U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

FORGED STEEL FITTINGS FROM CHINA, ITALY, AND TAIWAN

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by October 19, 2017

See last page for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing duty and antidumping duty investigations concerning forged steel fittings from China, Italy, and Taiwan (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-589 and 731-TA-1394-1396 (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)).

City	State Zip Code
Website	
Has your firm import January 1, 2014?	ted forged steel fittings (as defined on next page) from any country at any time since
NO (Sign t	the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission
YES (Comp	plete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background. --This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on October 5, 2017, by Bonney Forge Corporation, Mount Union, PA; and United Steel Workers, Pittsburgh, PA. Countervailing and/or antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these proceedings if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce ("Commerce") makes an affirmative determination of subsidization and/or dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/title 7/2017/forged steel fittings china italy and taiwan/preliminary.htm

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

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

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

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

Excluded from this scope are all fittings entirely made of stainless steel. Also excluded are flanges and butt weld fittings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

<u>Valid number error messages.</u>—If you are completing this form in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 rather than \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete this form. Detailed instructions on how to resolve this issue is provided at the end of this questionnaire and is available upon request from Amelia Shister (202-205-2047, <u>Amelia.Shister@usitc.gov</u>).

I-1. <u>OMB statistics</u>.--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.

-2.	<u>Establishments covered</u> 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.						
	The state of the s	" <u>Establishment</u> "Each facility of a firm involved in the <u>importation</u> of forged steel fittings, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.					
-3.	OwnershipIs your firm owned	l, in whole or in part, by any other firm?					
	☐ No ☐ YesList the	following information					
	Firm name	Address	Extent of ownership (percent)				
4.	foreign, that are engaged in imp	Does your firm have any related firms, either porting forged steel fittings from China, Italy, gaged in exporting forged steel fittings from	and/or Taiwan into				
	No YesList the	following information.					
	Firm name	Country	Affiliation				

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I-8.	FTZ, TIB, or bonded warehouses Please indicate whether your firm enters forged steel fittings
	into, or withdraws such merchandise from, foreign trade zones or bonded warehouses. Also
	indicate whether your firm imports forged steel fittings 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		
Bonded warehouses		
Temporary importation under bond		

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–Please specify.			

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Acquisitions

Consolidations

Prolonged shutdowns or importation curtailments

Revised labor agreements

Other (e.g., technology)

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Amelia Shister (202-205-

				data requested on a <u>calendar-year</u> basis.
II-1.		nission st		fy the responsible individual and the manner by which individual regarding the confidential information submitted
	Name	;		
	Title			
	Email			
	Telep	hone		
	Fax			
II-2.			tion to the importati	cate whether your firm has experienced any of the following on of forged steel fittings since January 1, 2014.
	(che	ck as mar	ny as appropriate)	(If checked, please describe; leave blank if not applicable)
		Office/w	varehouse openings	
		Office/w	varehouse closings	
		Relocati	ons	
		Expansion	ons	

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II-3a.	<u>Arranged imports</u> Has your firm imported or arranged for the importation of forged steel fittings for delivery after June 30, 2017 ?								
	•	"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 □ Ye	es–Fill out the table b	pelow.						
		Qı	uantity (<i>in sh</i>	ort tons	s)				
	Period/Source	Jul-Sept 2017	Oct-Dec	2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018			
	China								
	Italy								
	Taiwan								
	Other sources								
	months in 2016 and fi	es-Report the quanti	ty of such im	port bel					
		Qı	uantity (<i>in sh</i>	1					
		Source		Oct	ober 2016 through S	September 2017			
	China								
	Italy								
	Taiwan								
	Other sources								

Definitions

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

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

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

"U.S. commercial shipments"— Shipments made within the United States as a result of an arm's length commercial transaction in the ordinary course of business. Report net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods) in U.S. dollars, f.o.b. your point of shipment.

"Internal consumption" – Product consumed internally by your firm. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.

"Transfers to related firms" – Shipments made to related domestic firms. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.

"Related firm" - A firm that your firm solely or jointly owns, manages, or otherwise controls.

"Export shipments"— Shipments to destinations outside the United States, including shipments to related firms.

"Inventories" -- Finished goods inventory, not raw materials or work in progress.

Note: As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/records used in the preparation of the trade data, as Commission staff may contact your firm regarding questions on the trade data. The Commission may also request that your company submit copies of the supporting documents/records (such as production and sales schedules, inventory records, etc.) used to compile these data.

II-5a. <u>U.S. imports from China</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of forged steel fittings imported from China by your firm during the specified periods.

China

C	Quantity (in sho	ort tons), value	(in \$1,000)		
		Calendar years	5	Januar	y-June
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)					
Imports: ¹ Quantity (B)					
Value (C)					
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
Internal consumption/ company transfers: ² Quantity (F)					
Value² (G)					
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (H)					
Value (I)					
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (J)					
Channels of distribution: Commercial U.S. shipments: To distributors (quantity) (K)					
To end users (quantity) (L)					
To finishers/converters (quantity) (M)					
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II-5a. U.S. imports from China.—Continued

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

		Calendar years	January-June		
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
A + B - D - F - H - J = 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:

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines K, L, and M) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line D) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

		Calendar years	January-June		
Reconciliation item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
K + L + M – D = zero ("0"), if not					
revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-5b. <u>U.S. imports by type: China</u>.—Report your firm's imports of forged steel fittings imported from China by during the specified periods.

China

Quantity (in short tons) and value (in \$1,000)										
		Calendar years		Januar	y-June					
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017					
U.S. imports: Unfinished forged steel fittings not otherwise processed after forging: Quantity (N) Value (O)										
Forged steel fittings, processed after forging but not finished: Quantity (P)										
Value (Q)										
Finished forged steel fittings: Quantity (R)										
Value (S)										

<u>RECONCILIATION OF IMPORTS BY TYPE</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for U.S. imports in this question (i.e., lines N through S) in each time period equal the quantity reported for U.S. imports the previous question (i.e., lines B through C) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

		Calendar years	January-June		
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
Quantity: $N + P + R - B = zero ("0"),$					
if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0
Value: O + Q + S – C = zero ("0"), if					
not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

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

Italy

C	Quantity (<i>in sho</i>	ort tons), value	(in \$1,000)			
		Calendar years	1	January-June		
ltem	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017	
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)						
Imports: ¹ Quantity (B)						
Value (C)						
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (D)						
Value (E)						
Internal consumption/ company transfers: ² Quantity (F)						
Value² (G)						
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (H)						
Value (I)						
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (J)						
Channels of distribution: Commercial U.S. shipments: To distributors (quantity) (K)						
To end users (<i>quantity</i>) (L)						
To finishers/converters (quantity) (M)						
¹ Please identify the foreign producers ² Sales to related firms (including inter uses a different basis for valuing these sa provide value data using that basis for ea ³ Identify your firm's principal export r	nal consumption les within your of ech of the period	n) must be valued company, please	specify that basis			

II-6a. U.S. imports by Italy.—Continued

<u>RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.</u>--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 A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, and H). 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.

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Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
A + B - D - F - H - J = 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: _____.

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines K, L, and M) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line D) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

		Calendar years	January-June		
Reconciliation item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
K + L + M – D = zero ("0"), if not					
revise.	0	0	0	0	0

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

Italy

Quantity (in short tons) and value (in \$1,000)									
		Calendar years		Januar	y-June				
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017				
U.S. imports: Unfinished forged steel fittings not otherwise processed after forging: Quantity (N) Value (O)									
Forged steel fittings, processed after forging but not finished: Quantity (P)									
Value (Q)									
Finished forged steel fittings: Quantity (R)									
Value (S)									

<u>RECONCILIATION OF IMPORTS BY TYPE</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for U.S. imports in this question (i.e., lines N through S) in each time period equal the quantity reported for U.S. imports the previous question (i.e., lines B through C) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

		Calendar years	January-June		
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
Quantity: $N + P + R - B = zero ("0"),$					
if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0
Value: O + Q + S – C = zero ("0"), if					
not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

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

Taiwan

C	Quantity (in sho	ort tons), value	(in \$1,000)		
		Calendar years	s	Januar	y-June
ltem	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)					
Imports: ¹ Quantity (B)					
Value (C)					
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
Internal consumption/ company transfers: ² Quantity (F)					
Value ² (G)					
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (H)					
Value (I)					
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (J)					
Channels of distribution: Commercial U.S. shipments: To distributors (quantity) (K)					
To end users (<i>quantity</i>) (L)					
To finishers/converters (quantity) (M)					
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II-7a. U.S. imports from Taiwan.—Continued

<u>RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.</u>--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 A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, and H). 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.

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Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
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¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate: _____.

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines K, L, and M) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line D) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

		Calendar years	January-June		
Reconciliation item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
K + L + M – D = zero ("0"), if not					
revise.	0	0	0	0	0

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

Taiwan

Quantity (in short tons) and value (in \$1,000)									
		Calendar years		Januar	y-June				
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017				
U.S. imports: Unfinished forged steel fittings not otherwise processed after forging: Quantity (N) Value (O)									
Forged steel fittings, processed after forging but not finished: Quantity (P)									
Value (Q)									
Finished forged steel fittings: Quantity (R)									
Value (S)									

<u>RECONCILIATION OF IMPORTS BY TYPE</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for U.S. imports in this question (i.e., lines N through S) in each time period equal the quantity reported for U.S. imports the previous question (i.e., lines B through C) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

		Calendar years	January-June		
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
Quantity: $N + P + R - B = zero ("0"),$					
if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0
Value: O + Q + S – C = zero ("0"), if					
not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

U.S. imports from all other sources.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of forged steel fittings imported from all other sources by your firm during the specified periods.

All Other Sources

(list sources:	_
•	_

	quantity (<i>in sn</i> c	ort tons), value	(III \$1,000)			
		Calendar years		January-June		
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017	
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)						
Imports: ¹ Quantity (B)						
Value (C)						
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (D) Value (E)						
Internal consumption/ company transfers: Quantity (F) Value ² (G)						
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (H)						
Value (I)						
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (J)						
Channels of distribution: Commercial U.S. shipments: To distributors (quantity) (K)						
To end users (<i>quantity</i>) (L)						
To finishers/converters (quantity) (M)						
¹ Please identify the foreign producers ² Sales to related firms (including interuses a different basis for valuing these saprovide value data using that basis for each of the same o	rnal consumption ales within your o ach of the period	n) must be valued company, please :	specify that basis			

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

II-8a. <u>U.S. imports from all other sources</u>.–*Continued*

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

	Calendar years			January-June		
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017	
A + B - D - F - H - J = 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: _____.

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines K, L, and M) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line D) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

		Calendar years	January-June		
Reconciliation item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
K + L + M – D = zero ("0"), if not					
revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-8b. <u>U.S. imports by type: All other sources</u>.—Report your firm's imports of forged steel fittings imported from all other sources by during the specified periods.

All Other Sources

(Quantity (in sho	ort tons) and valu	ie (<i>in \$1,000</i>)			
		Calendar years		January-June		
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017	
U.S. imports: Unfinished forged steel fittings not otherwise processed after forging: Quantity (N)						
Value (O) Forged steel fittings, processed after forging but not finished: Quantity (P)						
Value (Q)						
Finished forged steel fittings: Quantity (R)						
Value (S)						

<u>RECONCILIATION OF IMPORTS BY TYPE</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for U.S. imports in this question (i.e., lines N through S) in each time period equal the quantity reported for U.S. imports the previous question (i.e., lines B through C) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

		Calendar years	January-June		
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
Quantity: $N + P + R - B = zero ("0"),$					
if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0
Value: O + Q + S – C = zero ("0"), if					
not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-9.	Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part II
	that did not provide a narrative response box, please note the question number and the
	explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your
	firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with
	the MS Word questionnaire.

PART III.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Tamara Gurevich (202-205-3403, tamara.gurevich@usitc.gov).

III-1. <u>Contact information.</u>--Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part III.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

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, 2014 of the following forged steel fittings your firm imported from China, Italy, and/or Taiwan:

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

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

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

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

Please note that values should be <u>f.o.b.</u>, <u>U.S.</u> <u>point of shipment</u> and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Values should reflect the *final net* amount paid to your firm (i.e., should be net of all deductions for discounts or rebates).

During January 2014-June 2017, did your firm import from China, Italy, and/or Taiwan and sell to unrelated U.S. customers any of the above listed products (or any products that were competitive with these products)?

YesPlease complete the following pricing data table(s) as appropriate.
NoSkip to question III-3.

III-2(a). <u>Price data</u>.--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from China and sold by your firm.

China

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

	Product 1		Product 2		Product 3		Product 4	
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2014:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-June								
October-December								
2015:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-June								
October-December								
2016:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-June								
October-December								
2017:								
January-March								
April-June								
¹ Net values (i.e., gross point of shipment. ² Pricing product defini				es, prepaid fr	eight, and the va	lue of returne	d goods), f.o.b. yo	our firm's

NoteIf 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:
Product 3:

Product 4:

Product 3: Product 4:

III-2(b). **Price data.**--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from Italy and sold by your firm.

Italy

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

		(C	Quantity in pound	ds, value in do	llars)			
	Product 1		Produ	uct 2	Product 3		Product 4	
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2014:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-June								
October-December								
2015:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-June								
October-December								
2016:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-June								
October-December								
2017:								
January-March								
April-June								
¹ Net values (i.e., gross s point of shipment. ² Pricing product definit				tes, prepaid fr	eight, and the va	alue of returne	d goods), f.o.b. y	our firm's U
Note If your firm's product your firm's product. Also, pl						specified prod	uct, provide a de	scription of
Product 1:								
Product 2:								

Product 3: Product 4:

III-2(c). **Price data.**--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from Taiwan and sold by your firm.

Taiwan

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

		(0	uantity in pound	ds, value in do	llars)			
	Product 1		Produ	uct 2	Prod	Product 3		uct 4
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2014:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-June								
October-December								
2015:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-June								
October-December								
2016:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-June								
October-December								
2017:								
January-March								
April-June								
 Net values (i.e., gross point of shipment. Pricing product definit NoteIf your firm's product 	tions are provide	ed on the first p	page of Part III.					
your firm's product. Also, pl							•	•
Product 1:								
Product 2:								

III-2 (b). <u>Price data checklist.</u>--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)?	
In pounds (<i>not</i> short tons)?	
F.o.b. U.S. point of shipment (i.e., does not include U.S. transport costs)?	
Net of all discounts and rebates?	
Have returns credited to the quarter in which the sale occurred?	
Less than reported commercial shipments in questions II-5/6/7 in each year?	
 Pricing data methodologyPlease describe the method and the kinds of docume that were used to compile your price data.	nts/records

Note: As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/records used in the preparation of the price data, as Commission staff may contact your firm regarding questions on the price data. The Commission may also request that your company submit copies of the supporting documents/records (such as sales journal, invoices, etc.) used to compile these data.

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III-3.	Price settingHow does your firm determine the prices that it charges for sales of forged stee
	fittings (check all that apply)? If your firm issues price lists, please submit sample pages of a
	recent list.

Transaction by transaction	Contracts	Set price lists	Other	If other, describe

III-4. <u>Discount policy</u>.--Please indicate and describe your firm's discount policies (*check all that apply*).

Quantity discounts	Annual total volume discounts	No discount policy	Other	Describe

III-5. Pricing terms.--

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

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

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

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

III-6. <u>Contract versus spot</u>.--Approximately what share of your firm's sales of forged steel fittings imported from China, Italy, and/or Taiwan in 2016 was on a (1) long-term contract basis, (2) annual contract basis, (3) short-term contract basis, and (4) spot sales basis?

	Type of sale					
	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Spot sales (for a single delivery)	Total (shoul sum to 100.0%	d o
Share of 2016 sales	%	%	%	%	0.0	%

III-7. <u>Contract provisions.</u>— Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical sales contracts for forged steel fittings from China, Italy, and/or Taiwan (or check "not applicable" if your firm does not sell on a long-term, short-term and/or annual contract basis).

Typical sales contract provisions	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	No. of days		365	
Price renegotiation	Yes			
(during contract period)	No			
	Quantity			
Fixed quantity and/or price	Price			
	Both			
Meet or release	Yes			
provision	No			
Not applicab	le			

III-8. <u>Lead times.</u>—What is your firm's share of sales of forged steel fittings imported from China, Italy, and/or Taiwan from inventory and produced to order and what is the typical lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of forged steel fittings?

Source	Share of 2016 sales	Lead time (Average number of days)
From your firm's U.S. inventory	%	
From foreign manufacturers' inventory	%	
Produced to order	%	
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	

III-9.	Shipping information.—					
	(a)	What is the approximate percentage of the cost of forged steel fittings imported from China, Italy, and/or Taiwan 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 forged steel fittings imported from China, Italy, and/or Taiwan, from where is it shipped? Point of importation Storage facility (check one)				
	(d)	Indicate the approximate percentage of your firm's sales of forged steel fittings imported from China, Italy, and/or Taiwan that are delivered the following distances from your firm's LLS, 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-10. <u>Geographical shipments.</u>—In which U.S. geographic market area(s) has your firm sold forged steel fittings imported from subject countries since January 1, 2014 (check all that apply)?

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

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

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

∐ N	0	YesP	lease fill ou	t the ta	ble.	
	Fi	nd use in v	which this			ges in the price of this substitute he price for forged steel fittings?
Substitute		substitute		No	Yes	Explanation
1.						
2.						
3.						
States (if kno	wn) for for	ged steel f	ittings has o	changed ffected Fluctu	d since Ja	tes and outside of the United nuary 1, 2014. Explain any trends anges in demand. Explanation and factors
thin the United States				310		

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III-14.	III-14. Product changes. Have there been any significant changes in the product range, prod marketing of forged steel fittings since January 1, 2014?						
	No	Yes	If yes, please des	cribe.			
III-15.		Conditions of competition.—					
		_	~	subject to business cycles (other than general economy- nditions of competition distinctive to forged steel fittings?			
	Check all	that apply	<i>(</i> .	Please describe.			
		No		Skip to question III-16.			
		Yes-Busin seasonal	ness cycles (e.g. business)				
			r distinctive s of competition				
			e been any change ngs since January	es in the business cycles or conditions of competition for 1, 2014?			
	No	Yes	If yes, describe	e.			

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III-16.	<u>Supply constraints.</u> Has your firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply forged steel
	fittings since January 1, 2014 (examples include placing customers on allocation or "controlled
	order entry," declining to accept new customers or renew existing customers, delivering less
	than the quantity promised, being unable to meet timely shipment commitments, etc.)?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-17. Raw materials.--How have forged steel fittings raw material prices changed since January 1, 2014?

Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explain, noting how raw material price changes have affected your firm's selling prices for forged steel fittings.

III-18. <u>Interchangeability.--</u>Is forged steel fittings produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (i.e., can they physically be used in the same applications)?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 in the table below:

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

F = the products are *frequently* interchangeable

S = the products are *sometimes* interchangeable

N = the products are *never* interchangeable

0 = no familiarity with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	China	Italy	Taiwan	Other countries	
United States					
China					
Italy					
Taiwan					
For any country-pair producing forged steel fittings that is sometimes or never					

For any country-pair producing forged steel fittings that is sometimes or never interchangeable, identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

III-19. Factors other than price.--Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, etc.) between forged steel fittings produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's sales of the products?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 in the table below:

A = such differences are *always* significant

F = such differences are *frequently* significant

S = such differences are *sometimes* significant

N = such differences are *never* significant

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

Country-pair	China	Italy	Taiwan	Other countries
United States				
China				
Italy				
Taiwan				

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

III-20. Approved manufacturers' lists.—

(a) Please estimate the share of your firm's commercial U.S. shipments of forged steel fittings that were to customers that required the listing of the producer on an approved manufacturers' list (whether published or proprietary).

	Share of 2016 sales
Estimated share of your firm's commercial U.S. shipments of	
imported forged steel fittings subject to an approved manufacturers'	
listing	%

(b) With what frequency are forged steel fittings produced by firms listed on approved manufacturers' lists and forged steel fittings produced by firms not on approved manufacturers' lists interchangeable?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never		
Please explain your answer:					

III-21. <u>Customer identification.</u>--List the names and contact information for your firm's 10 largest U.S. customers for forged steel fittings since January 1, 2014. Indicate the share of the quantity of your firm's total shipments of forged steel fittings that each of these customers accounted for in 2016.

	Customer's name	Contact person	Email	Telephone	City	State	Share of 2016 sales (%)
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							

III-22.	that did not pr explanation in firm had in pro	Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part III that did not provide a narrative response box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with the MS Word questionnaire.					

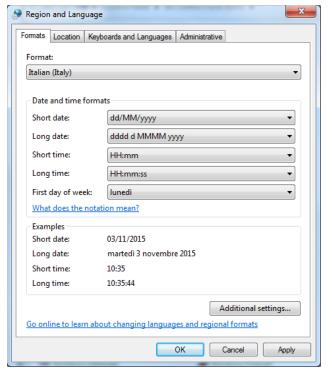
Correcting Valid number error messages.—If you are completing a Commission questionnaire in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 instead of as \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form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

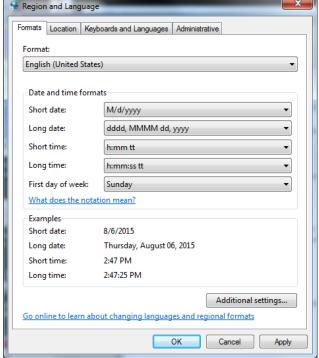
The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete the questionnaire.

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

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

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





HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

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https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/title 7/2017/forged steel fittings china italy and taiwan/preliminary.htm

Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the questionnaire document. Please submit the completed questionnaire using one of the methods noted below. If your firm is unable to complete the MS Word questionnaire or cannot use one of the electronic methods of submission, please contact the Commission for further instructions.

• <u>Upload via Secure Drop Box</u>.—Upload the MS Word questionnaire along with a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1) through the Commission's secure upload facility:

Web address: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/ Pin: FSF

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to NAME@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.

<u>Parties to this proceeding</u>.—If your firm is a party to this proceeding, it is required to serve a copy of the completed questionnaire on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 207.7). A list of such parties may be obtained from the Commission's Secretary (202-205-1803). A certificate of service must accompany the completed questionnaire you submit (see 19 CFR § 207.7). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.