

U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

REFILLABLE STAINLESS STEEL KEGS FROM CHINA, GERMANY, AND MEXICO

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by **October 4, 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 countervailing duty/antidumping investigations concerning refillable stainless steel kegs from China, German, and Mexico Inv. Nos. 701-TA-610 and 731-TA-1425-1427 (Preliminary)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your firm's possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)).

<p>Name of firm _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>Website _____</p> <p>Has your firm imported refillable stainless steel kegs (as defined on next page) from any country at any time since January 1, 2015?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES (Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)</p> <p>Return questionnaire via the U.S. International Trade Commission <i>Drop Box</i> by clicking on the following link: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/. (PIN: KEGS)</p>

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. By means of this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this questionnaire and throughout this proceeding in any other import-injury proceedings conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise.

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that information submitted in response to this request for information and throughout this proceeding or other proceedings may be disclosed to and used: (i) by the Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of this or a related proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3; or (ii) by U.S. government employees and contract personnel, solely for cybersecurity purposes. I understand that all contract personnel will sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements.

Name of Authorized Official

Title of Authorized Official

Date

Signature

Phone

Email address

PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.--This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on September 20, 2018, by American Keg Company, LLC, Pottstown, Pennsylvania. 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/dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2018/stainless_steel_kegs_china_germany_and_mexico/preliminary.htm

Refillable stainless steel kegs covered by these investigations are cylindrical kegs, vessels, or containers capable of being pressurized made from stainless steel (i.e., steel containing at least 10.5 percent chromium by weight and less than 1.2 percent carbon by weight, with or without other elements) ("refillable stainless steel kegs") with a nominal liquid volume capacity of 10 liters or more, regardless of the type of finish, gauge, thickness, or grade of stainless steel, regardless of finish, and whether or not covered by or encased in other materials. Refillable stainless steel kegs may be imported assembled or unassembled, with or without all components (including spears, couplers or taps, necks, collars, and valves), and filled or unfilled. Assembled refillable stainless steel kegs must be capable of being pressurized to 60 pounds per square inch ("PSI") and must be tested to 90 PSI.

"Unassembled" or "unfinished" refillable stainless steel kegs include drawn stainless steel cylinders that have been welded to form the body of the keg and welded to an upper (top) chime and/or lower (bottom) chime. Unassembled refillable stainless steel kegs may or may not be welded to a neck, may or may not have a valve assembly attached, and may be otherwise complete except for testing, certification and/or marking.

Subject merchandise also includes refillable stainless steel kegs that have been further processed in a third country, including but not limited to, attachment of necks, collars, spears or valves, heat treatment, pickling, passivation, painting, testing, certification or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the in-scope refillable stainless steel keg.

Specifically excluded are the following:

- (1) vessels or containers that are not cylindrical in nature;
- (2) stainless steel kegs, vessels, or containers that have either a "ball lock" valve system or a "pin lock" valve system (commonly known as a "Cornelius," "corny" or "ball lock" kegs);
- (3) any fully assembled or finished stainless steel keg, vessel, or container that is incompatible with a "D Sankey" extractor (commonly known as a "D Coupler" or "Sankey"); and
- (4) necks, spears, couplers or taps, collars, and valves that are not imported with the subject merchandise.
- (5) stainless steel kegs that are filled with beer, wine, or other liquid and that are designated by the Commissioner of Customs as Instruments of International Traffic within the meaning of section 332(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

The merchandise covered by these investigations is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") under subheading 7310.10.0010, 7310.10.0050, 7310.29.0025, and 7310.29.0050.

These HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive. The HTSUS provisions are for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope is dispositive.

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

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

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

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

Valid number error messages.--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 is provided at the end of this questionnaire and is available upon request from Celia Feldpausch (202-205-2387), celia.feldpausch@usitc.gov.

D-GRIDS tool.--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 macro-enabled MS Excel file available for download from the Commission's generic questionnaires webpage (https://www.usitc.gov/trade_remedy/question.htm) 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-enabled 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.

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

Hours	Dollars

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

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

I-2. **Establishments covered.**--Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire. If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

"Establishment"--Each facility of a firm involved in the importation of refillable stainless steel kegs, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

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I-3. **Ownership.**--Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

No Yes--List the following information

Firm name	Address	Extent of ownership (percent)

I-4. **Related importers/exporters.**--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that are engaged in importing refillable stainless steel kegs from China, Germany, and Mexico into the United States or that are engaged in exporting refillable stainless steel kegs from China, Germany, and Mexico to the United States?

No Yes--List the following information.

Firm name	Country	Affiliation

I-5. **Related producers.**--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that are engaged in the production of refillable stainless steel kegs?

No Yes--List the following information.

Firm name	Country	Affiliation

I-6. **Importing operations.**--Please indicate the nature of your firm's importing operations on refillable stainless steel kegs. 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
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I-7. **Consignee.**--If your firm is an importer of record of refillable stainless steel kegs but is not the consignee, please list the consignees below (firm name, address, telephone number, and individual to contact).

Firm name	Address	Contact person and phone number

I-8. **FTZ, TIB, or bonded warehouses.**--Please indicate whether your firm enters refillable stainless steel kegs into, or withdraws such merchandise from, foreign trade zones or bonded warehouses. Also indicate whether your firm imports refillable stainless steel kegs under the TIB (temporary importation under bond) program.

“Foreign trade zone” is a designated location in the United States where firms utilize special procedures that allow delayed or reduced customs duty payments on foreign merchandise, as well as other savings. A foreign trade zone must be designed as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in the Foreign-Trade Zones Act.

“Bonded warehouse” is a secured facility supervised by U.S. customs, where dutiable landed imports are stored pending their re-export, or release after payment of import duties, taxes, and other charges. A bonded warehouse must be designed as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in 19 U.S.C. § 1555.

“Temporary Importation under Bond (“TIB”) program” is a procedure whereby imported merchandise may be entered under certain conditions for a limited time into the United States free of duty. Under the program, an importer posts a bond for twice the amount of duty, taxes, etc. that would otherwise be owed on the importation and agrees to export or destroy the merchandise within a specified time or pay liquidated damages. This program is restricted to certain categories of merchandise listed in subheadings 9813.00.05 through 9813.00.75 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

Item	No	Yes
Foreign trade zones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bonded warehouses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Temporary importation under bond	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I-9. **Other trade actions.**--To your knowledge, have the products subject to this proceeding been the subject of any other import relief proceedings in the United States or in any other countries?

No	Yes	If yes, Yes--Please specify.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Celia Feldpausch (202-205-2387, celia.feldpausch@usitc.gov). **Supply all data requested on a calendar-year basis.**

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

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

II-2. **Changes in operations.**--Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the importation of refillable stainless steel kegs since January 1, 2015.

<i>(check as many as appropriate)</i>	<i>(If checked, please describe; leave blank if not applicable)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Office/warehouse openings	
<input type="checkbox"/> Office/warehouse closings	
<input type="checkbox"/> Relocations	
<input type="checkbox"/> Expansions	
<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisitions	
<input type="checkbox"/> Consolidations	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prolonged shutdowns or importation curtailments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Revised labor agreements	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (e.g., technology)	

II-3a. **Arranged imports.**--Has your firm imported or arranged for the importation of refillable stainless steel kegs for delivery after June 30, 2018?

“Arranged imports” are imports for which your firm has placed an order with a foreign supplier for subject merchandise, but delivery of those imports is not scheduled to occur until after the date listed above.

No	Yes	If yes, fill out the table below.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Source	Period			
	July 1-Sept 30, 2018	Oct 1-Dec 31 2018	Jan 1-March 31, 2019	April 1-June 30, 2019
	Quantity (in units)			
China				
Germany				
Mexico				
All other sources				

II-3b. **Imports in the 12 month period preceding the petition.**--Has your firm imported stainless steel kegs from any source between September 1, 2017 and August 30, 2018? (i.e., the last four months in 2017 and first eight months in 2018 combined)

No	Yes	If yes, report the quantity of such import below by source.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Quantity (in units)	
Source	September 2017 through August 2018
China	
Germany	
Mexico	
All other sources	

II-4. **Reasons for importing if producer.**--If your firm also produces refillable stainless steel kegs in the United States, please indicate the reasons for importing this 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.S. imports from China.**—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of stainless steel kegs imported from China by your firm during the specified periods.

China

Quantity (<i>in units</i>), value (<i>in dollars</i>)					
Item	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)					
Imports: ¹ Quantity (B)					
Value (C)					
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
Internal consumption: ² Quantity (F)					
Value ² (G)					
Transfers to related firms: ² Quantity (H)					
Value ² (I)					
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (J)					
Value (K)					
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (L)					

¹ Please identify the foreign producers, if known: _____.

² Internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. If your firm uses a different basis for valuing these transactions in your records, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.): _____. However, the data provided above in this table should be based on fair market value.

³ Identify your firm's principal export markets: _____.

II-5a. 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 L) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, H, and J). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
A + B – D – F – H – J - L = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	0	0	0
¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate: _____.					

II-5b. Channels of distribution: China.--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 by channel of distribution.

China

Item	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Quantity (in units)					
Channels of distribution:					
U.S. shipments:					
To Distributors (M)					
To Beer manufacturers and breweries (N)					
To Other (O) ¹					
¹ Describe other firms: _____					

RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines M, N, and O) in each time period equal the quantity reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D, F, and H) in each time period in part "a" of this question. 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.

Reconciliation item	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
M + N + O – D – F – H = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-5c. **U.S. shipments by product type: China.**—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 by product type.

China

Item	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
U.S. shipments.-- 10 liter, 1/8, 1/6 barrel (~10 to 19.5 liters).-- Quantity in units (P)					
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (Q)					
Value in dollars (R)					
1/4 Barrel or European half barrel, and 30 liter (~25 to ~30 liters).-- Quantity in units (S)					
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (T)					
Value in dollars (U)					
1/2 Barrel or European barrel (~50 to ~60 liters).-- Quantity in units (V)					
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (W)					
Value in dollars (X)					
All other keg sizes.—¹ Quantity in units (Y)					
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (Z)					
Value in dollars (AA)					
¹ Describe these sizes _____					

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS BY TYPE.--Please ensure that the quantities and values reported for US shipments by type (i.e., lines P through AA) in each time period equal the quantity and value reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D through I) in each time period in part "a" of this question. 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Quantity: P + S + V + Y – D – F – H= zero ("0"), if not revise	0	0	0	0	0
Value: : R + U + X + AA - E – G – I= zero ("0"), if not revise	0	0	0	0	0

II-5d. **U.S. shipments by product state.**--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of refillable stainless steel kegs by product state in 2017.

China

Item	Calendar year
	2017
U.S. shipments.—	
Fully assembled, shipped empty.--	
Quantity in units (AB)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AC)	
Value in dollars (AD)	
Fully assembled, shipped filled.--	
Quantity in units (AE)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AF)	
Value in dollars (AG) ¹	
Unassembled, shipped empty.--	
Quantity in units (AH)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AI)	
Value in dollars (AJ)	
Unassembled, shipped filled.--	
Quantity in units (AK)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AL)	
Value in dollars (AM) ¹	
¹ Exclude the value of the liquid.	

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS BY FORM.--Please ensure that the quantities and values reported for US shipments by type (i.e., lines AB through AM) in each time period equal the quantity and value reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D through I) in each time period in part "a" of this question. 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar year
	2017
Quantity: AB + AE + AH + AK – D – F – H = zero ("0"), if not revise	0
Value: : AD + AG + AJ + AM – E – G – I = zero ("0"), if not revise	0

II-6a. **U.S. imports from Germany.**—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of stainless steel kegs imported from Germany by your firm during the specified periods.

Germany

Quantity (in units), value (in dollars)					
Item	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)					
Imports: ¹ Quantity (B)					
Value (C)					
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
Internal consumption: ² Quantity (F)					
Value ² (G)					
Transfers to related firms: ² Quantity (H)					
Value ² (I)					
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (J)					
Value (K)					
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (L)					
<p>¹ Please identify the foreign producers, if known: _____.</p> <p>² Internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. If your firm uses a different basis for valuing these transactions in your records, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.): _____. However, the data provided above in this table should be based on fair market value.</p> <p>³ Identify your firm's principal export markets: _____.</p>					

II-6a. U.S. imports from Germany.--Continued

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line L) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, H, and J). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
A + B – D – F – H – J -L = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	0	0	0
¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate: _____.					

II-6b. Channels of distribution: Germany.--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 Germany by channel of distribution.

Germany

Item	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Quantity (in units)					
Channels of distribution:					
U.S. shipments:					
To Distributors (M)					
To Beer manufacturers and breweries (N)					
To other (O) ¹					
¹ Describe other firms: _____					

RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines M, N, and O) in each time period equal the quantity reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D, F, and H) in each time period in part "a" of this question. 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.

Reconciliation item	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
M + N + O – D – F – H = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-6c. **U.S. shipments by product type: Germany.**—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 Germany by product type.

Germany

Item	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
U.S. shipments.-- 10 liter, 1/8, 1/6 barrel (~10 to 19.5 liters).-- Quantity in units (P)					
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (Q)					
Value in dollars (R)					
1/4 Barrel or European half barrel, and 30 liter (~25 to ~30 liters).-- Quantity in units (S)					
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (T)					
Value in dollars (U)					
1/2 Barrel or European barrel (~50 to ~60 liters).-- Quantity in units (V)					
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (W)					
Value in dollars (X)					
All other keg sizes.—¹ Quantity in units (Y)					
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (Z)					
Value in dollars (AA)					
¹ Describe these sizes					

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS BY TYPE.--Please ensure that the quantities and values reported for US shipments by type (i.e., lines P through AA) in each time period equal the quantity and value reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D through I) in each time period in part "a" of this question. 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Quantity: P + S + V + Y – D – F – H= zero ("0"), if not revise	0	0	0	0	0
Value: : R + U + X + AA - E – G – I= zero ("0"), if not revise	0	0	0	0	0

II-6d. **U.S. shipments by product state.**--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of refillable stainless steel kegs by product state in 2017.

Germany

Item	Calendar year
	2017
U.S. shipments. —	
Fully assembled, shipped empty.--	
Quantity in units (AB)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AC)	
Value in dollars (AD)	
Fully assembled, shipped filled.--	
Quantity in units (AE)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AF)	
Value in dollars (AG) ¹	
Unassembled, shipped empty.--	
Quantity in units (AH)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AI)	
Value in dollars (AJ)	
Unassembled, shipped filled.--	
Quantity in units (AK)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AL)	
Value in dollars (AM) ¹	
¹ Exclude the value of the liquid.	

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS BY FORM.--Please ensure that the quantities and values reported for US shipments by type (i.e., lines AB through AM) in each time period equal the quantity and value reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D through I) in each time period in part "a" of this question. 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar year
	2017
Quantity: AB + AE + AH + AK – D – F – H= zero ("0"), if not revise	0
Value: : AD + AG + AJ + AM – E – G – I= zero ("0"), if not revise	0

II-7a. **U.S. imports from Mexico.**—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of stainless steel kegs imported from Mexico by your firm during the specified periods.

Mexico

Quantity (in units), value (in dollars)					
Item	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)					
Imports: ¹ Quantity (B)					
Value (C)					
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
Internal consumption: ² Quantity (F)					
Value ² (G)					
Transfers to related firms: ² Quantity (H)					
Value ² (I)					
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (J)					
Value (K)					
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (L)					
<p>¹ Please identify the foreign producers, if known: _____.</p> <p>² Internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. If your firm uses a different basis for valuing these transactions in your records, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.): _____. However, the data provided above in this table should be based on fair market value.</p> <p>³ Identify your firm's principal export markets: _____.</p>					

II-7a. U.S. imports from Mexico.–Continued

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line L) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, H, and J). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
A + B – D – F – H – J – L = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	0	0	0
¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate: _____.					

II-7b. Channels of distribution: Mexico.--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 Mexico by channel of distribution.

Mexico

Item	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Quantity (in units)					
Channels of distribution:					
U.S. shipments:					
To Distributors (M)					
To Beer manufacturers and breweries (N)					
To other (O) ¹					
¹ Describe other firms: _____					

RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines M, N, and O) in each time period equal the quantity reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D, F, and H) in each time period in part "a" of this question. 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.

Reconciliation item	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
M + N + O – D – F – H = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-7c. **U.S. shipments by product type: Mexico.**—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 Mexico by product type.

Mexico

Item	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
U.S. shipments.-- 10 liter, 1/8, 1/6 barrel (~10 to 19.5 liters).-- Quantity in units (P)					
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (Q)					
Value in dollars (R)					
1/4 Barrel or European half barrel, and 30 liter (~25 to ~30 liters).-- Quantity in units (S)					
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (T)					
Value in dollars (U)					
1/2 Barrel or European barrel (~50 to ~60 liters).-- Quantity in units (V)					
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (W)					
Value in dollars (X)					
All other keg sizes.—¹ Quantity in units (Y)					
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (Z)					
Value in dollars (AA)					
¹ Describe these sizes					

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS BY TYPE.--Please ensure that the quantities and values reported for US shipments by type (i.e., lines P through AA) in each time period equal the quantity and value reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D through I) in each time period in part "a" of this question. 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Quantity: P + S + V + Y – D – F – H= zero ("0"), if not revise	0	0	0	0	0
Value: R + U + X + AA - E – G – I= zero ("0"), if not revise	0	0	0	0	0

II-7d. **U.S. shipments by product state.**--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of refillable stainless steel kegs by product state in 2017.

Mexico

Item	Calendar year
	2017
U.S. shipments. —	
Fully assembled, shipped empty.--	
Quantity in units (AB)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AC)	
Value in dollars (AD)	
Fully assembled, shipped filled.--	
Quantity in units (AE)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AF)	
Value in dollars (AG) ¹	
Unassembled, shipped empty.--	
Quantity in units (AH)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AI)	
Value in dollars (AJ)	
Unassembled, shipped filled.--	
Quantity in units (AK)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AL)	
Value in dollars (AM) ¹	
¹ Exclude the value of the liquid.	

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS BY FORM.--Please ensure that the quantities and values reported for US shipments by type (i.e., lines AB through AM) in each time period equal the quantity and value reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D through I) in each time period in part "a" of this question. 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar year
	2017
Quantity: AB + AE + AH + AK – D – F – H = zero ("0"), if not revise	0
Value: : AD + AG + AJ + AM – E – G – I = zero ("0"), if not revise	0

II-8a. **Imports from all other sources.**—Report your firm’s imports and your firm’s shipments and inventories of refillable stainless steel kegs imported from **all other sources** by your firm during the specified periods.

All other sources

(list sources: _____)

Quantity (in units), value (in dollars)					
Item	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)					
Imports:¹					
Quantity (B)					
Value (C)					
U.S. shipments:					
Commercial shipments:					
Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
Internal consumption:²					
Quantity (F)					
Value ² (G)					
Transfers to related firms:²					
Quantity (H)					
Value ² (I)					
Export shipments:³					
Quantity (J)					
Value (K)					
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (L)					

¹ Please identify the foreign producers, if known: _____.

² Internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. If your firm uses a different basis for valuing these transactions in your records, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.): _____. However, the data provided above in this table should be based on fair market value.

³ Identify your firm’s principal export markets: _____.

II-8a. Imports from all other sources.--Continued

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line L) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, H, and J). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
A + B – D – F – H – J – L = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	0	0	0
¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate: _____.					

II-7b. Channels of distribution: All other sources.--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 channel of distribution.

All other sources

Item	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Quantity (in units)					
Channels of distribution:					
U.S. shipments:					
To Distributors (M)					
To Beer manufacturers and breweries (N)					
To other (O) ¹					
¹ Describe other firms: _____					

RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines M, N, and O) in each time period equal the quantity reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D, F, and H) in each time period in part "a" of this question. 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.

Reconciliation item	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
M + N + O – D – F – H = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-8c. **U.S. shipments by product type: All other sources.**—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.

All other sources

Item	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
U.S. shipments.-- 10 liter, 1/8, 1/6 barrel (~10 to 19.5 liters).-- <i>Quantity in units (P)</i>					
<i>Quantity in pounds, tare weight (Q)</i>					
<i>Value in dollars (R)</i>					
1/4 Barrel or European half barrel, and 30 liter (~25 to ~30 liters).-- <i>Quantity in units (S)</i>					
<i>Quantity in pounds, tare weight (T)</i>					
<i>Value in dollars (U)</i>					
1/2 Barrel or European barrel (~50 to ~60 liters).-- <i>Quantity in units (V)</i>					
<i>Quantity in pounds, tare weight (W)</i>					
<i>Value in dollars (X)</i>					
All other keg sizes.—¹ <i>Quantity in units (Y)</i>					
<i>Quantity in pounds, tare weight (Z)</i>					
<i>Value in dollars (AA)</i>					
¹ Describe these sizes					

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS BY TYPE.--Please ensure that the quantities and values reported for US shipments by type (i.e., lines P through AA) in each time period equal the quantity and value reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D through I) in each time period in part "a" of this question. 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar years			January-June	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Quantity: P + S + V + Y – D – F – H= zero ("0"), if not revise	0	0	0	0	0
Value: : R + U + X + AA - E – G – I= zero ("0"), if not revise	0	0	0	0	0

II-8d. **U.S. shipments by product state.**--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of refillable stainless steel kegs by product state in 2017.

All other sources

Item	Calendar year
	2017
U.S. shipments. —	
Fully assembled, shipped empty.--	
Quantity in units (AB)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AC)	
Value in dollars (AD)	
Fully assembled, shipped filled.--	
Quantity in units (AE)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AF)	
Value in dollars (AG) ¹	
Unassembled, shipped empty.--	
Quantity in units (AH)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AI)	
Value in dollars (AJ)	
Unassembled, shipped filled.--	
Quantity in units (AK)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AL)	
Value in dollars (AM) ¹	
¹ Exclude the value of the liquid.	

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS BY FORM.--Please ensure that the quantities and values reported for US shipments by type (i.e., lines AB through AM) in each time period equal the quantity and value reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D through I) in each time period in part "a" of this question. 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar year
	2017
Quantity: AB + AE + AH + AK – D – F – H = zero ("0"), if not revise	0
Value: : AD + AG + AJ + AM – E – G – I = zero ("0"), if not revise	0

II-9. **Domestic processing.**--Does your firm perform any processing on stainless steel kegs that are imported in an unassembled format, such as adding a welding together component pieces of the unassembled kegs? If yes, please explain the nature and extent of processing below.

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

II-10. **Other explanations.**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part II for which a narrative response box was not provided, 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.

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PART III.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Jon Ruder (202-205-3435, jonathan.ruder@usitc.gov).

III-1. **Contact information.**--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, Germany, and Mexico:

Product 1.--1/2 barrel (also known as a keg); Assembled with no accessories; 300 series stainless steel; volume of 15.5 gallons (58.7 liters); approximately 23.25 inches tall (+/- 0.5 inches) with diameters ranging from 14.5 inches to 17.5 inches, thickness ranging from 0.050 to 0.060 inches for the body and 0.070 to 0.090 inches for the handles; rated to a maximum of 60 PSI of pressure; unfilled; finish may be dull, polished, painted, or encapsulated in a rubber or plastic material.

Product 2.--1/6 barrel; Assembled with no accessories; 300 series stainless steel; volume of 5.16 gallons (19.5 liters); approximately 23.25 inches tall (+/- 0.5 inches) with diameters ranging from 8.5 inches to 9.7 inches, thickness ranging from 0.045 to 0.055 inches for the body and 0.055 to 0.070 inches for the handles; rated to a maximum of 60 PSI of pressure; unfilled; finish may be dull, polished, painted, or encapsulated in a rubber or plastic material.

Please note that values should be f.o.b., U.S. point of shipment 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-June 2018, did your firm import from China, Germany, or Mexico and sell to unrelated U.S. customers any of the above listed products (or any products that were competitive with these products)?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes. --Please complete the following pricing data tables as appropriate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No. --Skip to question III-3.

III-2a. **Price data.**--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from China, and sold by your firm. Exclude sales of filled stainless steel kegs.

China

Report data in units and dollars.

(Quantity in units, value in dollars)				
Period of shipment	Product 1		Product 2	
	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				
April-June				

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

² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part III.

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

Product 1:

Product 2:

III-2b. **Price data.**--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from Germany, and sold by your firm. Exclude sales of filled stainless steel kegs.

Germany

Report data in units and dollars.

(Quantity in units, value in dollars)				
Period of shipment	Product 1		Product 2	
	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				
April-June				

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

² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part III.

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

Product 1:

Product 2:

III-2c. **Price data.**--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from Mexico, and sold by your firm. Exclude sales of filled stainless steel kegs.

Mexico

Report data in units and dollars.

(Quantity in units, value in dollars)				
Period of shipment	Product 1		Product 2	
	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				
April-June				
<p>¹ Net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S. point of shipment.</p> <p>² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part III.</p> <p>Note.--If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.</p> <p>Product 1:</p> <p>Product 2:</p>				

III-2d. **Price data checklist.**--Please check that the pricing data in question III-2(a) has been correctly reported.

Is the price data reported above:	✓ if Yes
In actual dollars (not \$1,000)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
F.o.b. U.S. point of shipment (i.e., does not include U.S. transport costs)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Net of all discounts and rebates?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have returns credited to the quarter in which the sale occurred?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Less than reported commercial shipments in part II in each year?	<input type="checkbox"/>

III-2e. **Pricing data methodology.**--Please describe the method and the kinds of documents/records that were used to compile your price data.

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.

III-3. **Imports for internal use or repackaging.**--Did your firm import refillable stainless steel kegs for internal consumption, repackaging, or use for sales in your firm's own or a related firm's retail locations since January 1, 2015? These are imports that your firm does not resell as refillable stainless steel kegs.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes. --Please complete the following table as appropriate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No. --Skip to question III-4.

Report below the import data¹ for pricing products² imported from China, Germany, and/or Mexico and used by your own firm. These are imports that your firm does not resell as refillable stainless steel kegs.

Please note that values should be landed, duty-paid and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Values should reflect the *final net* amount paid by your firm (i.e., should be net of all returns, discounts, allowances, and rebates).

III-3a. **Purchase costs data: China.**--Report below the quarterly purchase cost data¹ for products² imported from China and used by your own firm (i.e., internally consumed and/or sold within your firm's own or a related firm's retail locations). Exclude imports of filled stainless steel kegs that were filled at the time of importation, but include any stainless steel kegs imported unfilled and subsequently filled by your firm in the United States.

China

Report data in **units** and **dollars**.

Period of importation	Product 1 ²		Product 2 ²	
	Quantity (<i>units</i>)	Landed, duty-paid (LDP) value ¹ (<i>dollars</i>)	Quantity (<i>units</i>)	Landed, duty-paid (LDP) value ¹ (<i>dollars</i>)
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				
April-June				

¹ LDP value (i.e., landed duty-paid 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). See "Import values" definition in Part II (Trade and Related Information – Definitions).

² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part III.

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

III-3b. **Purchase costs data: Germany.**--Report below the quarterly purchase cost data¹ for products² imported from Germany and used by your own firm (i.e., internally consumed and/or sold within your firm's own or a related firm's retail locations). Exclude imports of filled stainless steel kegs that were filled at the time of importation, but include any stainless steel kegs imported unfilled and subsequently filled by your firm in the United States.

Germany

Report data in **units** and **dollars**.

Period of importation	Product 1 ²		Product 2 ²	
	Quantity (<i>units</i>)	Landed, duty-paid (LDP) value ¹ (<i>dollars</i>)	Quantity (<i>units</i>)	Landed, duty-paid (LDP) value ¹ (<i>dollars</i>)
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				
April-June				

¹ LDP value (i.e., landed duty-paid 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). See "Import values" definition in Part II (Trade and Related Information – Definitions).

² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part III.

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

III-3c. **Purchase costs data: Mexico.**--Report below the quarterly purchase cost data¹ for products² imported from Mexico and used by your own firm (i.e., internally consumed and/or sold within your firm's own or a related firm's retail locations). Exclude imports of filled stainless steel kegs that were filled at the time of importation, but include any stainless steel kegs imported unfilled and subsequently filled by your firm in the United States.

Mexico

Report data in units and dollars.

Period of importation	Product 1 ²		Product 2 ²	
	Quantity (<i>units</i>)	Landed, duty-paid (LDP) value ¹ (<i>dollars</i>)	Quantity (<i>units</i>)	Landed, duty-paid (LDP) value ¹ (<i>dollars</i>)
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				
April-June				

¹ LDP value (i.e., landed duty-paid 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). See "Import values" definition in Part II (Trade and Related Information – Definitions).

² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part III.

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

III-3d. Inland transportation costs for your firm's direct imports of refillable stainless steel kegs for internal use or repackaging.--

If your firm reported import purchases costs above (questions III-3a through III-b), what is the approximate percentage of the total cost of refillable stainless steel kegs that you directly imported from China, Germany, and Mexico that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs from the port of importation to your distribution network, retail store(s), or manufacturing plant(s)?

Country	Percent
China	%
Germany	%
Mexico	%

III-3e. Additional costs for your firm's direct imports of refillable stainless steel kegs for your firm's internal use.

- (i) If your firm reported direct import purchase costs above (question III-3a), please identify the factors (**other than** U.S. inland transportation costs or costs already included in landed duty paid values) that add to your cost of importing directly since January 1, 2015. Estimate the share of the cost of the landed duty-paid value, and explain the specific costs associated with each category.

Factors	Estimated share of landed duty-paid value (percent)	Explanation
Logistical or supply chain management costs (<u>not</u> already included in LDP value)		
Warehousing/inventory carrying costs (<u>not</u> already included in LDP value)		
Insurance costs (<u>not</u> already included in LDP value)		
Other1, please identify ()		
Other2, please identify ()		
Other3, please identify ()		

- (ii) To which source(s) does your firm compare costs in determining your additional transaction costs to directly import?

U.S. importers	U.S. producers	Both	Neither
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- (iii) (a) Briefly identify the benefits of directly importing refillable stainless steel kegs instead of purchasing refillable stainless steel kegs from a U.S. importer or from a U.S. producer.

(b) Please provide the estimated margin saved by having directly imported refillable stainless steel kegs instead of purchasing from a U.S. importer. _____ percent of landed duty-paid value.

(c) Explain any variation in the margin saved since January 1, 2015.

III-3f. **Did your firm purchase refillable stainless steel kegs from a U.S. producer?**

- No Yes--Complete the Lost Sales Lost Revenue questionnaire.

III-4. **Price setting.**--How does your firm determine the prices that it charges for sales of refillable stainless steel kegs (*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
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-5. **Discount policy.**--Please indicate and describe your firm's discount policies (*check all that apply*).

Quantity discounts	Annual total volume discounts	No discount policy	Other	Describe
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-6. **Pricing terms.**--On what basis are your firm's prices of imported refillable stainless steel kegs from China, Germany, and/or Mexico usually quoted (*check one*)?

Delivered	F.o.b.	If f.o.b., specify point
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-7. **Contract versus spot.**--Approximately what share of your firm's sales of refillable stainless steel kegs imported from China, Germany, and/or Mexico in 2017 was on a (1) short-term contract basis, (2) annual contract basis, (3) long-term contract basis, and (4) spot sales basis?

Item	Type of sale				Total (should sum to 100.0%)
	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Spot sales (for a single delivery)	
Share of 2017 sales	%	%	%	%	0.0 %

III-8. **Contract provisions.**--Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical sales contracts for U.S.-produced refillable stainless steel kegs (or check "not applicable" if your firm does not sell on a short-term, annual and/or long-term contract basis).

Typical sales contract provisions	Item	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)
Average contract duration	<i>No. of days</i>		365	
Price renegotiation (during contract period)	<i>Yes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>No</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fixed quantity and/or price	<i>Quantity</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Price</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Both</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indexed to raw material costs ¹	<i>Yes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>No</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
¹ Please identify the indexes used:				

III-9. **Lead times.**--What is your firm's share of sales of refillable stainless steel kegs imported from China, Germany, and/or Mexico 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 refillable stainless steel kegs?

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-10. Shipping information.—

- (a) What is the approximate percentage of the cost of refillable stainless steel kegs imported from China, Germany, and/or Mexico that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs? percent.

- (b) Who generally arranges the transportation to your firm's customers' locations?
 Your firm Purchaser *(check one)*

- (c) When your firm sells refillable stainless steel kegs imported from China, Germany, and/or Mexico, from where is it shipped?
 Point of importation Storage facility *(check one)*

- (d) Indicate the approximate percentage of your firm's sales of refillable stainless steel kegs imported from China, Germany, and/or Mexico that are delivered the following distances from your firm's U.S. point of shipment.

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-11. **Geographical shipments.**--In which U.S. geographic market area(s) has your firm sold refillable stainless steel kegs imported from subject countries since January 1, 2015 (check all that apply)?

Geographic area	China	Germany	Mexico
Northeast. —CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Midwest. —IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, and WI.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Southeast. —AL, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Central Southwest. —AR, LA, OK, and TX.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mountains. —AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pacific Coast. —CA, OR, and WA.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other. —All other markets in the United States not previously listed, including AK, HI, PR, and VI.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

III-12. **End uses.**--List the end uses of the refillable stainless steel kegs that your firm imports. For each end-use product, what percentage of the total cost is accounted for by refillable stainless steel kegs and other inputs?

End use product	Share of total cost of end-use product accounted for by		Total (should sum to 100.0% across)
	Refillable stainless steel kegs	Other inputs or accessories	
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %

III-13. **Substitutes.**--

(a) **Specific substitutes.**--Are these specific products considered as substitutes for refillable stainless steel kegs products in the same end use(s)?

Specific substitutes	Are these considered substitutes in the market?		End use(s) in which this substitute is used	Have changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for quartz surface products?		
	No	Yes		No	Yes	Explanation
Plastic kegs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Aluminum kegs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(b) **Other substitutes.**--Can other products not already listed in part "a" of this question be substituted for refillable stainless steel kegs?

No Yes--Please fill out the table.

Other substitutes	End use in which this substitute is used	Have changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for quartz surface products?		
		No	Yes	Explanation
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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

Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explanation and factors
Within the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Outside the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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

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

III-16. **Conditions of competition.**—

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

Check all that apply.	Please describe.
<input type="checkbox"/> No	Skip to question III-16.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition	

(b) If yes, have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for refillable stainless steel kegs since January 1, 2015?

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

III-17. **Supply constraints.**--Has your firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply refillable stainless steel kegs 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-18. **Raw materials.**--How have refillable stainless steel kegs 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 refillable stainless steel kegs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-19. **Interchangeability.**--Is refillable stainless steel kegs produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (i.e., can they physically be used in the same applications)?

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

A = the products from a specified country-pair are *always* interchangeable

F = the products are *frequently* interchangeable

S = the products are *sometimes* interchangeable

N = the products are *never* interchangeable

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

Country-pair	China	Germany	Mexico	Other countries
United States				
China	X			
Germany	X	X		
Mexico	X	X	X	

For any country-pair producing refillable stainless steel kegs that is *sometimes* or *never* interchangeable, identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

III-20. **Factors other than price.**--Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between refillable stainless steel kegs 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 O in the table below:

A = such differences are *always* significant

F = such differences are *frequently* significant

S = such differences are *sometimes* significant

N = such differences are *never* significant

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

Country-pair	China	Germany	Mexico	Other countries
United States				
China	X			
Germany	X	X		
Mexico	X	X	X	
<p>For any country-pair for which factors other than price <i>always</i> or <i>frequently</i> are a significant factor in your firm's sales of refillable stainless steel kegs, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:</p>				

III-21. **Customer identification.**--List the names and contact information for your firm's 10 largest U.S. customers for refillable stainless steel kegs since January 1, 2015. Indicate the share of the quantity of your firm's total shipments of refillable stainless steel kegs that each of these customers accounted for in 2017.

	Customer's name	Contact person	Email	Telephone	City	State	Share of 2017 sales (%)
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							

III-22. **Effect of 232 investigation of steel on refillable stainless steel keg raw materials.**—

(a) Are you familiar with the 232 investigation or the subsequent imposition of tariffs on imported steel and aluminum products?

- No (*skip part b*) Yes (*complete part b*)

(b) Did the announcement of the 232 investigation in April 2017 or the subsequent imposition of tariffs on imported steel and aluminum products beginning in March 2018 impact the raw material prices for stainless steel kegs?

	No	Yes	If yes, describe impact.
Announcement of the 232 investigation in April 2017	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Imposition of tariffs on imported steel and aluminum products beginning in March 2018	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-23. **Impact of the section 301 investigation.**--This question concerns the section 301 investigation and tariffs that have been proposed and implemented by the United States in response to Chinese trade practices.

Do you anticipate that the announcement in September 2018 and subsequent implementation of tariff remedies in the section 301 investigation will impact your firm's refillable stainless steel keg business and/or the U.S. refillable stainless steel keg market as a whole?

	No	Yes	Don't know	If yes, describe impact.
Anticipated impact on your firm ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anticipated impact on overall U.S. market ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
¹ Please identify the likely magnitude and timing of any effects.				

III-24. **Other explanations.**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part III for which a narrative response box was not provided, 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.

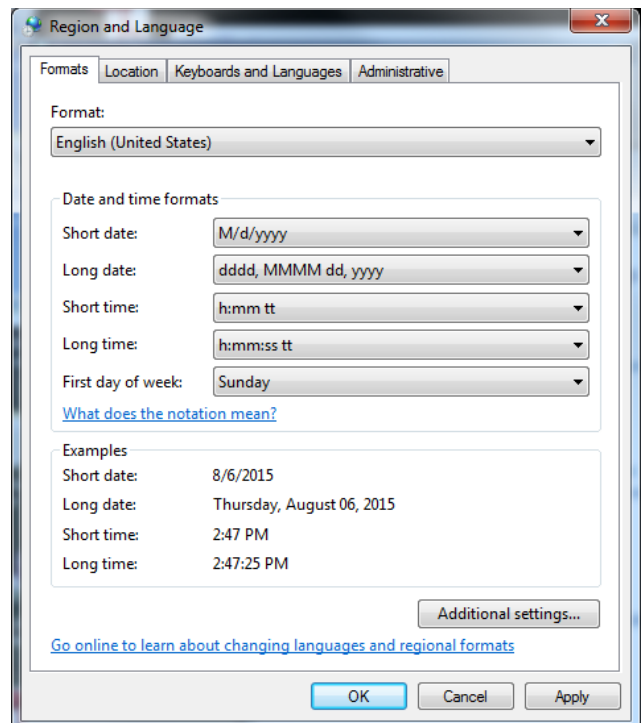
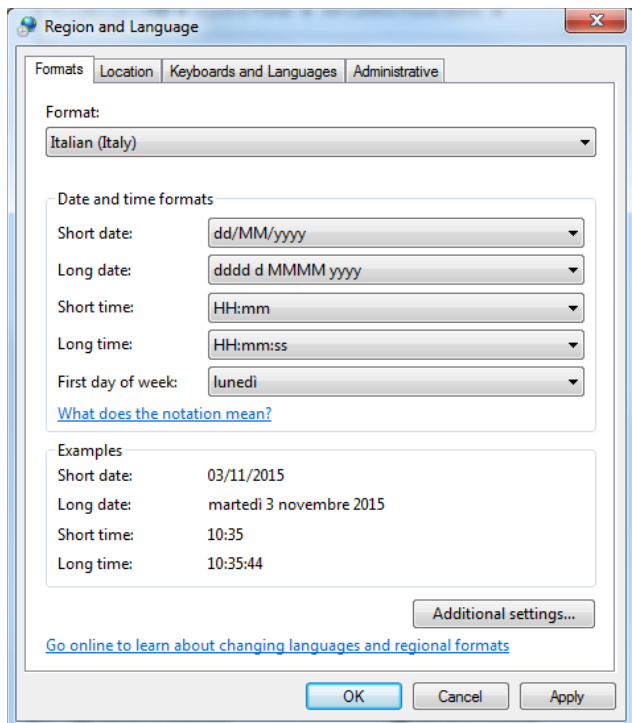
Correcting Valid number error messages.--If you are completing a Commission questionnaire in a country that uses periods (“.”) to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 instead of as \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form 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.

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This questionnaire is available as a “fillable” form in MS Word format on the Commission’s website at:

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- **Upload via Secure Drop Box.**—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:** **KEGS**

- **E-mail.**—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to celia.feldpausch@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 did not import this product, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.

Parties to this proceeding.—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.