



**U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security
Section 232 Investigation on the Effect of Imports of
Titanium Sponge on the National Security**



The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Office of Technology Evaluation (OTE), is conducting a survey of the U.S. titanium sponge industry. The resulting data will be used to support an ongoing titanium sponge import investigation under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended. The investigation was initiated by the U.S. Department of Commerce, based on a petition filed by a U.S. titanium sponge company.

The principal goal of this survey is to assist BIS in determining whether titanium sponge is being imported into the United States in such quantities or under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security. The survey will also assist in determining the overall health and competitiveness of the titanium sponge industry in the United States. Information collected will include organization profile, mergers & acquisitions, facility information, production & inventory, financial information, capital expenditures, research & development, imports & exports, customers, suppliers & contracts, employment, competition, and demand trends. The resulting data will provide BIS detailed titanium sponge industry information that is otherwise not available and is needed to effectively conduct its investigation.

Your organization has been identified as part of the titanium sponge sector or as a select downstream consumer with one or more facilities in the United States. Your participation in this survey is vital to ensure a comprehensive dataset for the assessment. BIS has worked in successful partnership with other U.S. industry sectors and we anticipate similar cooperation from your organization on this effort.

To begin, download the Microsoft Excel-formatted survey and corresponding instructions by clicking on the hyperlinked documents below:

Titanium Sponge Survey (Excel)*† | Titanium Sponge Survey (PDF)†

Complete and submit the Excel version via email to BIS at Titanium232@bis.doc.gov. BIS will only accept Excel-formatted survey submissions. The PDF version is only a reference document for your organization's internal use and cannot be submitted in place of a completed Excel survey.

*Note 1: Save a copy of the Excel survey to your computer before you make any inputs to the questionnaire.

†Note 2: If, when clicking on the above links, your computer does not ask if you want to download the file to your computer, right click on the link and select "Save As."

If you have any questions regarding the survey, e-mail Titanium232@bis.doc.gov, or contact BIS survey support staff at (202) 482-3110. E-mail is the preferred method of contact and will allow for a detailed response to your organization's questions.

All information submitted to BIS is protected as Business Confidential under provisions of the Defense Production Act (DPA) of 1950, as amended, and will not be published or disclosed, other than in aggregate form. At no time will such reporting identify your specific organization. Such information is also protected from disclosure from Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

Also note that your organization is required by federal law (50 U.S.C. Sec. 4555) to complete the survey. Your organization has 30 days from receipt of the postal-mailed letter to respond.

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