U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

TAPERED ROLLER BEARINGS FROM KOREA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by April 2, 2018

See last page for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its antidumping investigation concerning tapered roller bearings (TRBs) from Korea (inv. No. 731-TA-1380 (Final). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from Tana von Kessler (202-205-2389, tana.vonkessler@usitc.gov).

City	State Zip Code
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Has your firm purchased t foreign) at any time since	apered roller bearings (as defined on pages 2 and 27) from \underline{any} source (domestic or January 1, 2015?
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.--This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on June 28, 2017, by The Timken Company, North Canton, Ohio. 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 dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2017/tapered_roller_bearings_korea/final.htm

<u>Tapered roller bearings (TRBs)</u> The scope of this investigation is certain tapered roller bearings. Commerce's scope covers all tapered roller bearings with a nominal outside cup diameter of eight inches and under, regardless of type of steel used to produce the bearing, whether of inch or metric size, and whether the tapered roller bearing is a thrust bearing or not.

Commission like-product determination: For purposes of its determination in the preliminary phase of the investigation, the Commission found that TRBs over 8 inches in outside cup diameter ("large-diameter TRBs") are included in the same domestic like product definition as TRBs whose maximum outside cup diameter is 8 inches and under ("small-diameter TRBs").

Certain tapered roller bearings include: Finished cup and cone assemblies entering as a set, finished cone assemblies entering separately, and finished parts (cups, cones, and tapered rollers). Certain tapered roller bearings are sold individually as a set (cup and cone assembly), as a cone assembly, as a finished cup, or packaged as a kit with one or several tapered roller bearings, a seal, and grease. The scope of the investigation includes finished rollers and finished cones that have not been assembled with rollers and a cage. Certain tapered roller bearings can be a single row or multiple rows (e.g., two- or four-row), and a cup can handle a single cone assembly or multiple cone assemblies.

Finished cups, cones, and rollers differ from unfinished cups, cones, and rollers in that they have undergone further processing after heat treatment, including, but not limited to, final machining, grinding, and/or polishing. Mere heat treatment of a cup, cone, or roller (without any further processing after heat treatment) does not render the cup, cone, or roller a finished part for the purpose of this investigation. Finished tapered roller bearing parts are understood to mean parts which, at the time of importation, are ready for assembly (if further assembly is required) and require no further finishing or fabrication, such as grinding, lathing, machining, polishing, heat treatment, etc. Finished parts may require grease, bolting, and/or pressing as part of final assembly, and the requirement that these processes be performed, subsequent to importation, does not remove an otherwise finished tapered roller bearing from the scope.

Tapered roller bearings that have a nominal outer cup diameter of eight inches and under that may be used in wheel hub units, rail bearings, or other housed bearings, but entered separately, are included in the scope to the same extent as described above. All tapered roller bearings meeting the written description above, and not otherwise excluded, are included, regardless of coating.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are:

- (1) Unfinished parts of tapered roller bearings (cups, cones, and tapered rollers);
- (2) cages, whether finished or unfinished;

- (3) the non-tapered roller bearing components of subject kits (e.g., grease, seal); and
- (4) tapered roller bearing wheel hub units, rail bearings, and other housed tapered roller bearings (flange, take up cartridges, and hanger units incorporating tapered rollers).

Tapered roller bearings subject to this investigation are primarily classifiable under subheadings 8482.20.0040, 8482.20.0061, 8482.20.0070, 8482.20.0081, 8482.91.0050, 8482.99.1550, and 8482.99.1580 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).¹

TRBs over 8 inches in outside cup diameter are primarily classifiable under HTSUS statistical reporting numbers 8482.20.0064, 8482.20.0067, 8482.20.0090, 8482.99.1570, and 8482.99.4500.

Parts may also enter under 8482.99.4500. While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and for customs purposes, the written description of the subject merchandise is dispositive.

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

<u>Reporting of information</u>.-- If information is not readily available from your records, provide carefully prepared estimates. If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire (i.e., a producer, importer, and/or purchaser questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions.

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

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

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

¹ Prior to July 2016, products entering under 8482.20.0061 entered under 8482.20.0060, products entering under 8482.20.0081 entered under 8482.20.0080, and products entering under 8482.99.1550 entered under 8482.99.1540.

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l-4.			y related firms, either domestic or nich export TRBs to the United States?					
	No YesList the following information.							
	Firm name	Country	Affiliation					
l-5.	Related producersDoe produce TRBs?	Related producersDoes your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which produce TRBs?						
	□ No □ Yes	List the following information.						
	Firm name	Country	Affiliation					

Unless otherwise indicated, please provide information in this U.S. Purchasers' Questionnaire for all sizes of TRBs, regardless of diameter. If your answer to any question differs between small diameter TRBs (nominal outside diameter of at less than 8") and large diameter TRBs (above 8" in nominal outside diameter), please explain in the narrative of the question or at question VI-1, Other explanations.

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 and imports. — Report your firm's total domestic purchases and direct imports of TRBs. Please report separately your domestic purchases and your direct imports (where your firm was the importer of record). Please also report separately for TRBs equal to or less than 8" and TRBs greater than 8". Please also report purchases of finished parts (not including cages) under each category.

"Domestic Purchase" – Purchase from a U.S. entity such as a U.S. producer, a U.S. distributor, or a U.S. firm.

"Direct Import" – Purchase directly <u>from a foreign supplier</u> and your firm is the importer of record.

II-1(a). Purchases and imports (small-diameter TRBs)

Small-diameter TRBs (8" or less outside cup diameter)

	2015	2016	2017	
Item	Value (in \$1,000s)			
Purchases of TRBs produced in—				
United States				
Korea				
China				
Japan				
All other countries ¹				
Sources unknown				
Total purchases	0	0	0	
Imports of TRBs from—				
Korea				
China				
Japan				
All other countries ¹				
Total imports	0	0	0	
¹ Please identify these countries:				

II-1(b). Purchases and imports (large-diameter TRBs).

Large-diameter TRBs (over 8" outside cup diameter)

	2015	2016	2017	
Item	Value (in \$1,000s)			
Purchases of TRBs produced in—				
United States				
Korea				
China				
Japan				
All other countries ²				
Sources unknown				
Total purchases	0	0	0	
Imports of TRBs from—				
Korea				
China				
Japan				
All other countries ²				
Total imports	0	0	0	
² Please identify these countries:				

II-2. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns.--</u>Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of TRBs from different sources have changed since January 1, 2015.

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

II-3. **Country knowledge.--** Please indicate the countries of origin with which your firm has experience or information in the TRBs market.

United States	Korea	China	Japan	Other countries	Other countries (specify)

II-4. <u>Supplier identification</u>.--Please list your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for TRBs since January 1, 2015. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of TRBs that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2017.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2017 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

ļ	End user	Dist	ributor	Other	Des	cribe other	
	Please indi	cate w	hich of the	e following	sectors your f	irm purchas	ses for (check all that app
	Automoti	ve Ag	griculture		Heavy ent/Industrial	Other	Describe other
			n which yo	•	rchases TRBs?	sales to cus	stomers with the manufa
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If your firm is an end user of TRBs, please answer questions III-4 and III-5.

III-4. <u>End uses.--</u>List the top 3 products your firm makes using TRBs and estimate the percent of your total production cost that is accounted for by TRBs 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	TRBs		Other inputs		sum to 100.0% across)
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %

III-5.	Demand for en	d use products
III⁻J.	Demand for em	<u>u use products</u> .

(a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating TRBs changed since January 1, 2015?

Increased	No change	Decreased	Fluctuated

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

N	No	Yes	Explain

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III-6. <u>Substitutes</u> C	an other p	roducts b	e substitute	ed for T	RBs?	
☐ No		YesPle	ease fill out	the tak	ole.	
	Fn	d use in w	hich this		Have	changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for TRBs?
Substitute		ubstitute		No	Yes	Explanation
1.						
2.						
3.						
the principal fa	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluct	tuate h no trend	
Within the United	increase	change	decrease	Cicai	trend	Explanation and factors
States Overall						
Automotive						
Agriculture						
Heavy equipment/ industrial						
Outside the United States ¹						

¹Please identify countries or regions referenced:

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III-8.			esDo you or your ther possible source	customers ever specifically order T es of supply?	RBs from one country
	No	Yes I	f yes, identify the	countries and explain.	
III-9.		ge of your		roductPlease fill out the table be urchases of TRBs that required TRB	
					Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2017 purchases of TRBs
Purch	ases that d	id not req	uire domestic prod	duct	%
		-	red by law or regules under "Buy Ame	lation to be domestic product	%
				regulation, but were required by	70
			estic product		%
		ere requi	red to be domestic	c product for other reasons	0/
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III-10.		the TRBs	market subject to I	business cycles (other than general litions of competition distinctive to	•
	Check all	that appl	y.	Please describe.	
		No		Skip to question III-11.	
		Yes-Busin seasonal	ess cycles (e.g. business)		
			r distinctive s of competition		
			been any changes January 1, 2015?	in the business cycles or conditions	of competition for
	No	Yes	If yes, describe	e.	

III-11.	Decisions based on producer and country-of-originHow often does your firm, and if known,
	do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving TRBs 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-12. Availability of supply.--Has the availability of TRBs in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2015?

Availability in the U.S. market	No	Yes	Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the changes.
U.Sproduced product			
Korean imports			
Imports from other countries			

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III-13.	Supply	constraints.—
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III-15.

(b)

a.	Has any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with TRBs since January 1,
	2015 (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.)?

Sou	rce	No	Yes				ng an estimate of the dat be supplied.
U.Spro product	duced						
Korean i	mports						
Imports other co							
Have any	supplie	rs implem	ented polici	es that cause	ed your firm	to diversi	fy suppliers?
N.a							
No	Yes	If yes,	please desc	ribe.			
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Availabil	ity of sp	ecific prod	duct types				TRBs only available
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Has this purchasing frequency changed since January 1, 2015?

If yes, please describe.

Yes

No

III-16. III-17.	Number					
III-17.	Number of suppliers contactedHow many suppliers does your firm generally contact before making a purchase? Between and firms					
		supplier negotiationsDo your firm's purchases of TRBs usually involve negotiations between upplier and purchaser?				
		No	Yes	If yes, explain the factors your firm generally negotiates and note whether your firm quotes competing prices during negotiations.		
III-18.	<u>Change</u>	in suppli	i ers Ha	s your firm changed suppliers since January 1, 2015?		
		No	Yes	If yes, please list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or dropped, and the reasons for the change.		
	. New suppliersAre you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since January 1, 2015?					
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III-19.			ket since	, , , , ,		
III-19.	entered	the mar	ket since	e January 1, 2015?		
III-19. III-20.	No	Yes	If yes,	please identify the firms. Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified		
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	No	Yes	If yes,	please identify the firms.		

III-21.	Failure to certifySince January 1, 2015, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their
	attempts to certify or qualify their TRBs 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.

III-22.	Major purchasing factorsPlease list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm
	considers in deciding from whom to purchase TRBs (examples include availability, extension of
	credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).

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

III-24.

III-23. <u>Purchasing factors.</u>--Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for TRBs.

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Extension of credit			
Long term business relationship			
Minimum quantity requirements			
Packaging			
Price			
Product consistency			
Product range			
Quality meets industry standards			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs			

III-25.	Minimum qualityHow often does TRBs 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					
Korea					
China					
Japan					
Other:					

III-26. <u>Frequency of decisions based on price</u>.--How often does your firm purchase the TRBs that is offered at the lowest price?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never

III-27. <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 TRBs market since January 1, 2015.

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

III-28. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.—

(a)	Since January 2015, did your firm purchase imports of small diameter (equal to or less
	than 8" in outside diameter) TRBs from Korea instead of U.Sproduced small diameter
	TRBs?

	Yes	No	
Source	(also respond to parts (b) and (c))	(If "No", skip to next question)	
Korea			

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

Source	Yes	No
Korea		

(c) If you responded "Yes" to part (a), was price a primary reason for purchasing subject imports rather than domestic product?

Source	Yes	If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports purchased instead of domestic product since January 2015 (in \$1,000s)	No	If No, please indicate the reason your firm purchased imports instead of domestic product
Korea				

III-29. <u>U.S. producers and import competition.</u>—

(a) Since January 1, 2015, in connection with a sale or offer to sell <u>small diameter</u> (equal to or less than 8" in outside diameter) TRBs to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced <u>small diameter</u> TRBs in order to compete with lower-priced imports of <u>small diameter</u> TRBs from Korea?

	Yes (also respond to	No (If "No", skip to next	
Source	question part (b))	question)	Don't know
Korea			

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

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

PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1. <u>Interchangeability.</u>—Are TRBs 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	Korea	China	Japan	Other countries
United States				
Korea				
China				
Japan				

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

IV-2. **Factors other than price.**--Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between TRBs 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	Korea	China	Japan	Other countries
United States				
Korea				
China				
Japan				

For any country-pair for which factors other than price *always* or *frequently* are a significant factor in your firm's purchases of TRBs, 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 TRBs produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with TRBs 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>	duct fr ited Sta npared duct fr Korea	ites I to	<u>Uni</u> cor	duct fr ited Sta mpared duct fr China	ites I to	<u>Un</u>	oduct fr ited Sta mpared oduct fr Japan	ites I to
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Long term business relationship									
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-3. **Continued.**

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

		Product from <u>Korea</u> compared to product from <u>China</u>			Product from <u>Korea</u> compared to product from <u>Japan</u>			
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior		
Availability								
Delivery terms								
Delivery time								
Discounts offered								
Extension of credit								
Long term business relationship								
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-3. **Continued.**

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

	Product from <u>Unites States</u> compared to product from <u>Other countries</u>			Product from <u>Korea</u> compared to product from <u>Other countries</u>			
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	
Availability							
Delivery terms							
Delivery time							
Discounts offered							
Extension of credit							
Long term business relationship							
Minimum quantity requirements							
Packaging							
Price ¹							
Product consistency							
Product range							
Quality meets industry standards							
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PART V.--ALTERNATIVE PRODUCT INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Keysha Martinez (202-205-2136, keysha.martinez@usitc.gov).

Small-diameter TRBs—TRBs as described on page 2, with an outside cup diameter of eight inches or less.

Large-diameter TRBs—TRBs as described on page 2, with an outside cup diameter over 8 inches.

Note.--The alternative product comparison questions (i.e., V-1 and V-2 below) is being asked in multiple questionnaire types (U.S. producers', U.S. importers', and U.S. purchasers' questionnaires). If your firm is completing more than one of these questionnaire types in relation to this proceeding, please only respond to the alternative product comparisons question in only **one questionnaire type**. In general, your firm should make these comparisons in the questionnaire type that is most relevant to your firm's role in the market.

IV-1. Comparability of small-diameter TRBs and large-diameter TRBs.--For each of the following indicate whether small-diameter TRBs and large-diameter TRBs are: fully comparable or the same, *i.e.*, have no differentiation between them; mostly comparable or similar; somewhat comparable or similar; never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or no familiarity with products.

F: fully comparable or the same, i.e., have no differentiation between them;

M: mostly comparable or similar;

S: somewhat comparable or similar;

N: never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or

0: no familiarity with products.

(a) <u>Physical Characteristics and End Uses</u>.--The differences and similarities in the physical characteristics and end uses.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their physical characteristics and uses:
<u>Small-diameter TRBs</u> vs <u>Large-diameter TRBs</u>		

(b) <u>Interchangeability</u>.--The ability to substitute the products in the same application.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>interchangeability</u> :
Small-diameter TRBs vs Large- diameter TRBs		

IV-1. Comparability of small-diameter TRBs and large-diameter TRBs.—Continued

(c) <u>Manufacturing facilities, production processes, and production employees</u>.--Whether manufactured in the same facilities, from the same inputs, on the same machinery and equipment, and using the same employees.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their manufacturing facilities, production processes, and production employees:
Small-diameter TRBs vs Large- diameter TRBs		

(d) <u>Channels of distribution</u>.--Channels of distribution/market situation through which the products are sold (i.e., sold direct to end users, through wholesaler/distributors, etc.).

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>channels of distribution</u> :
<u>Small-diameter TRBs</u> vs <u>Large-diameter TRBs</u>		

(e) <u>Customer and producer perceptions</u>.--Perceptions as to the differences and/or similarities in the market (*e.g.*, sales/marketing practices).

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their customer and product perceptions:
Small-diameter TRBs vs Large- diameter TRBs		

(f) **Price**.--Whether prices are comparable or differ between the products.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>customer and product perceptions</u> :
Small-diameter TRBs vs Large- diameter TRBs		

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VI-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/tapered_roller_bearings_korea/pre liminary.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: TRBS

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to tana.vonkessler@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>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 your firm submits (see 19 CFR § 207.7). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.