

FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

STEEL RACKS FROM CHINA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by **May 1, 2019**
See last page for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing duty and antidumping investigations concerning steel racks from China (Inv. No. 701-TA-608 and 731-TA-1420 (Final)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

Name of firm _____

Address _____

Website _____

Has your firm produced or exported steel racks (as defined on next page) at any time since January 1, 2016?

NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return **only** this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)

YES (Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)

Return questionnaire via the Commission *Drop Box* by clicking on the following link:
<https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/>. (PIN: **RACKS**)

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

Fax:

PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background. --This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on June 20, 2018, by Bulldog Rack Company, Weirton, West Virginia; Hannibal Industries, Inc., Los Angeles, California; Husky Rack and Wire, Denver, North Carolina; Ridg-U-Rak, Inc., North East, Pennsylvania; SpaceRAK, A Division of Heartland Steel Products, Inc., Marysville, Michigan; Speedrack Products Group, Ltd., Sparta, Michigan; Steel King Industries, Inc., Stevens Point, Wisconsin; Tri-Boro Shelving & Partition Corp., Farmville, Virginia; and UNARCO Material Handling, Inc., Springfield, Tennessee. 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 https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2018/steel_racks_china/final.htm.

Steel racks covered by these investigations are steel racks and parts thereof, assembled, to any extent, or unassembled, including but not limited to, vertical components (e.g., uprights, posts, or columns), horizontal or diagonal components (e.g., arms or beams), braces, frames, locking devices (e.g., end plates and beam connectors), and accessories (including, but not limited to, rails, skid channels, skid rails, drum/coil beds, fork clearance bars, pallet supports, row spacers, and wall ties).

Subject steel racks and parts thereof are made of steel, including, but not limited to, cold and/or hot-formed steel, regardless of the type of steel used to produce the components and may, or may not, include locking tabs, slots, or bolted, clamped, or welded connections. Subject steel racks have the following physical characteristics:

- (1) Each steel vertical and horizontal load bearing member (e.g., arms, beams, posts, and columns) is composed of steel that is at least 0.044 inches thick;
- (2) Each steel vertical and horizontal load bearing member (e.g., arms, beams, posts, and columns) is composed of steel that has a yield strength equal to or greater than 36,000 pounds per square inch;
- (3) The width of each steel vertical load bearing member (e.g., posts and columns) exceeds two inches; and
- (4) The overall depth of each steel roll-formed horizontal load bearing member (e.g., beams) exceeds two inches.

In the case of steel horizontal load bearing members other than roll-formed (e.g., structural beams, Z-beams, or cantilever arms), only the criteria in subparagraphs (1) and (2) apply to these horizontal load bearing members. The depth limitation in subparagraph (4) does not apply to steel horizontal load bearing members that are not roll-formed.

Steel rack components can be assembled into structures of various dimensions and configurations by welding, bolting, clipping, or with the use of devices such as clips, end plates, and beam connectors, including, but not limited to the following configurations: 1) racks with upright frames perpendicular to the aisles that are independently adjustable, with positive-locking beams parallel to the aisle spanning the upright frames with braces; and 2) cantilever racks with vertical components parallel to the aisle and cantilever beams or arms connected to the vertical components perpendicular to the aisle. Steel racks may be referred to as pallet racks, storage racks, stacker racks, retail racks, pick modules, selective racks, or cantilever racks and may incorporate moving components and be referred to as pallet-flow racks, carton-flow racks, push-back racks, movable-shelf racks, drive-in racks, and drive-through racks. While steel racks may be made to ANSI MH16.1 or ANSI MH16.3 standards, all steel racks and parts thereof

meeting the description set out herein are covered by the scope of these investigations, whether or not produced according to a particular standard.

The scope includes all steel racks and parts thereof meeting the description above, regardless of

- (1) other dimensions, weight, or load rating;
- (2) vertical components or frame type (including structural, roll-form, or other);
- (3) horizontal support or beam/brace type (including but not limited to structural, roll-form, slotted, unslotted, Z-beam, C-beam, L-beam, step beam, and cantilever beam);
- (4) number of supports;
- (5) number of levels;
- (6) surface coating, if any (including but not limited to paint, epoxy, powder coating, zinc, or other metallic coatings);
- (7) rack shape (including but not limited to rectangular, square, corner, and cantilever);
- (8) the method by which the vertical and horizontal supports connect (including but not limited to locking tabs or slots, bolting, clamping, and welding); and
- (9) whether or not the steel rack has moving components (including but not limited to rails, wheels, rollers, tracks, channels, carts, and conveyors).

Subject merchandise includes merchandise matching the above description that has been finished or packaged in a third country. Finishing includes, but is not limited to, coating, painting, or assembly, including attaching the merchandise to another product, or any other finishing or assembly operation that would not remove the merchandise from the scope of these investigations if performed in the country of manufacture of the steel racks and parts thereof. Packaging includes packaging the merchandise with or without another product or any other packaging operation that would not remove the merchandise from the scope of these investigations if performed in the country of manufacture of the steel racks and parts thereof.

Steel racks and parts thereof are included in the scope of these investigations whether or not imported attached to, or included with, other parts or accessories such as wire decking, nuts, and bolts. If steel racks and parts thereof are imported attached to, or included with, such non-subject merchandise, only the steel racks and parts thereof are included in the scope.

The scope of these investigations does not cover: 1) decks, i.e., shelving that sits on or fits into the horizontal supports to provide the horizontal storage surface of the steel racks; 2) wire shelving units, i.e., units made from wire that incorporate both a wire deck and wire horizontal supports (taking the place of the horizontal beams and braces) into a single piece with tubular collars that slide over the posts and onto plastic sleeves snapped on the posts to create a finished unit; 3) pins, nuts, bolts, washers, and clips used as connecting devices; and 4) non-steel components.

Specifically excluded from the scope of these investigations are any products covered by Commerce's existing antidumping and countervailing duty orders on boltless steel shelving units prepackaged for sale from the People's Republic of China. See Boltless Steel Shelving Units Prepackaged for Sale From the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order, 80 Fed. Reg. 63,741 (October 21, 2017); Boltless Steel Shelving Units Prepackaged for Sale From the People's Republic of China: Amended Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Countervailing Duty Order, 80 Fed. Reg. 63,745 (October 21, 2017).

Also excluded from the scope of these investigations are bulk-packed parts or components of boltless steel shelving units that were specifically excluded from the scope of the Boltless Steel Shelving Orders because such bulk-packed parts or components do not contain the steel vertical supports (i.e., uprights

and posts) and steel horizontal supports (i.e., beams, braces) packaged together for assembly into a completed boltless steel shelving unit.

Such excluded components of boltless steel shelving are defined as:

- (1) boltless horizontal supports (beams, braces) that have each of the following characteristics: (a) a length of 95 inches or less, (b) made from steel that has a thickness of 0.068 inches or less, and (c) a weight capacity that does not exceed 2500 lbs per pair of beams for beams that are 78" or shorter, a weight capacity that does not exceed 2200 lbs per pair of beams for beams that are over 78" long but not longer than 90", and/or a weight capacity that does not exceed 1800 lbs per pair of beams for beams that are longer than 90";
- (2) shelf supports that mate with the aforementioned horizontal supports; and
- (3) boltless vertical supports (upright welded frames and posts) that have each of the following characteristics: (a) a length of 95 inches or less, (b) with no face that exceeds 2.90 inches wide, and (c) made from steel that has a thickness of 0.065 inches or less.

Excluded from the scope of these investigations are: (1) wall-mounted shelving and racks, defined as shelving and racks that suspend all of the load from the wall, and do not stand on, or transfer load to, the floor; (2) ceiling-mounted shelving and racks, defined as shelving and racks that suspend all of the load from the ceiling and do not stand on, or transfer load to, the floor; and (3) wall/ceiling mounted shelving and racks, defined as shelving and racks that suspend the load from the ceiling and the wall and do not stand on, or transfer load to, the floor. The addition of a wall or ceiling bracket or other device to attach otherwise subject merchandise to a wall or ceiling does not meet the terms of this exclusion.

Also excluded from the scope of these investigations is scaffolding that complies with ANSI/ASSE A10.8 - 2011 – Scaffolding Safety Requirements, CAN/CSA S269.2-M87 (Reaffirmed 2003) – Access Scaffolding for Construction Purposes, and/or Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 1926 subpart L – Scaffolds.

Also excluded from the scope of these investigations are tubular racks such as garment racks and drying racks, i.e., racks in which the load bearing vertical and horizontal steel members consist solely of: (1) round tubes that are no more than two inches in diameter; (2) round rods that are no more than two inches in diameter; (3) other tubular shapes that have both an overall height of no more than two inches and an overall width of no more than two inches; and/or (4) wire.

Also excluded from the scope of these investigations are portable tier racks. Portable tier racks must meet each of the following criteria to qualify for this exclusion:

- (1) They are freestanding, portable assemblies with a fully welded base and four freely inserted and easily removable corner posts;
- (2) They are assembled without the use of bolts, braces, anchors, brackets, clips, attachments, or connectors;
- (3) One assembly may be stacked on top of another without applying any additional load to the product being stored on each assembly, but individual portable tier racks are not securely attached to one another to provide interaction or interdependence; and
- (4) The assemblies have no mechanism (e.g., a welded foot plate with bolt holes) for anchoring the assembly to the ground.

Also excluded from the scope of these investigations are accessories that are independently bolted to the floor and not attached to the rack system itself, i.e., column protectors, corner guards, bollards, and end row and end of aisle protectors.

Merchandise covered by these investigations is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under the following subheadings: 7326.90.8688, 9403.20.0080, and 9403.90.8041. Subject merchandise may also enter under subheadings 7308.90.3000, 7308.90.6000, 7308.90.9590, and 9403.20.0090. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and U.S. Customs purposes only. The written description of the scope is dispositive.

Reporting of information.-- If information is not readily available from your records, provide carefully prepared estimates. If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire (i.e., a producer, importer, purchaser and/or foreign producer 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 **Stamen Borisson (202-205-3125, stamen.borisson@usitc.gov)**.

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 20 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 in China involved in the production or export of steel racks, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities. Firms operating more than one establishment in China should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.

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I-3. **Related producers.**--Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce steel racks in the United States or other countries?

No	Yes	If yes, please name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnaire.:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

I-4. **Related U.S. importers.**--Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import steel racks into the United States?

No	Yes	If yes, please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

I-5. **U.S. importers.**--Please provide the names, contacts, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the **FIVE** largest U.S. importers of your firm's steel racks in 2018.

	Importer's name	Contact person	Email	Telephone	Share of your firm's 2018 U.S. exports (%)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Stamen Borisson (202-205-3125, stamen.borisson@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	
Fax	

II-2a. **Changes in operations.**--Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the production of steel racks since January 1, 2016.

<i>(check as many as appropriate)</i>		<i>(If checked, please describe; leave blank if not applicable)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	plant openings	
<input type="checkbox"/>	plant closings	
<input type="checkbox"/>	relocations	
<input type="checkbox"/>	expansions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	acquisitions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	consolidations	
<input type="checkbox"/>	prolonged shutdowns or production curtailments	
<input type="checkbox"/>	revised labor agreements	
<input type="checkbox"/>	other (e.g., technology)	

II-2b. **Anticipated changes in operations.**--Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of its operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of steel racks in the future?

No	Yes	If yes, supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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

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

Note.--If your firm does not produce any out-of-scope merchandise on the same machinery and equipment as scope merchandise then the "overall production capacity" numbers reported in this question should be exactly equal to the "average production capacity" numbers reported in question II-8. If, however, your firm does produce out-of-scope merchandise using the same machinery and equipment as scope merchandise, then the "average production capacity" reported in question II-8 should exclude the portion of "overall production capacity" that was used to produce this out-of-scope merchandise.

"Production" --All production in your establishment(s) in China, including production consumed internally within your firm.

Quantity (in pounds)					
Item	Calendar years			January-March	
	2016	2017	2018	2018	2019
Overall production capacity					
Production of:					
Steel racks ¹	0	0	0	0	0
Out-of-scope production ²					
Total	0	0	0	0	0
¹ Data entered for production of steel racks will populate here once reported in question II-8. ² Please identify these products: _____.					

II-3b. **Operating parameters.**--The production capacity reported in II-3a is based on the following operating parameters:

Hours per week	Weeks per year

II-3c. **Capacity calculation.**--Please describe the methodology used to calculate overall production capacity reported in II-3a, and explain any changes in reported capacity.

II-3d. **Production constraints.**--Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your firm's production capacity.

II-3e. **Product shifting.**—

(i). Is your firm able to switch production (capacity) between steel racks and other products using the same equipment and/or labor?

No	Yes	If yes—(i.e., have produced other products or are able to produce other products) Please identify other actual or potential products:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(ii). Please describe the factors that affect your firm's ability to shift production capacity between products (e.g., time, cost, relative price change, etc.), and the degree to which these factors enhance or constrain such shifts.

- II-4. **Share of sales.**--What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of steel racks? _____ percent.

- II-5. **Firm's estimated share of production in China.**--Please estimate the percentage of total production of steel racks in China accounted for by your firm's production in 2018. _____ percent.

- II-6. **Firm's estimated share of country's exports.**--Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of steel racks from China accounted for by your firm's exports in 2018. _____ percent.

- II-7. **Third country trade actions.**--Are the steel racks exported by your firm subject to antidumping/countervailing duty/safeguard findings, remedies, or proceedings?

No	Yes	If yes--List the products(s), countries affected, and the date of such findings/remedies/proceedings.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- II-8. **Trade data.**--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of steel racks in your establishment(s) in China during the specified periods. Do not include resales of steel racks that your firm did not produce in this question; those data to the degree they are exported to the United States should only be reported in question II-9.

Do not submit data by manufacturing facility if they are in the same country. If your firm has multiple manufacturing establishments within one country, you are required to combine data for those establishments within one foreign producer questionnaire response.

"Average production capacity" or "capacity" --The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods for all products manufactured in that establishment using the same manufacturing equipment. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix).

"Production" --All production in your establishment(s) in China, including production consumed internally within your firm.

"Shipments"--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in China. Quantities reported should be net of returns.

"Home market commercial shipments"--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within China.

"Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms"--Shipments made to related firms in China, including product consumed internally by your firm.

"Export shipments"--Shipments to destinations outside of the country indicated on page 1 (China), 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-8. **Trade data.**--Continued.

Quantity (in pounds)							
Item	Actual experience					Projections ¹	
	Calendar year			January-March		Calendar year	
	2016	2017	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020
Average production capacity ² (A)							
Beginning-of-period inventories (B)							
Production (C)							
Home market shipments: Internal consumption/ transfers (D)							
Commercial shipments (E)							
Exports to the United States (F)							
Exports to all other markets ³ (G)							
Total exports (H) (should equal F+G)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total shipments (I) (should equal D+E+F+G)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
End-of-period inventories (J)							

¹ Please explain the basis for your firm's projections. _____.

² The production capacity reported is based on operating _____ hours per week, _____ weeks per year. Please describe the methodology used to calculate production capacity, and explain any changes in reported capacity. _____.

³ Identify principal other export markets. _____.

II-8. **Trade data.**--Continued.

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line J) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line B), plus production (i.e., line C), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, E, F, and G). 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.

Item	Actual experience					Projections	
	Calendar year			January-March		Calendar year	
	2016	2017	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020
B + C – D – E – F – G – J = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	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-9. **Exports to the United States not produced by your firm.**--Report your firm's exports to the United States of steel racks that were produced in China but not by your firm during the specified periods. Note these data should **not** be included in question II-8.

Quantity (in pounds)							
Item	Actual experience					Projections	
	Calendar year			January-March		Calendar year	
	2016	2017	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020
Exports of steel racks to the United States not produced by your firm ¹							
¹ List the producer(s). _____.							

II-10. **Other explanations.**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part II that did not provide a narrative box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with the MS Word questionnaire.

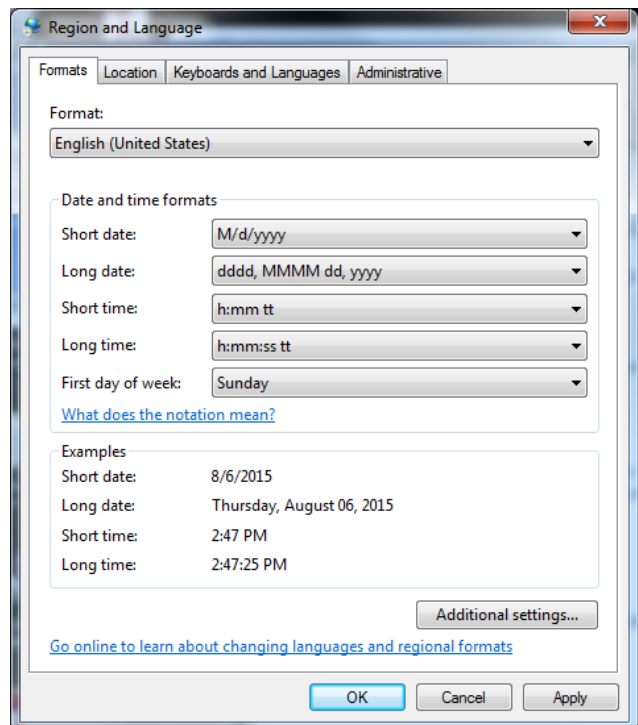
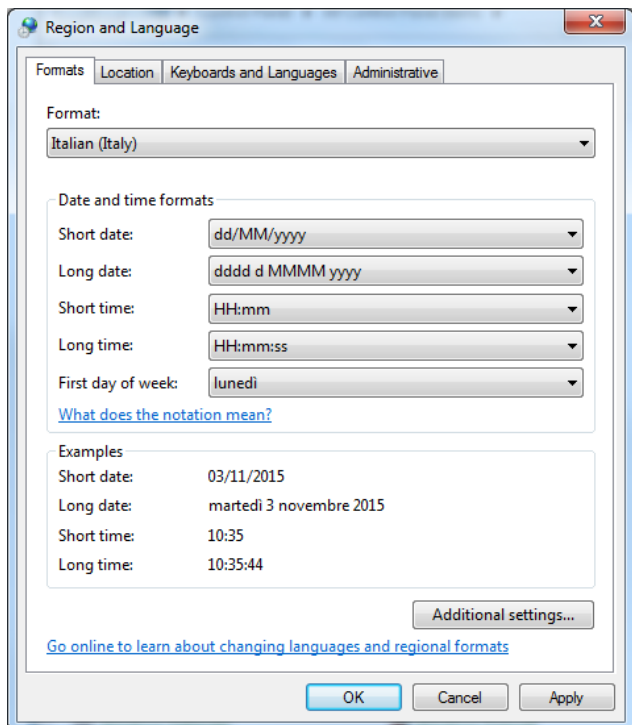
Correcting Valid number error messages.--If you are completing a Commission questionnaire in a country that uses periods (“.”) to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 instead of as \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form 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 USITC foreign producer questionnaire form. 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:
https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2018/steel_racks_china/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.

- **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:** **RACKS**

- **E-mail.**—E-mail your questionnaire to from stamen.borisson@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 produce or export 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, you are 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.