U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

FOUNDRY COKE FROM CHINA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by December 19, 2017

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 antidumping duty order concerning foundry coke from China (Inv. No. 731-TA-891 (Third 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 Porscha Stiger (202-205-3241, porscha.stiger@usitc.gov).

Name of firm

CityStateZip Code						
Website						
Has your firm purchas any time since January	sed foundry coke (as defined on the next page) <u>from any source</u> (domestic or foreign ry 1, 2014?) at				
NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)						
YES (Compl	YES (Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)					
•	ire via the Commission <i>Drop Box</i> by clicking on the following link: itc.gov/oinv/ . (PIN: Coke)					
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.--On September 17, 2001, the Department of Commerce ("Commerce") issued an antidumping duty order on imports of foundry coke from China. On August 4, 2017, 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 order 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 an affirmative determination, the order will remain in place. If either the Commission or Commerce makes a negative determination, Commerce will revoke the order. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2017/foundry_coke_china/third_review_full.htm.

Foundry coke covered by this investigation is coke larger than 100 mm (4 inches) in maximum diameter and at least 50 percent of which is retained on a 100 mm (4 inch) sieve, of a kind used in foundries. The foundry coke products subject to the antidumping duty order were classifiable under subheading 2704.00.00.10 (as of Jan 1, 2000) and are currently classifiable under subheading 2704.00.00.11 (as of July 1, 2000) of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, our written description of the scope of the order is dispositive.

<u>Purchaser</u>.--Any firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in purchasing foundry coke from another firm that produces, imports, or otherwise distributes foundry coke.

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 in connection with this proceeding (i.e., a producer, importer, and/or purchaser questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions.

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

<u>Verification</u>.--The information submitted in this questionnaire is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all 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.

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

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

Hours	Dollars

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 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.	<u>Establishments coveredProvide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this</u>
	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 response.

 rm owned, in whole or in part, by sList the following information.	any other firm?

<u>Related importers/exporters.</u> Does your firm have any related firms, either dor foreign, that import foundry coke into the United States or that export foundry of United States?				
No		YesList th	e following information.	
Firm na	me		Country	Affiliation
Related produce			r firm have any related fir	ms, either domestic or foreign, tha
☐ No		YesList th	e following information.	
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PART II.--PURCHASES

<u>Contact information.</u>--Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in this questionnaire.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

II-1. Purchases.—

(a) Please estimate your firm's total U.S. purchases of foundry coke in 2016. (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 (matric tand)	
Quantity (metric tons)	

(b) Estimate the percentage of the quantity of your firm's purchases of foundry coke in 2016 that were produced in each of the specified countries.

Item	Share of quantity of 2016 purchases
Foundry coke produced in: United States	%
China	%
All other countries:1	%
Sources unknown	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %
¹ Please identify these countries:	

II-2.	Changes in purchasing patternsPlease indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of
	foundry coke from different sources have changed since January 1, 2014.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States						
China						
All other countries						
Sources unknown						

II-3. <u>Country knowledge.</u>--Please indicate the countries of origin with which your firm has experience or information in the foundry coke market.

United States	China	Other countries (specify)

II-4. <u>Supplier identification.</u>--Please list your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for foundry coke since January 1, 2014. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of foundry coke that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2016.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2016 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

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

End user	Distributor	Other	Describe other

If your firm is a distributor of foundry coke, please answer questions III-2 and III-3.

III-2. <u>Competition for sales.</u>--Do you compete for sales to your customers with the manufacturers or importers from which you purchase foundry coke?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-3.	<u>Types of customers</u> What are the major types of consumers to which you sell foundry co	oke?

If your firm is an end user of foundry coke, please answer questions III-4 and III-5.

III-4.	End	uses
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(a) List the top 3 products you make using foundry coke and estimate the percent of your total production cost that is accounted for by foundry coke and by other inputs (such as labor, energy, and other raw materials).

	Share of total cost in each of the product(s) your firm produces accounted for by			Total (should	
Product(s) your firm produces	Foundry coke		Other inputs	sum to 100.0% across)	
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
	%	+	%	Ш	0.0 %
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %

(b) Have there been any changes in the end uses of foundry coke since January 1, 2014? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Changes in end uses	No	Yes	Explain
Changes since January 1, 2014			
Anticipated changes			

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

(a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating foundry coke changed since January 1, 2014?

Increased	No change	Decreased	Fluctuated

(b) Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for foundry coke?

No	Yes	Explain

U.S. Purchasers' Questionnaire – Foundry Coke Page 9 Substitutes.--III-6. Can other products be substituted for foundry coke? (a) No Yes--Please fill out the table. Have changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for foundry coke? End use in which this Substitute No Yes **Explanation** substitute is used 2. 3.

(b) Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for foundry coke since January 1, 2014? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Changes in substitutes	No	Yes	Explain
Changes since January 1, 2014			
Anticipated changes			

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III-7. <u>Demand trends.</u>-- Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for foundry coke has changed since January 1, 2014, 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
		Deman	d since Janւ	ıary 1, 2014	
Within the United States					
Outside the United States					
		Antic	ipated futur	e demand	
Within the United States					
Outside the United States					

- 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 foundry coke supply (including production capacity and capacity utilization) and demand in (1) the United States, (2) each of the other major producing/consuming countries, including China, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data from 2014 to the present and forecasts for the future.
- III-9. <u>Country preferences.--</u>Do you or your customers ever specifically order foundry coke from one country in particular over other possible sources of supply?

No	Yes	If yes, identify the countries and explain.

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III-10.	Importance of purchasing domestic productPlease fill out the table below, estimating the
	percentage of your firm's total 2016 purchases of foundry coke that required foundry coke
	produced in the United States.

	Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2016 purchases of foundry coke
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-11. Conditions of competition.--

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

Check all th	at apply.	Please describe.
	No	Skip to question III-12.
	Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)	
	Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition	

(b) Has compliance with environmental regulations affected the conditions of competition for foundry coke since January 1, 2014?

No	Yes	If yes, describe.

(c) Have there been any other changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for foundry coke since January 1, 2014?

No	Yes	If yes, describe.

III-12.	Decisions based on producer and country-of-originHow often does your firm, and if you
	know, do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving foundry coke based on its
	producer or country of origin?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, explain.
		D	ecision based o	on produc	cer
Your firm					
Your customers					
		Decis	ion based on c	ountry of	origin
Your firm					
Your customers					

III-13. Availability of supply.--Has the availability of foundry coke in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2014? 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, 2	2014:		
U.Sproduced product			
Imports from China			
Imports from all other countries			
Anticipated changes:			
U.Sproduced product			
Imports from China			
Imports from all other countries			

III-14. <u>Availability of specific product types</u>.--Are certain grades/types/sizes of foundry coke only available from certain country sources?

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

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III-15.	foundry "contro	Supply constraintsHas any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with foundry coke since January 1, 2014 (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, being unable to meet timely shipment commitments, etc.)?							
	No Yes If yes, please describe.								
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III-16.	<u>Purchas</u>	sing freq	uency						
	(a)	How fre	quently	do you make p	ourchases of t	foundry coke	e (check o	one)?	
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify	
	(b)	Do you	expect tl	nis purchasing	frequency to	change in th	ne next tv	vo years?	
		No	Yes	If yes, explain	l .				
III-17.	Number of suppliers contactedHow many suppliers do you generally contact before making a purchase? Between and firms.								
III-18.	<u>Supplier negotiations.</u> Do your firm's purchases of foundry coke 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.					
III-19.	<u>Change</u>	in supp	liersHa	s your firm ch	anged suppli	ers since Jan	uary 1, 20	014?	
	If yes, please list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or								

dropped, and the reasons for the change.

No

Yes

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III-20.	I-20. New suppliers						
		Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since January 1, 2014?					
		No	Yes If y	es, please identify the firms.			
	(b)	Do you e	xpect new	foundry coke suppliers to enter the U.S. market?			
		No	Yes If y	es, please explain.			
 III-21. Supplier qualificationDo you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualif to sell foundry coke to your firm? If yes, provide the following information. The number of days to qualify a new supplier. 					alified		
 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., quali of product, reliability of supplier, etc.). 							
	No	Yes	Number of days	Process and factors			
III-22.	attempt	-	fy or qualif	uary 1, 2014, have any domestic or foreign producers failed y their foundry coke with your firm or have any producers los			

If yes, please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and

the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification.

No

Yes

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Please list any other factors that a	re very important in	your purchase de	cisions:
Purchasing factorsPlease rate the purchasing decisions for foundry co		following factors i	n your firm's
Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not importan
Availability			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Extension of credit			
Minimum quantity requirements			
Packaging			
Price			
Product consistency			
Product range			
Quality meets industry standards			
Quality exceeds industry standards	5 <u></u>		
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			

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III-26.	Minimum qualityHow often does foundry coke from the following countries meet minimum
	quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

Source	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never	Don't know
United States					
China					
Other:					

III-27.	Frequency of decisions based on priceHow often does your firm purchase the foundry coke
	that is offered at the lowest price?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never

III-28. <u>Price leaders.</u>--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.

Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the foundry coke market since January 1, 2014.

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

-29.	Changes in U.S. Industry					
	(a)	Please identify and discuss any improvements/changes in the U.S. foundry coke industry since January 1, 2014 and explain the factors, including the order(s) under review, that were responsible for each improvement/change.				
	(b)	Please discuss any improvements/changes that you anticipate in the future in the U.S. foundry coke industry. Identify the time period and causes for these improvements/changes.				
-30.		of revocation of orders What do you think will be the effects on your firm and on the narket of any revocation of the antidumping duty order on imports of foundry coke from?				

PART IV.-- PRODUCT COMPARISIONS

IV-1. <u>Interchangeability.--</u>Is foundry coke 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	China	Other countries					
United States							
China							
1	For any country-pair producing foundry coke which is <i>sometimes</i> or <i>never</i> interchangeable, please identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable						

IV-2. Factors other than price.--Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, etc.) between foundry coke produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's purchases of the products?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 in the table below:

A = such differences are *always* significant

F = such differences are *frequently* significant

S = such differences are *sometimes* significant

N = such differences are *never* significant

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

Country-pair	China	Other countries				
United States						
China						

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

IV-3. <u>Factor country comparisons.</u>—For the factors listed below, please rate how foundry coke produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with foundry coke 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.

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

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-4.	Change	nange in price						
	(a)	Since January 1, 2014, has there been a change in the price of foundry coke? If so, has the price of U.Sproduced foundry coke changed more or less than the price of imported foundry coke from China?						
		No change in	price.					
		Prices have c	ount.					
		Price of U.Sproduced foundry coke has changed relative to the foundry coke from China.						
	(b) If the price of U.Sproduced foundry coke has changed relative to the price of four coke from China, the price of U.Sproduced foundry coke is now relatively							
		Higher	Lower					
				than those from China.				
PART V	/.— <u>ADD</u>	ITIONAL INFORMATI	<u>ON</u>					
V-1.	Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to any question that did not provide a narrative response box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below.							

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/foundry_coke_china/third_review_full.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: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/ Pin: Coke

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to porscha.stiger@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 does not purchase 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.