### **U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE**

### FORGED STEEL FITTINGS FROM CHINA, ITALY, AND TAIWAN

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>June 28, 2018</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 duty investigations concerning forged steel fittings from China, Italy, and Taiwan (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-589 and 731-TA-1394-1396 (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 firm's possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)).

Name of firm

Address		
	State	Zip Code
Website		
	ed forged steel fittings (as defined on next pa from any country at any time since January	•
NO (Sign th	ne certification below and promptly return <b>only</b> th	nis page of the questionnaire to the Commission)
YES (Compl	ete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the	entire questionnaire to the Commission)
ify that the information	CERTIFICATION  herein supplied in response to this quest	ionnaire is complete and correct to the best of
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e of Authorized Official	Title of Authorized Official	 Date
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#### PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

**Background.** --This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on October 5, 2017, by Bonney Forge Corporation, Mount Union, PA; and United Steel Workers, Pittsburgh, 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/701731/2018/forged\_steel\_fittings\_china\_italy\_and\_taiwan/final.htm">https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2018/forged\_steel\_fittings\_china\_italy\_and\_taiwan/final.htm</a>

<u>Forged steel fittings</u> covered by these investigations are carbon and alloy forged steel fittings, whether unfinished (commonly known as blanks or rough forgings) or finished. Such fittings are made in a variety of shapes including, but not limited to, elbows, tees, crosses, laterals, couplings, reducers, caps, plugs, bushings, unions and outlets. Forged steel fittings are covered regardless of end finish, whether threaded, socket-weld or other end connections.

While these fittings are generally manufactured to specifications ASME B16.11, MSS SP-79, and MSS SP-83, MSS SP-97, ASTM A105, ASTM A350, and ASTM A182, the scope is not limited to fittings made to these specifications.

The term forged is an industry term used to describe a class of products included in applicable standards, and does not reference an exclusive manufacturing process. Forged steel fittings are not manufactured from casting. Pursuant to the applicable specifications, subject fittings may also be machined from bar stock or machined from seamless pipe and tube.

All types of fittings are included in the scope regardless of nominal pipe size (which may or may not be expressed in inches of nominal pipe size), pressure rating (usually, but not necessarily expressed in pounds of pressure/PSI, *e.g.*, 2,000 or 2M; 3,000 or 3M; 6,000 or 6M; 9,000 or 9M), wall thickness, and whether or not heat treated.

Excluded from this scope are all fittings entirely made of stainless steel. Also excluded are flanges, butt weld fittings, butt weld outlets, nipples, and all fittings that have a maximum pressure rating of 300 pounds of pressure/PSI or less.

Further excluded are fittings certified or made to the following standards, so long as the fittings <u>are</u> <u>not also manufactured to</u> the in-scope specifications of ASME B16.11, MSS SP-79, MSS SP-83, MSS SP-97, ASTM A105, ASTM A350, and ASTM A182:

- American Petroleum Institute (API) API 5CT, API 5L, or API 11B;
- Society of Automotive Engineering (SAE) SAE J476, SAE J514, SAE J516, SAE J517, SAE J518, SAE J1026, SAE J1231, SAE J1453, SAE J1926, SAE J2044 or SAE AS 35411;
- Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) certified electrical conduit fittings;
- ASTM A153, A536, A576, or A865;
- Casing Conductor Connectors 16-42 inches in diameter made to proprietary specifications;
- Military Specification (MIL) MIL-C-4109F and MIL-F-3541; or
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO) ISO6150-B.

To be excluded from the scope, products must have the appropriate standard or pressure markings and/or accompanied by documentation showing product compliance to the applicable standard or pressure (e.g., marked as meeting "API 5CT") and/or a mill certification report.

Subject carbon and alloy forged steel fittings are currently imported under statistical reporting numbers 7307.99.5045, 7307.99.5060, 7307.99.1000, and 7307.99.3000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). They may also be imported under HTSUS statistical reporting numbers 7307.92.3010, 7307.92.3030, 7307.92.9000, or 7326.19.0010. The HTSUS provisions are for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope is dispositive.

<u>Certain excluded fittings</u> are carbon and alloy (excluding stainless) forged steel fittings that are excluded from the definition of forged steel fittings above based on being certified to the following standards, and not also being dual certified to ASME B16.11, MSS SP-79, MSS SP-83, MSS SP-97, ASTM A105, ASTM A350, or ASTM A182 standards. The excluded fittings are those with the following certifications:

- American Petroleum Institute (API) API 5CT, API 5L, or API 11B;
- Society of Automotive Engineering (SAE) SAE J476, SAE J514, SAE J516, SAE J517, SAE J518, SAE J1026, SAE J1231, SAE J1453, SAE J1926, J2044 or SAE AS 35411;
- Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) certified electrical conduit fittings;
- ASTM A153, A536, A576, or A865;
- Casing Conductor Connectors 16-42 inches in diameter made to proprietary specifications;
- Military Specification (MIL) MIL-C-4109F and MIL-F-3541; or
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO) ISO6150-B.

Note.--Do not report data on your firm's imports of certain excluded fittings in Parts II or III of this questionnaire. Those sections should relate to your firm's imports of in-scope forged steel fittings. All data relating to certain excluded fittings should be limited to the questions in Part IV of this questionnaire.

<u>Importer</u>.--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing forged steel fittings (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

<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.

<u>Valid number error messages.</u>—If you are completing this form in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 rather than \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete this form. Detailed instructions on how to resolve this issue are provided at the end of this questionnaire and are available upon request from Celia Feldpausch (202-205-2387, celia.feldpausch@usitc.gov).

<u>D-GRIDS tool.</u>--The Commission has a tool that firms can use to move data from their own MS Excel compilation files into self-contained data tables within this MS Word questionnaire, thereby reducing the amount of cell-by-cell data entry that would be required to complete this form. This tool is a macroenabled MS Excel file available for download from the Commission's generic questionnaires webpage (<a href="https://www.usitc.gov/trade\_remedy/question.htm">https://www.usitc.gov/trade\_remedy/question.htm</a>) called the "D-GRIDs tool." Use of this tool to help your firm complete this questionnaire is *optional*. Firms opting to use the D-GRIDs tool to populate their data into this questionnaire will need the D-GRIDs specification sheet PDF file specific to this proceeding (available on the case page which is linked under the "Background" above) which includes the necessary references relating to this questionnaire, as well as the macro-enable MS Excel D-GRIDs tool itself from the generic questionnaires page. More detailed instructions on how to use the D-GRIDs tool are available within the D-GRIDs tool itself.

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١.	OwnershipIs yo	our firm owned, in	whole or in part, by any other firm?	
	□ No [	YesList the foll	lowing information	
				Extent of

Firm name	Address	Extent of ownership (percent)

# U.S. Importers' Questionnaire - Forged Steel Fittings I-4. Related importers/exporters.--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that are engaged in importing forged steel fittings from China, Italy, and/or Taiwa

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□ No □ Ye	sList the following information.	
Firm name	Country	Affiliation
engaged in the produc	ooes your firm have any related firms, ction of forged steel fittings?	
Firm name	Country	Affiliation

I-6. <u>Importing operations</u>.--Please indicate the nature of your firm's importing operations on forged steel fittings. More than one answer may be applicable.

Importer of record	Takes title to the imported product(s)	Consignee of the imported products(s)	Customs broker or freight forwarder

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Firm name	Address			Contact personand phone number
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### PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Celia Feldpausch (202-205-2387, <a href="mailto:celia.feldpausch@usitc.gov">celia.feldpausch@usitc.gov</a>). Supply all data requested on a <a href="mailto:celia.feldpausch@usitc.gov">celia.feldpausch@usitc.gov</a>). Supply all data requested on a <a href="mailto:celia.feldpausch@usitc.gov">celia.feldpausch@usitc.gov</a>).

		 -	-	e individual and the manner by which ng the confidential information submitted
	Name			
	Title			
	Email			
	Telephone			
II-2.			•	r firm has experienced any of the following fittings since January 1, 2015.

(ched	ck as many as appropriate)	(If checked, please describe; leave blank if not applicable)
	Office/warehouse openings	
	Office/warehouse closings	
	Relocations	
	Expansions	
	Acquisitions	
	Consolidations	
	Prolonged shutdowns or importation curtailments	
	Revised labor agreements	
	Other (e.g., technology)	

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II-3a.	Arranged importsHarrings for delivery aft	•	_	ed for th	e importation of for	ged steel		
	"Arranged imports" a for subject merchandi date listed above.	•	•	-				
	☐ No ☐ Yes—Fill out the table below.							
		Qı	uantity (in sh	ort tons	5)			
	Period/Source Apr-Jun 2018 Jul-Sept 2018 Oct-Dec 2018 Jan-Mar 201							
	China (excluding Both-Well)							
	China (Both-Well)							
	Italy							
	Taiwan							
	Other sources							
II-3b.	Imports in the 12-more fittings from any source.  No Ye		1, 2016 and	Septem	ber 30, 2017?	forged steel		
		Quantity (in short tons)						
		Source		October 2016 through September 2017				
	China (excluding Both	n-Well)						
	China (Both-Well)							
	Italy							
	Taiwan							
	Other sources							
II-4a.	Reasons for importing States (integrated pro	•	•	_	_			

product. If your firm's reasons differ by source, please elaborate.

#### **Definitions**

"Imports" –Those products identified for Customs purposes as imports for consumption for which your firm was the importer of record (i.e., was responsible for paying any import duty) or consignee (i.e., to which the merchandise was first delivered).

"Import quantities" –Quantities reported should be net of returns.

"Import values"—Values reported should be landed, duty-paid values at the U.S. port of entry, including ocean freight and insurance costs, brokerage charges, and import duties (i.e., all charges except inland freight in the United States).

**"U.S. commercial shipments"**— Shipments made within the United States as a result of an arm's length commercial transaction in the ordinary course of business. Report net values (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-5a. <u>U.S. imports from China (excluding Both-Well (Taizhou) Steel Fittings Co., Ltd.)</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of forged steel fittings imported from China (excluding Both-Well) by your firm during the specified periods.

Note.--Data in this grid (and all part II questions) should be limited to in-scope forged steel fittings, and therefore these data should exclude certain excluded fittings. See definitions on pages 2-3.

# **China (Excluding Both-Well)**

Qu	antity (in short	tons), value (in \$	\$1,000)		
		Calendar years		January	-March
Item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)					
Imports of unfinished or semi-finished forged steel fittings:  Quantity (B)					
Value (C)					
Imports of finished forged steel fittings: <sup>1</sup> Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
U.S. shipments:  Commercial shipments:  Quantity (F)					
Value (G)					
Internal consumption: <sup>2</sup> Quantity (H)					
Value <sup>2</sup> (I)					
Transfers to related firms: <sup>2</sup> Quantity (J)					
Value <sup>2</sup> (K)					
Export shipments: <sup>3</sup> Quantity (L)					
Value (M)					
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (N)					
Channels of distribution: Commercial U.S. shipments: To distributors (quantity) (O)					
To finishers/converters (quantity) (P)					
To end users (quantity) (Q)					
<sup>1</sup> Please identify the foreign producers, if knot <sup>2</sup> Internal consumption and transfers to relate for valuing these transactions in your records, provided above in this table should be based of <sup>3</sup> Identify your firm's principal export market	ted firms must please specify t n fair market v	hat basis (e.g., co	market value. If yost, cost plus, etc.	your firm uses a d ): Howev	ifferent basis er, the data

#### II-5a. U.S. imports from China.—Continued

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

	Calendar years			January-March		
Reconciliation	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018	
A + B + D - F - H - J - L - N = should equal zero ("0") or provide an						
explanation. <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate: \_\_\_\_\_.

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines O, P, and Q) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line F) 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	-March
Reconciliation item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
O + P + Q - F = zero ("0"), if not					
revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-5b. <u>U.S. imports from China (only for Both-Well (Taizhou) Steel Fittings Co., Ltd.)</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of forged steel fittings imported from China (only for Both-Well) by your firm during the specified periods.

Note.--Data in this grid (and all part II questions) should be limited to in-scope forged steel fittings, and therefore these data should exclude certain excluded fittings. See definitions on pages 2-3.

# **China (Both-Well)**

Qu	antity ( <i>in shor</i>	t tons), value (in	\$1,000)		
		Calendar years		January-March	
Item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)					
Imports of unfinished or semi-finished forged steel fittings: <sup>1</sup> Quantity (B)					
Value (C)					
Imports of finished forged steel fittings: <sup>1</sup> Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (F)					
Value (G)					
Internal consumption: <sup>2</sup> Quantity (H)					
Value <sup>2</sup> (I)					
Transfers to related firms: <sup>2</sup> Quantity (J)					
Value <sup>2</sup> (K)					
Export shipments: <sup>3</sup> Quantity (L)					
Value (M)					
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (N)					
Channels of distribution: Commercial U.S. shipments: To distributors (quantity) (O)					
To finishers/converters (quantity) (P)					
To end users ( <i>quantity</i> ) (Q)					
<sup>1</sup> Please identify the foreign producers, if known in the second of the	ted firms must please specify n fair market v	that basis (e.g., c			

#### II-5b. U.S. imports from China.—Continued

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

	Calendar years			January-Ma	
Reconciliation	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
A + B + D - F - H - J - L - N = should equal zero ("0") or provide an					
explanation. <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate: \_\_\_\_\_.

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines O, P, and Q) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line F) 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	-March
Reconciliation item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
O + P + Q - F = zero ("0"), if not					
revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-5c. U.S. shipments by product type and size: China (excluding Both-Well (Taizhou) Steel Fittings Co., Ltd.).--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of imports from China (excluding Both-Well) by product type and size for calendar year 2017. If any fittings have both a threaded and non-threaded end, classify those fittings as threaded for the purposes of this question. If any fittings have both a less than 4 inch end and a 4 inch or greater end, classify those as 4 inch or greater fittings for the purposes of this question.

# **China (Excluding Both-Well)**

	•	Calendar year 2017					
Product type	Less than 4 inches	4 inches or greater	All sizes				
	Quantity (in short tons)						
Elbows							
Threaded (R)			0				
Non-threaded (S)			0				
Tees							
Threaded (T)			0				
Non-threaded (U)			0				
Couplings.—							
Threaded (V)			0				
Non-threaded (W)			0				
Unions.—							
Threaded (X)			0				
Non-threaded (Y)			0				
Other fittings. <sup>1</sup> —							
Threaded (Z)			0				
Non-threaded (AA)			0				
All in-scope fittings.—							
Threaded (AB)	0	0	0				
Non-threaded (AC)	0	0	0				
<sup>1</sup> Please identify the foreign p	oroducers, if known:						

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY.--The data reported for the quantity of U.S. shipments in this question (i.e., lines R through AA) should equal to the quantity of U.S. shipments (i.e., lines F, H, and J) for calendar year 2017 in part "a" of this question. If the calculated fields below do not equal to zero, please revise these data prior to submission to the Commission.

Reconciliation	Calendar year 2017
<b>Quantity:</b> R + S + T + U + V + W + X + Y + Z + AA - F - H - J	
= zero ("0"), if not revise.	0

II-5d. U.S. shipments by product type and size: China (only for Both-Well (Taizhou) Steel Fittings Co., Ltd.).--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of imports from China (only for Both-Well) by product type and size for calendar year 2017. If any fittings have both a threaded and non-threaded end, classify those fittings as threaded for the purposes of this question. If any fittings have both a less than 4 inch end and a 4 inch or greater end, classify those as 4 inch or greater fittings for the purposes of this question.

### China (Both-Well)

	Calendar year 2017					
Product type	Less than 4 inches	4 inches or greater	All sizes			
		Quantity (in short tons)				
Elbows Threaded (R)			0			
Non-threaded (S)			0			
Tees Threaded (T)			0			
Non-threaded (U)			0			
Couplings.— Threaded (V)			0			
Non-threaded (W)			0			
Unions.— Threaded (X)			0			
Non-threaded (Y)			0			
Other fittings. <sup>1</sup> — Threaded (Z)			0			
Non-threaded (AA)			0			
All in-scope fittings.— Threaded (AB)	0	0	0			
Non-threaded (AC)	0	0	0			
<sup>1</sup> Please identify the foreign p	roducers, if known:					

<u>RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY</u>.--The data reported for the quantity of U.S. shipments in this question (i.e., lines R through AA) should equal to the quantity of U.S. shipments (i.e., lines F, H, and J) for calendar year 2017 in part "a" of this question. If the calculated fields below do not equal to zero, please revise these data prior to submission to the Commission.

Reconciliation	Calendar year 2017
<b>Quantity:</b> R + S + T + U + V + W + X + Y + Z + AA - F - H - J	
= zero ("0"), if not revise.	0

II-6a. <u>U.S. imports from Italy</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of forged steel fittings imported from Italy by your firm during the specified periods.

Note.--Data in this grid (and all part II questions) should be limited to in-scope forged steel fittings, and therefore these data should exclude certain excluded fittings. See definitions on pages 2-3.

### Italy

endar years  2016  2017	January 2017	y-March 2018
2016 2017	2017	2018
	basis (e.g., cost, cost plus,	valued at fair market value. If your firm uses a cobasis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.): However.

#### II-6a. U.S. imports from Italy.—Continued

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

	Calendar years			Januar	y-March
Reconciliation	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
A + B + D - F - H - J - L - N = should equal zero ("0") or provide an					
explanation. <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate: \_\_\_\_\_.

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS</u>.-- Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines O, P, and Q) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line F) 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	-March
Reconciliation item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
O + P + Q - F = zero ("0"), if not					
revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-6b. <u>U.S. shipments by product type and size: Italy.</u>--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of imports from Italy by product type and size for calendar year 2017. If any fittings have both a threaded and non-threaded end, classify those fittings as threaded for the purposes of this question. If any fittings have both a less than 4 inch end and a 4 inch or greater end, classify those as 4 inch or greater fittings for the purposes of this question.

## Italy

	Calendar year 2017				
Product type	Less than 4 inches	4 inches or greater	All sizes		
Elbows					
Threaded (R)			0		
Non-threaded (S)			0		
Tees					
Threaded (T)			0		
Non-threaded (U)			0		
Couplings.—					
Threaded (V)			0		
Non-threaded (W)			0		
Unions.—					
Threaded (X)			0		
Non-threaded (Y)			0		
Other fittings. <sup>1</sup> —					
Threaded (Z)			0		
Non-threaded (AA)			0		
All in-scope fittings.—					
Threaded (AB)	0	0	0		
Non-threaded (AC)	0	0	0		
<sup>1</sup> Please identify the foreign	producers, if known:				

<u>RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY.</u>--The data reported for the quantity of U.S. shipments in this question (i.e., lines R through AA) should equal to the quantity of U.S. shipments (i.e., lines F, H, and J) for calendar year 2017 in part "a" of this question. If the calculated fields below do not equal to zero, please revise these data prior to submission to the Commission.

Reconciliation	Calendar year 2017
<b>Quantity:</b> R + S + T + U + V + W + X + Y + Z + AA - F - H - J	
= zero ("0"), if not revise.	0

II-7a. <u>U.S. imports from Taiwan</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of forged steel fittings imported from Taiwan by your firm during the specified periods.

Note.--Data in this grid (and all part II questions) should be limited to in-scope forged steel fittings, and therefore these data should exclude certain excluded fittings. See definitions on pages 2-3.

### **Taiwan**

Qu	antity (in short	tons), value (in s	\$1,000)		
		Calendar years	January	-March	
Item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)					
Imports of unfinished or semi-finished forged steel fittings: <sup>1</sup> Quantity (B)					
Value (C)					
Imports of finished forged steel fittings: <sup>1</sup> Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (F)					
Value (G)					
Internal consumption: <sup>2</sup> Quantity (H)					
Value <sup>2</sup> (I)					
Transfers to related firms: <sup>2</sup> Quantity (J)					
Value <sup>2</sup> (K)					
Export shipments: <sup>3</sup> Quantity (L)					
Value (M)					
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (N)					
Channels of distribution: Commercial U.S. shipments: To distributors (quantity) (O)					
To finishers/converters (quantity) (P)					
To end users (quantity) (Q)					
<sup>1</sup> Please identify the foreign producers, if knot 2 Internal consumption and transfers to relate for valuing these transactions in your records, provided above in this table should be based of a lidentify your firm's principal export market.	ted firms must please specify t n fair market v	hat basis (e.g., co	market value. If yost, cost plus, etc.	your firm uses a d ): Howev	ifferent basis er, the data

#### II-7a. **U.S. imports from Taiwan.—Continued**

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

	Calendar years			Januar	y-March
Reconciliation	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
A + B + D - F - H - J - L - N = should equal zero ("0") or provide an					
explanation. <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate: \_\_\_\_\_.

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS</u>.-- Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines O, P, and Q) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line F) 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	-March
Reconciliation item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
O + P + Q - F = zero ("0"), if not					
revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-7b. <u>U.S. shipments by product type and size: Taiwan.</u>--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of imports from Taiwan by product type and size for calendar year 2017. If any fittings have both a threaded and non-threaded end, classify those fittings as threaded for the purposes of this question. If any fittings have both a less than 4 inch end and a 4 inch or greater end, classify those as 4 inch or greater fittings for the purposes of this question.

### **Taiwan**

	Calendar year 2017						
Product type	Less than 4 inches	4 inches or greater	All sizes				
		Quantity (in short tons)					
Elbows							
Threaded (R)			0				
Non-threaded (S)			0				
Tees							
Threaded (T)			0				
Non-threaded (U)			0				
Couplings.—							
Threaded (V)			0				
Non-threaded (W)			0				
Unions.—							
Threaded (X)			0				
Non-threaded (Y)			0				
Other fittings. <sup>1</sup> —							
Threaded (Z)			0				
Non-threaded (AA)			0				
All in-scope fittings.—							
Threaded (AB)	0	0	0				
Non-threaded (AC)	0	0	0				
<sup>1</sup> Please identify the foreign	producers, if known:						

<u>RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY.</u>--The data reported for the quantity of U.S. shipments in this question (i.e., lines R through AA) should equal to the quantity of U.S. shipments (i.e., lines F, H, and J) for calendar year 2017 in part "a" of this question. If the calculated fields below do not equal to zero, please revise these data prior to submission to the Commission.

Reconciliation	Calendar year 2017
<b>Quantity:</b> R + S + T + U + V + W + X + Y + Z + AA - F - H - J	
= zero ("0"), if not revise.	0

provided above in this table should be based on fair market value.

<sup>3</sup> Identify your firm's principal export markets: \_

II-8a. <u>U.S. imports from all other sources</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of forged steel fittings imported from **all other sources** by your firm during the specified periods.

Note.--Data in this grid (and all part II questions) should be limited to in-scope forged steel fittings, and therefore these data should exclude certain excluded fittings. See definitions on pages 2-3.

### **ALL OTHER SOURCES**

(	(List sources:		
- 1	List soultes.		

	Calendar years			January	/-March
Item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)					
Imports of unfinished or semi-finished forged steel fittings:  Quantity (B)					
Value (C)					
Imports of finished forged steel fittings: <sup>1</sup> Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (F)					
Value (G)					
Internal consumption: <sup>2</sup> Quantity (H)					
Value <sup>2</sup> (I)					
Transfers to related firms: <sup>2</sup> Quantity (J)					
Value <sup>2</sup> (K)					
Export shipments: <sup>3</sup> Quantity (L)					
Value (M)					
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (N)					
Channels of distribution: Commercial U.S. shipments: To distributors (quantity) (O)					
To finishers/converters (quantity) (P)					
To end users (quantity) (Q)					

#### II-8a. U.S. imports from all other sources.—Continued

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

	Calendar years			Januar	y-March
Reconciliation	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
A + B + D - F - H - J - L - N = should equal zero ("0") or provide an					
explanation. <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate: \_\_\_\_\_.

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS</u>.-- Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines O, P, and Q) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line F) 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	-March
Reconciliation item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
O + P + Q – F = zero ("0"), if not					
revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-8b. <u>U.S. shipments by product type and size: All other sources.</u>—Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of imports from all other sources by product type and size for calendar year 2017. If any fittings have both a threaded and non-threaded end, classify those fittings as threaded for the purposes of this question. If any fittings have both a less than 4 inch end and a 4 inch or greater end, classify those as 4 inch or greater fittings for the purposes of this question.

### All other sources

	Calendar year 2017					
Product type	Less than 4 inches	4 inches or greater	All sizes			
	Quantity (in short tons)					
Elbows						
Threaded (R)			0			
Non-threaded (S)			0			
Tees						
Threaded (T)			0			
Non-threaded (U)			0			
Couplings.—						
Threaded (V)			0			
Non-threaded (W)			0			
Unions.—						
Threaded (X)			0			
Non-threaded (Y)			0			
Other fittings.1—						
Threaded (Z)			0			
Non-threaded (AA)			0			
All in-scope fittings.—						
Threaded (AB)	0	0	0			
Non-threaded (AC)	0	0	0			
<sup>1</sup> Please identify the foreign	producers, if known:	<b>-</b>				

<u>RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY.</u>--The data reported for the quantity of U.S. shipments in this question (i.e., lines R through AA) should equal to the quantity of U.S. shipments (i.e., lines F, H, and J) for calendar year 2017 in part "a" of this question. If the calculated fields below do not equal to zero, please revise these data prior to submission to the Commission.

Reconciliation	Calendar year 2017
<b>Quantity:</b> R + S + T + U + V + W + X + Y + Z + AA - F - H - J	
= zero ("0"), if not revise.	0

II-9.	Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part II that did not provide a narrative response 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.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Jeffrey Clark (202-205-3318, <a href="mailto:jeffrey.clark@usitc.gov">jeffrey.clark@usitc.gov</a>).

III-1. <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 part III.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

#### **PRICE DATA**

III-2. This question requests quarterly quantity and value data for your firm's commercial shipments to unrelated U.S. customers since January 1, 2015 of the following products your firm imported from China, Italy, and Taiwan:

**Product 1.--**ASME B16.11, ¼" 3000 Tee (threaded)

**Product 2.--**ASME B16.11, 1" 2000 90 Elbow (threaded)

Product 3.--ASME B16.11, ¾" 3000 Union (threaded)

Product 4.--ASME B16.11, 2" 3000 Coupling (threaded)

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).

During January 2015-March 2018, did your firm import from China, Italy, and Taiwan 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 tables as appropriate.
NoSkip to question III-3.

III-2(a). <u>Price data</u>.--Report below the quarterly price data<sup>1</sup> for pricing products<sup>2</sup> imported from China, excluding Both-Well (Taizhou) Steel Fittings Co., Ltd., and sold by your firm.

# **China (excluding Both-Well)**

Report data in *pounds* (not short tons) and *actual dollars* (not 1,000s).

	Produ	ıct 1	Produ	ict 2	Produ	ıct 3	Produ	ıct 4
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity Value	
2015:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
<b>2016:</b> January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
<b>2017:</b> January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
<b>2018:</b> January-March								
<sup>1</sup> Net values (i.e., gros firm's U.S. point of shipme <sup>2</sup> Pricing product defin <b>Note</b> -If your firm's produ	nt. nitions are provi	ided on the fir	rst page of Part II	I.				

of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.

Product 1:

Product 2:

Product 3:

Product 4:

Product 4:

III-2(b). Price data.--Report below the quarterly price data for pricing products imported from China, only from Both-Well (Taizhou) Steel Fittings Co., Ltd., and sold by your firm.

# **China (only from Both-Well)**

Report data in *pounds* (not short tons) and *actual dollars* (not 1,000s).

	Produ	ıct 1	Produ	ıct 2	Product 3		Product 4	
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity Value	
2015:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2016:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2017:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2018:								
January-March								
<sup>1</sup> Net values (i.e., gros	s sales values le	ss all discoun	ts, allowances, re	bates, prepai	d freight, and th	e value of retu	ırned goods), f.o	.b. your
irm's U.S. point of shipme								

NoteIf your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a d	escription
of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.	

of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.	•	·	, ·	·
Product 1:				
Product 2:				
Product 3:				

III-2(c). Price data.--Report below the quarterly price data for pricing products imported from Italy and sold by your firm.

# Italy

Report data in *pounds* (not short tons) and *actual dollars* (not 1,000s).

	Produ	ıct 1	Produ	ıct 2	Product 3		Product 4	
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity Value	
2015:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2016:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2017:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2018:								
January-March								
<sup>1</sup> Net values (i.e., gros firm's U.S. point of shipme <sup>2</sup> Pricing product defii	nt.				d freight, and the	e value of retu	ırned goods), f.o	.b. your

NoteIf your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, product, product to the specified product, product to the specified product product product product to the specified product	ovide a description
of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.	

Product 1: Product 2: Product 3: Product 4:	of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.
Product 3:	Product 1:
	Product 2:
Product 4:	Product 3:
	Product 4:

III-2(d). <u>Price data</u>.--Report below the quarterly price data<sup>1</sup> for pricing products<sup>2</sup> imported from Taiwan and sold by your firm.

## **Taiwan**

Report data in *pounds* (not short tons) and *actual dollars* (not 1,000s).

	Produ	ıct 1	Produ	uct 2	Product 3		Product 4	
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity Value		Quantity Value		Quantity Value	
2015:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2016:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2017:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2018:								
January-March								
<sup>1</sup> Net values (i.e., gros firm's U.S. point of shipme <sup>2</sup> Pricing product defir	nt.				d freight, and the	e value of retu	urned goods), f.o	.b. your

of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.	
Product 1:	
Product 2:	
Product 3:	
Product 4:	

III-2 (e). <u>Price data checklist.</u>--Please check that the pricing data in questions III-2(a), III-2(b), III-2(c), and III-2(d) has been correctly reported.

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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III-3.	Price settingHow does your firm determine the prices that it charges for sales of forged steel
	fittings (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

III-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

#### III-5. Pricing terms.--

(a) What are your firm's typical sales terms for forged steel fittings imported from China, Italy, and Taiwan?

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

(b) On what basis are your firm's prices of imported forged steel fittings from China, Italy, and Taiwan usually quoted (check one)?

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

III-6. <u>Contract versus spot.</u>--Approximately what share of your firm's sales of forged steel fittings imported from China, Italy, and Taiwan in 2017 was on a (1) long-term contract basis, (2) annual contract basis, (3) short-term contract basis, and (4) spot sales basis?

	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)	Spot sales (for a single delivery)	Total (shoul sum to 100.0%	d o
Share of 2017 sales	%	%	%	%	0.0	%

III-7. <u>Contract provisions.</u>— Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical sales contracts for forged steel fittings from China, Italy, and Taiwan (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	ltem	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			
3 <b>3</b> / 5. p55	Both			
Meet or release	Yes			
provision	No			
Not applicable				

III-8. <u>Lead times.</u>—What is your firm's share of sales of forged steel fittings imported from China, Italy, and Taiwan 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 forged steel fittings?

Source	Share of 2017 sales	Lead time (Average number of days)
From your firm's U.S. inventory	%	
From foreign manufacturers' inventory	%	
Produced to order	%	
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	

III-9.	Shippin	ping information.—						
	(a) What is the approximate percentage of the cost of forged steel fittings important control of the cost of forged steel fittings important control of the cost of forged steel fittings important control of the cost of forged steel fittings important control of the cost of forged steel fittings important control of the cost of forged steel fittings important control of the cost of forged steel fittings important control of the cost of forged steel fittings important control of the cost of forged steel fittings important control of the cost of forged steel fittings important control of the cost of forged steel fittings important control of the cost of forged steel fittings important control of the cost of forged steel fittings important control of the cost of forged steel fittings important control of the cost of forged steel fittings important control of the cost of the cost of forged steel fittings important control of the cost of the c							
(b) Who generally arranges the transportation to your firm's customers' local Your firm Purchaser (check one)								
	(c)	When your firm sells forged steel fittings imported from China, Italy, and Taiwan, where is it shipped?  Point of importation Storage facility (check one)						
	(d) Indicate the approximate percentage of your firm's sales of forged steel fittings imported from China, Italy, and Taiwan that are delivered the following distances your firm's U.S. point of shipment.							
		Distance from your firm's U.S. point of shipment	Share					

Distance from your firm's U.S. point of shipment	Share
Within 100 miles	%
101 to 1,000 miles	%
Over 1,000 miles	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

III-10. <u>Geographical shipments.</u>—In which U.S. geographic market area(s) has your firm sold forged steel fittings imported from subject countries since January 1, 2015 (check all that apply)?

Geographic area	China	Italy	Taiwan
NortheastCT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.			
Midwest.–IL, 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.			
<b>Other</b> .—All other markets in the United States not previously listed, including AK, HI, PR, and VI.			

III-11. <u>End uses.--</u>List the end uses of the forged steel fittings that your firm imports. For each end-use product, what percentage of the <u>total cost</u> is accounted for by forged steel fittings and other inputs?

	Share of total cost	Total	
			(should sum to
End use product	forged steel fittings	Other inputs	100.0% across)
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %

End use in which this  End use in which this							
	Substit	ute	substitute is used	No	Yes	Explanation	
					П		
	20	15?	e your firm's efforts to sell ur			rged steel fittings since January 1, shed forged steel fittings?	
		1					
/es	No	Reason					
'es	No		o demand for unfinished forg	ed ste	el fitt	ings	
′es	No	There is n				ings h unfinished forged steel fittings	
Yes	No	There is no		petito	rs wit	h unfinished forged steel fittings	

III-14. <u>Demand trends</u> Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for forged steel fittings has changed since January 1, 2015. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.

	January 1,	January 1, 2015-December 31, 2016			Since January 1, 2017		
Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	
Within the United States for the <b>Oil and Gas Sector</b>							
Within the United States for all other sectors <sup>1</sup>							
Outside the United States for the Oil and Gas Sector							
Outside the United States for all other sectors <sup>1</sup>							
Explanation and factors:							
<sup>1</sup> Please describe the "oth	er" sectors:						

III-15. **Product changes.**—Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix or marketing of forged steel fittings since January 1, 2015?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-16. Conditions of competition.
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(a)	Is the forged steel fittings market subject to business cycles (other than general economy-	
	wide conditions) and/or other conditions of competition distinctive to forged steel fittings	?

Check all that apply.			Please describe.					
	No		Skip to question III-17.					
	Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)							
	Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition							
	(b) If yes, have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for forged steel fittings since January 1, 2015?							
No	Yes	If yes, describe.						

III-17. **Supply constraints.--**Has your firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply forged steel fittings 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.)?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-18. Raw materials.--How have forged steel fittings raw material prices changed since January 1, 2015?

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 forged steel fittings.

III-19. <u>Interchangeability</u>.--Is forged steel fittings 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	Italy	Taiwan	Other countries				
United States								
China								
Italy								
Taiwan								
interchangeable, i	For any country-pair producing forged steel fittings that is <i>sometimes</i> or <i>never</i> interchangeable, identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:							

III-20. <u>Factors other than price</u>.--Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between forged steel fittings 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	China	Italy	Taiwan	Other countries
United States				
China				
Italy				
Taiwan				

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

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III-21. <u>Customer identification.</u>--List your firm's 10 largest U.S. customers for forged steel fittings since January 1, 2015. Indicate the share of the quantity of your firm's total shipments of forged steel fittings that each of these customers accounted for in 2017.

	Firm name	City and state	Share of 2017 sales (%)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

III-22.	Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part III that did not provide a narrative response 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--CERTAIN EXCLUDED FITTINGS

IV-I. <u>U.S. imports of certain excluded fittings.</u>--Report your firm's imports of certain excluded fittings (as defined on page 2) imported from any source during the specified periods. Indicate as directed whether your firm's imports of certain excluded fittings were classified under the <u>primary HTS numbers</u> for forged steel fittings (i.e., HTS statistical reporting numbers 7307.99.5045, 7307.99.5060, 7307.99.1000, and 7307.99.3000) for Customs purposes or whether your firm classified its imports of certain excluded fittings <u>other HTS numbers</u> (i.e., any HTS statistical reporting numbers other than those listed above) for Customs purposes.

# **Certain Excluded Fittings**

Quantity (in short tons), value (in \$1,000)					
	Calendar years			January-March	
Item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
U.S. imports from China.—(Excluding Both-Well)  Primary HTS numbers:  Quantity					
Value					
Other HTS numbers: <i>Quantity</i>					
Value					
U.S. imports from China.—(Both-Well) Primary HTS numbers: Quantity					
Value					
Other HTS numbers:  Quantity					
Value					
U.S. imports from Italy Primary HTS numbers: Quantity					
Value					
Other HTS numbers:  Quantity					
Value					
U.S. imports from Taiwan Primary HTS numbers: Quantity					
Value					
Other HTS numbers: <i>Quantity</i>					
Value					

#### PART IV--CERTAIN EXCLUDED FITTINGS

No

IV-I. <u>U.S. imports of certain excluded fittings.</u>—Continued.

Quantity (in short tons), value (in \$1,000)					
	Calendar years			January-March	
Item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
U.S. imports from All other sources Primary HTS numbers: Quantity					
Value					
Other HTS numbers:  Quantity					
Value					

IV-2. <u>U.S. imports of certain excluded fittings in the 12-month period preceding the petition</u>.--Has your firm imported certain excluded fittings from any source between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017? Indicate as directed whether your firm's imports of certain excluded fittings were classified under the <u>primary HTS numbers</u> for forged steel fittings (i.e., HTS statistical reporting numbers 7307.99.5045, 7307.99.5060, 7307.99.1000, and 7307.99.3000) for Customs purposes or whether your firm classified its imports of certain excluded fittings <u>other HTS numbers</u> (i.e., any HTS statistical reporting numbers other than those listed above) for Customs purposes.

# **Certain Excluded Fittings**

Yes-Report the quantity of such import below by source.

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Quantity (in short tons)  October 2016 through September 2017					
Source	Primary HTS numbers	Other HTS numbers			
China (excluding Both-Well)					
China (Both-Well)					
Italy					
Taiwan					
Other sources					

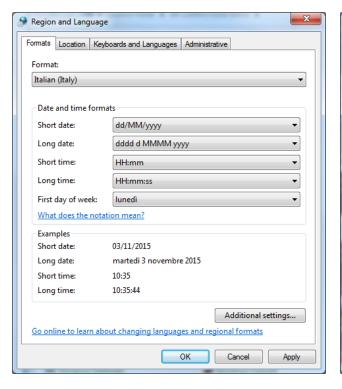
Correcting Valid number error messages.—If you are completing a Commission questionnaire in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 instead of as \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. This issues stem from your computer number formatting setting (e.g., not the MS Word document itself, but the computer from which you are opening up the document). In the United States commas (,) delineate multiples of 1000 and periods (.) delineate fractions less than one. Many EU countries use the reverse where multiples of 1000 are delineated with periods (.) and fractions less than one are delineated with commas (,). The US International Trade Commission's questionnaires are set-up in the United States with the U.S. number formatting. When this formatting interacts with a computer set to EU number formatting, we believe this may cause this issue.

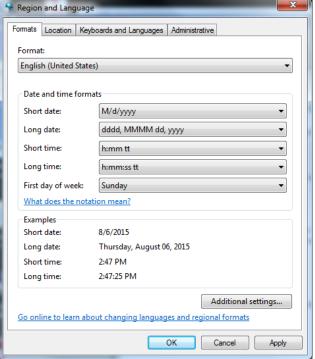
The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete the questionnaire.

To temporarily change your computer's number settings to U.S. settings, please do the following (for Microsoft Windows Operating system):

- START
- Control Panel
- Region and Language (under Clock, Language, and Region category)
- Format tab
- Change the Format from your existing one (e.g. "Italian (Italy)") to "English (United States)" (see screen shots below)

When you do this the number "twelve million dollars and thirty five cents" would change from \$12.000.000,35 (Italy format) to \$12,000,000.35 (U.S. format), and then there will be no conflict with the questionnaire. When you finish reporting the data then you can close the questionnaire and switch back to Italy settings.





### **HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE**

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

at: <a href="https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2018/forged\_steel\_fittings\_china\_ital">https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2018/forged\_steel\_fittings\_china\_ital</a> y and taiwan/final.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: FSF

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to <a href="mailto:celia.feldpausch@usitc.gov">celia.feldpausch@usitc.gov</a>; 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** did not import 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.