### **U.S. PRODUCERS' QUESTIONNAIRE**

### TITANIUM SPONGE FROM JAPAN AND KAZAKHSTAN

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>September 7, 2017</u>

See last page for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing duty and antidumping investigations concerning titanium sponge from Japan and Kazakhstan (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-587 and 731-TA-1385-1386 (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)).

Name of firm		
Address		
City	State 2	Zip Code
Website		
Has your firm produced	d titanium sponge (as defined on next page) at a	ny time since January 1, 2014?
NO (Sign the	e certification below and promptly return <b>only</b> this pa	ge of the questionnaire to the Commission)
YES (Comple	ete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire	e questionnaire to the Commission)
-	e via the U.S. International Trade Commissi :://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/. (PIN: SPONGE)	
	CERTIFICATION	
rmation provided in this quest Commission on the same or si e undersigned, acknowledge eeding or other proceedings onnel (a) for developing or r ews, and evaluations relating endix 3; or (ii) by U.S. govern	stionnaire and throughout this proceeding in a imilar merchandise.  The that information submitted in response to the may be disclosed to and used: (i) by the Commaintaining the records of this or a related prong to the programs, personnel, and operation	s employees and contract personnel, to use the any other import-injury proceedings conducted be this request for information and throughout this mission, its employees and Offices, and contract occeeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits ons of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. by for cybersecurity purposes. I understand that a
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#### PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

**Background.**--This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on August 24, 2017, by Titanium Metals Corporation, Exton, PA. Countervailing and/or antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these proceedings if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce ("Commerce") makes an affirmative determination of subsidization and/or dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at <a href="https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2017/titanium\_sponge\_japan\_and\_kazakhstan/preliminary.htm">https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2017/titanium\_sponge\_japan\_and\_kazakhstan/preliminary.htm</a>.

<u>Titanium sponge</u> covered by these investigations is all forms and grades of titanium sponge, except as specified below. Titanium sponge is unwrought titanium metal that has not been melted.

Expressly excluded from the scope of these investigations are titanium powders, titanium sponge fines, titanium briquettes consisting of compacted titanium sponge fines and ultra-high purity titanium sponge. In ultra-high purity titanium sponge, metallic impurities do not exceed any of these amounts:

	WT%
Aluminum	0.0005
Chromium	0.0001
Cobalt	0.0001
Copper	0.0002
Iron	0.0300
Manganese	0.0010
Nickel	0.0002
Vanadium	0.0002
Zirconium	0.0005
Carbon	0.0150
Hydrogen	0.0100
Nitrogen	0.0020
Oxygen	0.1000

Titanium sponge is currently classified under statistical reporting number 8108.20.0010 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The HTSUS provisions are for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope 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.

**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.

<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. In addition, if your firm is a U.S. producer, the information you provide on your production and imports of titanium sponge and your responses to the questions in Part I of the producer questionnaire will be provided to the U.S. Department of Commerce, upon its request, for use in connection with (and only in connection with) its requirement pursuant to section 702(c)(4)/732(c)(4) of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1671a(c)(4)/1673a(c)(4)) to make a determination concerning the extent of industry support for the petition requesting this proceeding. Any information provided to Commerce will be transmitted under the confidentiality and release guidelines set forth above. Your response to these questions constitutes your consent that such information be provided to Commerce under the conditions described above.

I-1a. <u>OMB statistics</u>.--Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this questionnaire.

Hours	Dollars

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 50 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.

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TAA information release.—In the event that the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) makes an affirmative final determination in this proceeding, do you consent to the USITC's release of your contact information (company name, address, contact person, telephone number, email address) appearing on the front page of this questionnaire to the Departments of Commerce, Labor, and Agriculture, as applicable, so that your firm and its workers can be made eligible for benefits under the Trade Adjustment Assistance program?				
	Yes	No		
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[	Establishments			
	covered <sup>1</sup>	City, State	Zip (5 digit)	Description
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	2			
	3			
	3			
	4			
	4			
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<u>P</u>	4 5 6  Additional disco	ussion on establishments cons oes your firm support or o		onnaire:
<u>P</u>	4 5 6  Additional disco			onnaire:  Take no position
<u>P</u>	4 5 6  Additional disconding the support of the sup	oes your firm support or o	ppose the petition?	
<u>P</u>	4 5 6 Additional disconnection supportD	oes your firm support or o  Support	ppose the petition?	

Firm name	Address	Extent of ownership (percent)
-	portersDoes your firm have any	
foreign, that are enga	portersDoes your firm have any ged in importing titanium sponge are engaged in exporting titanium	from Japan and Kazakhstan into
foreign, that are engaged and the United States or that a che United States?	ged in importing titanium sponge	from Japan and Kazakhstan into
foreign, that are engaged and the United States or that a che United States?	ged in importing titanium sponge are engaged in exporting titanium	from Japan and Kazakhstan into

•	<b>Related producers</b> Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that are engaged in the production of titanium sponge?			
□ No □ Ye	sList the following information.			
Firm name	Country	Affiliation		

## PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Jordan Harriman (202-205-2610, jordan.harriman@usitc.gov). **Supply all data requested on a <u>calendar-year</u> basis**.

II-1.	Contact informationPlease identify the responsible individual and the manner by which
	Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted
	in part II.
	Namo

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

II-2. <u>Changes in operations.</u>—Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the production of titanium sponge since January 1, 2014.

(chec	k as many as appropriate)	(If checked, please describe; leave blank if not applicable)
	plant openings	
	plant closings	
	relocations	
	expansions	
	acquisitions	
	consolidations	
	prolonged shutdowns or production curtailments	
	revised labor agreements	
	other (e.g., technology)	

<sup>2</sup> Please identify these products: \_

II-3a. **Production using same machinery.--**Please report your firm's production of products made on the same equipment and machinery used to produce titanium sponge, and the combined production capacity on this shared equipment and machinery in the periods indicated.

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

"Production" – All production in your U.S. establishment(s), including production consumed internally within your firm and production for another firm under a toll agreement.

Quantity (in metric tons)					
	Calendar years			January-June	
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
Overall production capacity					
Production of:  Titanium sponge <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	0	0
Ultra-high purity titanium sponge produced using a sodium reduction process					
Other products <sup>2</sup>					
Total	0	0	0	0	C

II-3b. Operating parameters.--The production capacity reported in II-3a is based on operating \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week, \_\_\_\_\_ weeks per year.

	per week, weeks per year.
II-3c.	<u>Capacity calculation</u> Please describe the methodology used to calculate overall production capacity reported in II-3a, and explain any changes in reported capacity.
II-3d.	<u>Production constraints</u> Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your firm's production capacity.

Зе.	Product	shifting.—	
	(i)	•	able to switch production (capacity) between titanium sponge and other sing the same equipment and/or labor?
		No	Yes (i.e., have produced other products or are able to produce other products). Please identify other actual or potential products:
	(ii)	between pr	cribe the factors that affect your firm's ability to shift production capacity roducts (e.g., time, cost, relative price change, etc.), and the degree to which rs enhance or constrain such shifts.
4.	Tolling.	Since Janu	ary 1, 2014, has your firm been involved in a toll agreement regarding the
			um sponge?
	materia	Is and the s	Agreement between two firms whereby the first firm furnishes the raw econd firm uses the raw materials to produce a product that it then returns h a charge for processing costs, overhead, etc.
	No	Yes	If yes Please describe the toll arrangement(s) and name the firm(s) involved.

II-5.	<b>Foreign</b>	trade	zones

(a) <u>Firm's FTZ operations</u>.--Does your firm produce titanium sponge in and/or admit titanium sponge into a foreign trade zone (FTZ)?

**"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. A foreign trade zone must be designed as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in the Foreign-Trade Zones Act.

No	Yes	If yes Describe the nature of your firms operations in FTZs and identify the specific FTZ site(s).

(b) Other firms' FTZ operations.--To your knowledge, do any firms in the United States import titanium sponge into a foreign trade zone (FTZ) for use in distribution of titanium sponge and/or the production of downstream articles?

No	Yes	If yesIdentify the firms and the FTZs.

II-6. <u>Importer</u>.--Since January 1, 2014, has your firm imported titanium sponge?

"Importer" – The person or firm primarily liable for the payment of any duties on the merchandise, or an authorized agent acting on his behalf. The importer may be the consignee, or the importer of record.

No	Yes	
		If yes <u>COMPLETE AND RETURN A U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE</u>

- II-7. <u>Production, shipment, and inventory data</u>.--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of titanium sponge in its U.S. establishment(s) during the specified periods.
  - "Average production capacity" or "capacity" The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix).
  - "Production" All production in your U.S. establishment(s), including production consumed internally within your firm and production for another firm under a toll agreement.
  - "Commercial U.S. shipments" Shipments made within the United States as a result of an arm's length commercial transaction in the ordinary course of business. Report <u>net values</u> (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods) in U.S. dollars, f.o.b. your point of shipment.
  - "Internal consumption" Product consumed internally by your firm. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.
  - "Transfers to related firms" Shipments made to related domestic firms. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.
  - "Related firm" –A firm that your firm solely or jointly owns, manages, or otherwise controls.
  - "Export shipments" Shipments to destinations outside the United States, including shipments to related firms.
  - "Inventories"— Finished goods inventory, not raw materials or work-in-progress.

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

### II-7. Production, shipment, and inventory data.--Continued

Quantity (	in metric tons	and value (in	\$1,000)			
	Calendar years January-					
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017	
Average production capacity <sup>1</sup> (quantity) (A)						
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (B)						
Production (quantity) (C)						
U.S. shipments:  Commercial shipments:  Quantity (D)						
Value (E)						
Internal consumption: <sup>2</sup> Quantity (F)						
Value² (G)						
Transfers to related firms: <sup>2</sup> Quantity (H)						
Value² (I)						
Export shipments: <sup>3</sup> Quantity (J)						
Value (K)						
End-of-period inventories <sup>4</sup> (quantity) (L)						
<sup>1</sup> The production capacity reported is based of methodology used to calculate production capacity internal consumption and transfers to relat uses a different basis for valuing these transact data using that basis for each of the periods no <sup>3</sup> Identify your firm's principal export market	acity, and explai ed firms must b ions, please spe ted above:	n any changes ir e valued at fair I cify that basis (e	n reported capa market value. I	city n the event tha	t your firm	

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

	Calendar years			January-June	
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
B + C - D - F - H - J - L = should equal					
zero ("0") or provide an explanation. <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate:					

II-8. <u>Channels of distribution</u>.--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e. inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) by channel of distribution.

Quantity (in metric tons) and value (in \$1,000)							
		Calendar years	January-June				
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017		
Channels of distribution:							
U.S. shipments:							
To distributors ( <i>quantity</i> ) (M)							
To end users (quantity) (N)							

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

	Calendar years			January-June	
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
M + N – D - F - H = zero ("0"), if not					
revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-9. <u>U.S. shipments by grade</u>.--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e. inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) by grade.

Quantity (in metric tons) and value (in \$1,000)						
		Calendar years		Januar	y-June	
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017	
U.S. shipments: Premium Grade: Quantity (O)						
Value (P)						
Standard Grade: Quantity (Q)						
Value (R)						

<u>RECONCILIATION OF GRADES</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for U.S. shipments by grade (i.e., lines O and Q) in each time period equal the 'quantity' reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D, F, and H) in each time period in question II-7.

Similarly, please ensure that the values reported for U.S. shipments by grade (i.e., lines P and R) in each time period equal the 'value' reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines E, G, and I) in each time period in question II-7.

If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

	Calendar years			January-June	
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
Quantity Reconciliation: O + Q - D - F - H = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0
Value Reconciliation: P + R - E - G - I = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

Explanation of trends:

II-10. **Employment data**.--Report your firm's employment-related data related to the production of titanium sponge and provide an explanation for any trends in these data.

"Production and Related Workers" (PRWs) includes working supervisors and all nonsupervisory workers (including group leaders and trainees) engaged in fabricating, processing, assembling, inspecting, receiving, storage, handling, packing, warehousing, shipping, trucking, hauling, maintenance, repair, janitorial and guard services, product development, auxiliary production for plant's own use (e.g., power plant), recordkeeping, and other services closely associated with the above production operations.

Average number employed may be computed by adding the number of employees, both full time and part time, for the 12 pay periods ending closest to the 15th of the month and divide that total by 12. For the January to June periods, calculate similarly and divide by 6.

"Hours worked" includes time paid for sick leave, holidays, and vacation time. Include overtime hours actually worked; do not convert overtime pay to its equivalent in straight time hours.

"Wages paid" – Total wages paid before deductions of any kind (e.g., withholding taxes, old-age and unemployment insurance, group insurance, union dues, bonds, etc.). Include wages paid directly by your firm for overtime, holidays, vacations, and sick leave.

		Calendar years			y-June
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
Average number of PRWs (number)					
Hours worked by PRWs (1,000 hours)					
Wages paid to PRWs (\$1,000)					

L.	Related firms.—If your firm reported transfers to related firms in question II-7, please indicate the nature of the relationship between your firm and the related firms (e.g., joint venture, wholly owned subsidiary), whether the transfers were priced at market value or by a non-market formula, whether your firm retained marketing rights to all transfers, and whether the related firms also processed inputs from sources other than your firm.
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January 1, 2014?										
	"Purchase" – A transaction to buy product from a U.S. corporate entity such as another U.S. producer, a U.S. distributor, or a U.S. firm that has directly imported the product.  "Direct import" –A transaction to buy from a foreign supplier where your firm is the importer of record or consignee.									
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□ No □ Y	No YesReport such purchase quantities and values below and explain the reasons for your firms' purchases:									
(	Quantity ( <i>in metri</i>		-	-						
ltem	2014	alendar years 2015	2016	January-June 2016 2017						
Purchases from U.S. importers¹ of titanium sponge from: Japan: Quantity Value										
Kazakhstan: Quantity Value										
All other sources:  Quantity										
Value Purchases from domestic producers <sup>2</sup> : Quantity										
Value										
Purchases from other sources <sup>2</sup> :  Quantity										
Value										
<sup>1</sup> Please list the name of the suppliers differ by source, plea <sup>2</sup> Please list the name of the	se identify the sour	ce for each liste	d supplier:	·						

II-13. <u>Captive production use</u>.—Please report the share of your firm's 2016 internal consumption and/or transfers to related firms for the uses identified below.

Products	Internal consumption 2016 (metric tons)	Transfers to related firms 2016 (metric tons)
Sold as titanium sponge	N/A	
Unusable/not further processed <sup>1</sup>		
Processed into other products <sup>2</sup>		
Total	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Please describe these unusable/not fu	rther processed products:	
<sup>2</sup> Please identify these other products: _		

<u>RECONCILIATION OF INTERNAL CONSUMPTION AND TRANSFERS</u>.—The sum of the data reported above should be equal to the 2016 data reported for internal consumption or transfers. Please ensure that the reconciliation checks below are returning zero ("0")

	Calendar years
Reconciliation	2016
Internal consumption (line F in II-7)	0
Transfers to related parties (line H in II-7)	0

II-14.	Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part II that did not provide a narrative box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with the MS Word questionnaire.

# PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Address questions on this part $\mathfrak c$	of the questionnaire to Joanna L	Lo (202-205-1888, joanna.lo@usitc.gov	<u>v</u> ).
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in part III.	
Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	
Accounting sys	stemBriefly describe your firm's financial accounting system.
A.	When does your firm's fiscal year end (month and day)?
	If your firm's fiscal year changed during the data-collection period, explain below:
B.1.	Describe the lowest level of operations (e.g., plant, division, company-wide) for which financial statements are prepared that include titanium sponge:
2.	Does your firm prepare profit/loss statements for titanium sponge:  Yes No
3.	How often did your firm (or parent company) prepare financial statements
	(including annual reports, 10Ks)? Please check relevant items below.  ☐ Audited, ☐ unaudited, ☐ annual reports, ☐ 10Ks, ☐ 10 Qs, ☐ Monthly, ☐ quarterly, ☐ semi-annually, ☐ annually
4.	Accounting basis: GAAP, cash, tax, or other comprehensi basis of accounting (specify)
Note: A	As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/record
	the preparation of the financial data, as Commission staff may contact your firm
_	ing questions on the financial data. The Commission may also request that your compan
	copies of the supporting documents/records (financial statements, including internal
	and-loss statements for the division or product group that includes titanium sponge, as v ific statements and worksheets) used to compile these data.
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Cost accounting	ng systemBriefly describe your firm's cost accounting system (e.g., standard
cost, job order	<del> </del>

produced titanium spo		produced in the facilities in	which your firm
in your firm's most red	ent fiscal year.	of net sales accounted for b	•
Products		Share of sa	ales
Titanium sponge			%
			%
			%
			%
			%
production of titaniun	sponge from any related so , divisions and/or other com	oor, energy, or any services) uppliers (e.g., inclusive of transponents within the same continue to question III-9a.	ansactions
	purchases from related sup	e inputs used in the product pliers and that are reflected mation by relevant input on	in question III-9a
most recently complerecorded in your complete.	ed fiscal year. For "Input va any's own accounting syste ed supplier's actual cost, co	aluation" please describe the em, of the purchase cost from ost plus, negotiated transfer	m the related

Input valuation as recorded in the firm's accounting books and records

III-8a.	Inputs purchased from related suppliersPlease confirm that the inputs purchased from
	related suppliers, as identified in III-7, were reported in III-9a (financial results on titanium
	sponge) in a manner consistent with your firm's accounting books and records.

Yes	If yes In the space below, please report the valuation basis of inputs purchased from related suppliers as reported in table III-9a.

III-8b. <u>By-products that result in additional revenue.</u>—Are there by-products produced during the course of producing titanium sponge that result in additional revenue streams?

No	Yes	If yesPlease describe how those revenue streams are accounted for.

III-9a. Operations on titanium sponge.—Report the revenue and related cost information requested below on the titanium sponge operations of your firm's U.S. establishment(s). Do not report resale of purchased titanium sponge. Note that internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. Input purchases from related suppliers should be consistent with and based on information in the firm's accounting books and records. Provide data for your firm's three most recently completed fiscal years, and for the specified interim periods. If your firm had commercial shipments or was involved in tolling operations (either as the toller or as the tollee), please contact Joanna Lo at (202) 205-1888 before completing this section of the questionnaire.

Quantity (in metric tons) and value (in \$1,000)							
	Fiscal years ended			January-June			
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017		
Net sales quantities: <sup>2</sup> Commercial sales ("CS")							
Internal consumption ("IC")							
Transfers to related firms ("Transfers")							
Total net sales quantities	0	0	0	0	(		
Net sales values: <sup>2</sup> Commercial sales							
Internal consumption							
Transfers to related firms							
Total net sales values	0	0	0	0	(		
Cost of goods sold (COGS): <sup>3</sup> Raw materials							
Direct labor							
Other factory costs							
Total COGS	0	0	0	0	C		
Gross profit or (loss)	0	0	0	0	C		
Selling, general, and administrative (SG&A) expenses:  Selling expenses							
General and administrative expenses							
Total SG&A expenses	0	0	0	0	0		
Operating income (loss)	0	0	0	0	0		
Other expenses and income: Interest expense							
All other expense items							
All other income items							
Net income or (loss) before income taxes	0	0	0	0	(		
Depreciation/amortization included above							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Include only sales (whether <u>domestic or export</u>) and costs related to your <u>U.S. manufacturing operations</u>.

Note -- The table above contains calculations that will appear when you have entered data in the MS Word form fields.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Less discounts, returns, allowances, and prepaid freight. The quantities and values should approximate the corresponding shipment quantities and values reported in Part II of this questionnaire.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> COGS (whether for domestic or export sales) should include <u>costs associated with CS, IC, and Transfers.</u>

III-9b.	<u>Financial data reconciliation</u> The calculable line items from question III-9a (i.e., total net sales quantities and values, total COGS, gross profit (or loss), total SG&A, and net income (or loss)) have been calculated from the data submitted in the other line items. Do the calculated fields return the correct data according to your firm's financial records ignoring non-material differences that may arise due to rounding?					
	Yes	NoIf the calculated fields do not show the correct data, please double check the feeder data for data entry errors and revise.				
		Also, check signs accorded to the post operating income line items; the two expense line items should report positive numbers (i.e., expenses are positive and incomes or reversals are negativeinstances of the latter should be rare in those lines) while the income line item also in most instances should have its value be a positive number (i.e., income is positive, expenses or reversals are negative).				
		If after reviewing and potentially revising the feeder data your firm has provided, the differences between your records and the calculated fields persist please identify and discuss the differences in the space below.				

III-10. Nonrecurring items (charges and gains) included in the subject product financial results.--For each annual and interim period for which financial results are reported in question III-9a, please specify all material (significant) nonrecurring items (charges and gains) in the schedule below, the specific question III-9a line item where the nonrecurring items are included, a brief description of the relevant nonrecurring items, and the associated values (in \$1,000), as reflected in question III-9a; i.e., if an aggregate nonrecurring item has been allocated to question III-9a, only the allocated value amount included in question III-9a should be reported in the schedule below. Note: The Commission's objective here is to gather information only on material (significant) nonrecurring items which impacted the reported financial results of the subject product in question III-9a.

	F	iscal years endec	l	Januar	y-June
	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
<b>Nonrecurring item:</b> In this column please provide a brief description of each nonrecurring item and indicate the specific line item in table III-9a where the nonrecurring item is	Nonrecurring item: In these columns please report the amount of the relevant nonrecurring item reported in question III-9a.				
classified.			Value ( <i>\$1,000</i> )		
1. , classified as					
2. , classified as					
3. , classified as					
4. , classified as					
5. , classified as					
6. , classified as					
7. , classified as					

III-11.	Classification of identified nonrecurring items (charges and gains) in the accounting books and
	<u>records of the company</u> If non-recurring items were reported in question III-10 above, please
	identify where your company recorded these items in your accounting books and records in the normal course of business; i.e., just as responses to question III-10 identify where these items are reported in question III-9a.

III-12. Asset values. -- Report the total assets (i.e., both current and long-term assets) associated with the production, warehousing, and sale of titanium sponge. If your firm does not maintain some or all of the specific asset information necessary to calculate total assets for titanium sponge in the normal course of business, please estimate this information based upon a method (such as production, sales, or costs) that is consistent with relevant cost allocations in question III-9a. Provide data as of the end of your firm's three most recently completed fiscal years.

**Note:** Total assets should reflect <u>net assets</u> after any accumulated depreciation and allowances deducted.

Total assets should be <u>allocated to the subject products</u> if these assets are also related to other products. Please provide a <u>brief explanation if there are any substantial changes</u> in total asset value during the period; e.g., due to asset write-offs, revaluation, and major purchases.

Value (in \$1,000)				
	Fiscal years ended			
Item	2014	2015	2016	
Total assets (net) 1				
<sup>1</sup> Describe				

III-13. Capital expenditures and research and development expenses. -- Report your firm's capital expenditures and research and development expenses for titanium sponge. Provide data for your firm's three most recently completed fiscal years, and for the specified interim periods.

Value (in \$1,000)					
	Fiscal years ended January-June			y-June	
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
Capital expenditures <sup>1</sup>					
Research and development expenses <sup>2</sup>					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please describe the nature, focus, and significance of your firm's capital expenditures on the subject product.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Please describe the nature, focus, and significance of your firm's R&D expenses related to subject product.

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III-14.	Data consistency and reconciliationPlease indicate whether your firm's financial data for
	guestions III-9a, 12, and 13 are based on a calendar year or on your firm's fiscal year:

Calendar year	Fiscal year	Specify fiscal year

Please note the quantities and values reported in question III-9a should reconcile with the data reported in question II-7 (including export shipments) as long as they are reported on the same calendar year basis.

<u>RECONCILIATION OF TRADE VS FINANCIAL DATA</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities and values reported for total shipments in part II equal the quantities and values reported for total net sales in part III of this questionnaire in each time period unless the financial data from part III are reported on a fiscal year basis, in which case only the interim periods must reconcile. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0") and both are being reported on a calendar basis, please explain the discrepancy below.

		Full year data	
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016
Quantity: Trade data from question II-7 (lines D, F, H, and J) less financial total net sales quantity data from question III-9a, = zero ("0").	0	0	0
Value: Trade data from question II-7 (lines E, G, I, and K) less financial total net sales value data from question III-9a, = zero ("0").	0	0	0

Do these data in question III-9a reconcile with data in question II-7?

Yes	No	If no, please explain.

If your responses to any of the items in questions III-15, III-16, and III-17 differ by country, please describe these differences and, as applicable, indicate which country or countries your response refers to in the relevant form fields.

III-15.	<u>Effects of imports on investment</u> Since January 1, 2014, has your firm experienced any actual negative effects on its return on investment or the scale of capital investments as a result of imports of titanium sponge from Japan and Kazakhstan?				
	☐ No		YesMy firm has experi	enced actual negative effects as follows:	
		(ch	neck as many as appropriate)	(please describe)	
			Cancellation, postponement, or rejection of expansion projects		
			Denial or rejection of investment proposal		
			Reduction in the size of capital investments		
			Return on specific investments negatively impacted		
			Other		

III-16.	<u>Effects of imports on growth and development</u> Since January 1, 2014, has your firm experienced any actual negative effects on its growth, ability to raise capital, or existing development and production efforts (including efforts to develop a derivative or more advance version of the product) as a result of imports of titanium sponge from Japan and Kazakhstan?					
	☐ No		YesMy firm has experi	enced actual negative effects as follows:		
		(ch	neck as many as appropriate)	(please describe)		
			Rejection of bank loans			
			Lowering of credit rating			
			Problem related to the issue of stocks or bonds			
			Ability to service debt			
			Other			

III-17.	Anticipated effects of importsDoes your firm anticipate any negative effects due to imports of
	titanium sponge from Japan and Kazakhstan?

No	Yes	If yes, my firm anticipates negative effects as follows:

III-18.	Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part III that did not provide a narrative box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with the MS Word questionnaire.

#### PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Emily Burke (202-205-3191, <a href="maily.Burke@usitc.gov">Emily.Burke@usitc.gov</a>).

IV-1. <u>Contact information</u>.--Please identify the individual that Commission staff may contact regarding the confidential information submitted in part IV.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

#### **PRICE DATA**

- IV-2. This question requests quarterly quantity and value data for your firm's commercial shipments to unrelated U.S. customers since January 1, 2014 of the following products produced by your firm.
  - <u>Product 1.--</u> Premium Quality Titanium Sponge that has been certified for use in critical rotating aero-engine end-use applications and does not contain more than, by percentage of weight, any of the following:

Al: 0.03; C: 0.02; Cl: 0.120; Fe: 0.080; H2O: 0.020; Mg: 0.060; N: 0.015; O: 0.08; Si: 0.04; Sn: 0.286; Ni: 0.03; H: 0.020; Cr: 0.030.

**Product 2.--** Standard Quality Titanium Sponge that has not been certified for use in critical aero-engine end-use applications and/or contains more than, by percentage of weight, any of the following:

Al: 0.03; C: 0.02; Cl: 0.120; Fe: 0.080; H2O: 0.020; Mg: 0.060; N: 0.015; O: 0.08; Si: 0.04; Sn: 0.286; Ni: 0.03; H: 0.020; Cr: 0.030.

Please note that values should be <u>f.o.b.</u>, <u>U.S.</u> <u>point of shipment</u> and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Values should reflect the *final net* amount paid to your firm (i.e., should be net of all deductions for discounts or rebates).

IV-2 (a). During January 2014-June 2017, did your firm produce and sell to unrelated U.S. customers any of the above listed products (or any products that were competitive with these products)?

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

IV-2(b). <u>Price data</u>.--Report below the quarterly price data<sup>1</sup> for pricing products<sup>2</sup> produced and sold by your firm.

Report data in kilograms (not metric tons) and actual dollars (not 1,000s).

(Quantity in kilograms (kg), value in dollars)						
	Produ	ict 1	Produ	ıct 2		
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value		
2014:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2015:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2016:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2017:						
January-March						
April-June						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S. point of shipment.

**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.

Product 1:

Product 2:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part IV.

IV-2 (c). <u>Price data checklist.</u>--Please check that the pricing data in question IV-2(b) has been correctly reported.

Is the price data reported above:	√ if Yes			
In actual dollars ( <i>not</i> \$1,000)				
In kilograms ( <i>not</i> metric tons)?				
F.o.b. U.S. point of shipment (i.e., does not include U.S. transport costs)?				
Net of all discounts and rebates?				
Have returns credited to the quarter in which the sale occurred?				
Less than reported commercial shipments in question II-7 in each year?				
Less than reported commercial shipments in question II-7 in each year?  Pricing data methodologyPlease describe the method and the kinds of documentation were used to compile your price data.	ents/recor			

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

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IV-3.	Price settingHow does your firm determine the prices that it charges for sales of titanium
	sponge (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

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

Quantity discounts	Annual total volume discounts	No discount policy	Other	Describe

### IV-5. **Pricing terms.--**

(a) What are your firm's typical sales terms for its U.S.-produced titanium sponge?

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

(b) On what basis are your firm's prices of domestic titanium sponge usually quoted (check one)?

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

IV-6. <u>Contract versus spot.</u>--Approximately what share of your firm's sales of its U.S.-produced titanium sponge in 2016 was on a (1) long-term contract basis, (2) annual contract basis, (3) short-term contract basis, and (4) spot sales basis?

		Туре о	f sale			
	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	<b>Spot sales</b> (for a single delivery)	Total (shoul sum to 100.0%	d o
Share of 2016 sales	%	%	%	%	0.0	%

IV-7. <u>Contract provisions.--</u>Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical sales contracts for U.S.-produced titanium sponge (or check "not applicable" if your firm does not sell on a long-term, short-term and/or annual contract basis).

Typical sales contract provisions	Item	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)
Average contract duration	No. of days		365	
Price renegotiation	Yes			
(during contract period)	No			
	Quantity			
Fixed quantity and/or price	Price			
aa, e. pee	Both			
Meet or release	Yes			
provision	No			
Not applicab	le			

IV-8. <u>Lead times.</u>—What is your firm's share of sales from inventory and produced to order and what is the typical lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of its U.S.-produced titanium sponge?

Source	Share of 2016 sales	Lead time (Average number of days)
From inventory	%	
Produced to order	%	
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	

IV-9.	Shinning	information
10-9.	Snipping	iniormation

(a)	What is the approximate percentage of the cost of U.Sproduced titanium sponge 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) Indicate the approximate percentage of your firm's sales of titanium sponge that are delivered the following distances from its production facility.

Distance from production facility	Share
Within 100 miles	%
101 to 1,000 miles	%
Over 1,000 miles	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

IV-10. <u>Geographical shipments.</u>—In which U.S. geographic market area(s) has your firm sold its U.S.-produced titanium sponge since January 1, 2014 (check all that apply)?

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

IV-11. <u>End uses.--</u>List the end uses of the titanium sponge that your firm manufactures. For each enduse product, what percentage of the <u>total cost</u> is accounted for by titanium sponge and other inputs?

		t of end use product ted for by	Total
End use product	Titanium sponge	Other inputs	(should sum to 100.0% across)
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %

				%				
				/0			%	0.0 %
				%			%	0.0 %
				%			%	0.0 %
IV-:	12. <b>Substitutes.</b> -			oe substitut lease fill out			n sponge?	
		E	nd use in v	which this			•	e of this substitute tanium sponge?
	Substitute		substitute	is used	No	Yes	Expl	anation
1.								
2.								
3.								
IV-:	States (if kno	wn) for tita	nium spor	nge has chai			tates and outside uary 1, 2014. Exp	
	describe the				ed these	chan	ges in demand.	olain any trenus an
<b>.</b>	describe the	orincipal fa  Overall  increase	No change	Overall decrease	ed these	chan iate no		tion and factors
		Overall	No	Overall	ed these	chan iate no		· 

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No	Yes	If yes, please describ	e and quantify if possible.
Condition	ns of comp	etition	
wic		ns) and/or other cond	ect to business cycles (other than general econor litions of competition distinctive to titanium spor
Check al	l that appl	y.	Please describe.
	No		Skip to question IV-16.
		usiness cycles (e.g. nal business)	
		ther distinctive	
			•
		nere been any changes nge since January 1, 20	
tita	nium spor	nge since January 1, 20	s in the business cycles or conditions of competitions of competitions.
No  Supply cosince Januertry," de	Yes  Onstraints.  Luary 1, 202  eclining to	If yes, describe. Has your firm refuse 14 (examples include parcept new customer	
No  Supply cosince Januertry," de	Yes  Onstraints.  Luary 1, 202  eclining to	If yes, describe. Has your firm refuse 14 (examples include parcept new customer	d, declined, or been unable to supply titanium spolacing customers on allocation or "controlled ords or renew existing customers, delivering less that timely shipment commitments, etc.)?

IV-17. Raw materials.--How have titanium sponge raw material prices changed since January 1, 2014?

Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explain, noting how raw material price changes have affected your firm's selling prices for titanium sponge.

IV-18. <u>Interchangeability.</u>--Is titanium sponge 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	Japan	Kazakhstan	Other countries			
United States						
Japan						
Kazakhstan						
For any country-pair producing titanium sponge that is <i>sometimes</i> or <i>never</i> interchangeable, identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:						

IV-19. <u>Factors other than price</u>.--Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between titanium sponge 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	Japan	Kazakhstan	Other countries
United States			
Japan			
Kazakhstan			

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

IV-20. <u>Customer identification.</u>--List the names and contact information for your firm's 10 largest U.S. customers for titanium sponge since January 1, 2014. Indicate the share of the quantity of your firm's total shipments of titanium sponge that each of these customers accounted for in 2016.

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

IV-21.	Competition	trom	imports

IV-22.

Compe	tition from imports					
(a)	<u>Lost revenue</u> Since January 1, 2014: To avoid losing sales to competitors selling titanium sponge from Japan and/or Kazakhstan, did your firm:					
		No	Yes			
	Reduce prices					
	Roll back announced price increases					
(b)	Lost salesSince January 1, 2014: Did you imports of this product from Japan and/or  No Yes		of titanium spon	ge to		
(c)	The submission of lost sales/lost revenue allegations is to be completed only by NON-PETITIONERS. If your firm indicated "yes" to any of the above, your firm can provide the Commission					
	with additional information by downloading and completing the lost sales/lost revenues worksheet at <a href="http://usitc.gov/trade_remedy/question.htm">http://usitc.gov/trade_remedy/question.htm</a> . Note that the Commission may contact the firms named to verify the allegations reported.					
	Is your firm submitting the lost sales/lost re	evenues worksh	eet?			
	No—Please explain.					
Yes—Please complete the worksheet and submit via the Commission <a href="https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/">https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/</a> . (PIN: SPONGE)						
IV that explana firm ha	explanationsIf your firm would like to furt did not provide a narrative response box, plation in the space provided below. Please also in providing the data in this section, include Word questionnaire.	ease note the q	uestion number a to highlight any	and the issues your		

# **HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE**

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

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2017/titanium\_sponge\_japan\_and\_kazak hstan/preliminary.htm.

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

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

Web address: <a href="https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/">https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/</a> Pin: SPONGE

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

**If your firm** <u>does not </u>**produce this product**, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.

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