced in each of the other countries you identified.

If you are unfamiliar with the product from a particular country, please leave the boxes for those country comparisons blank.

Factor	Product from the <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Brazil</u>			Product from the <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Canada</u>			Product from the <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>China</u>			Product from the <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Nonsubject countries</u>		
	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Comparable	Inferior	Inferior
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discounts offered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extension of credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum quantity requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product consistency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality exceeds industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality meets industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical support/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. transportation costs ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

¹ 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.

- (b) For the factors listed below, please rate how **light** iron construction castings produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with **light** iron construction castings produced in each of the other countries you identified.

If you are unfamiliar with the product from a particular country, please leave the boxes for those country comparisons blank.

Factor	Product from the <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Brazil</u>			Product from the <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>China</u>			Product from the <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Nonsubject countries</u>		
	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Comparable	Inferior	Inferior
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discounts offered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extension of credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum quantity requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product consistency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality exceeds industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality meets industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical support/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. transportation costs ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

¹ 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-8. **Minimum quality.**--How often do heavy and/or light iron construction castings 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
Heavy iron construction castings					
United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brazil	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonsubject countries (Please identify:)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Light iron construction castings					
United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brazil	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonsubject countries (Please identify:)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

IV-9. **Change in price.**--

- (a) Since January 1, 2010, has there been a change in the price of iron construction castings? If so, has the price of U.S.-produced iron construction castings changed more or less than the price of imported iron construction castings from Brazil, Canada, and/or China?

<input type="checkbox"/>	No change in price.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prices have changed by the same amount.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Price of U.S.-produced iron construction castings has changed relative to the price of iron construction castings from Brazil.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Price of U.S.-produced iron construction castings has changed relative to the price of iron construction castings from Canada.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Price of U.S.-produced iron construction castings has changed relative to the price of iron construction castings from China.

- (b) If the price of U.S.-produced iron construction castings has changed relative to the price of iron construction castings from Brazil, Canada, and/or China, the price of U.S.-produced iron construction castings is now relatively

Higher	Lower	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	than those from Brazil.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	than those from Canada.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	than those from China.

- IV-10. **Other explanations.**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question that did not provide a narrative response box, including any distinction between heavy and light construction castings that was not otherwise identified in the question(s), please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below.

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