FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

FORGED STEEL FITTINGS FROM CHINA, ITALY, AND TAIWAN

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>June 28, 2018</u>

See last page for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing duty and antidumping investigations concerning forged steel fittings from China, Italy, and Taiwan (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-589 and 731-TA-1394-1396 (Final)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

Name of firm		
Address		
Website		
Has your firm produced 2015?	d or exported forged steel fittings (as defin	ed on next page) at any time since January 1,
NO (Sign the	e certification below and promptly return only t	his page of the questionnaire to the Commission)
YES (Complet	te all parts of the questionnaire, and return the	entire questionnaire to the Commission)
Data reported in this	questionnaire relate to (Check one):	
	China Italy	☐ Taiwan
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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/701731/2018/forged_steel_fittings_china_italy_and_taiwan/final.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, unions and outlets. Forged steel fittings are covered regardless of end finish, whether threaded, socket-weld or other end connections.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- American Petroleum Institute (API) API 5CT, API 5L, or API 11B;
- Society of Automotive Engineering (SAE) SAE J476, SAE J514, SAE J516, SAE J517, SAE J518, SAE J1026, SAE J1231, SAE J1453, SAE J1926, J2044 or SAE AS 35411;
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- Military Specification (MIL) MIL-C-4109F and MIL-F-3541; or
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO) ISO6150-B.

<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, purchaser and/or foreign producer questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions.

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

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

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

similar merchandise; those individuals would be subject to severe penalties if the information were divulged to unauthorized individuals.

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

<u>D-GRIDS tool.</u>--The Commission has a tool that firms can use to move data from their own MS Excel compilation files into self-contained data tables within this MS Word questionnaire, thereby reducing the amount of cell-by-cell data entry that would be required to complete this form. This tool is a macroenabled MS Excel file available for download from the Commission's generic questionnaires webpage (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-enable MS Excel D-GRIDs tool itself from the generic questionnaires page. More detailed instructions on how to use the D-GRIDs tool are available within the D-GRIDs tool itself.

firm of completing	g this questionnaire.	
Hours	Dollars	
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		ame and address of establishment(s) covered by th ded, please specify the stock exchange and trading
or export of forge (whether or not p	ed steel fittings, including bhysically separate fron	in China, Italy, and/or Taiwan involved in the produng auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with a) such facilities. Firms operating more than one a should combine the data for all establishments in
		ny related firm produce, have the capability to proceed fittings in the United States or other countries?
□No	Vos Bloaso namo th	e firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. produc

No	YesPlease name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the
	Commission's importer questionnaire.

I-5. <u>U.S. importers</u>.--Please provide the names, street addresses (not P.O. boxes), contacts, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the <u>FIVE</u> largest U.S. importers of your firm's forged steel fittings in 2017.

	Importer's name	Contact person	Email	Telephone	Share of your firm's 2017 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 Celia Feldpausch (202-205-2387, celia.feldpausch@usitc.gov). Supply all data requested on a celia.feldpausch@usitc.gov).

Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted							
in part II.							
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Name							
Title							
Email							
Telephone							
Fax							

II-2. <u>Changes in operations.</u>--Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the production of forged steel fittings since January 1, 2015.

(che	ck as many as appropriate)	(If checked, please describe; leave blank if not applicable)
	plant openings	
	plant closings	
	relocations	
	expansions	
	acquisitions	
	consolidations	
	prolonged shutdowns or production curtailments	
	revised labor agreements	
	other (e.g., technology)	

its operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of forged steel fittings in the future?
No Yes—Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue. Include in the response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce forged steel fittings (in short tons) for 2018 and 2019.

II-4a. **Production using same machinery**.-- Please report your firm's production of products made on the same equipment and machinery used to produce forged steel fittings, and the combined production capacity on this shared equipment and machinery.

"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).

"Production" -- All production in your establishment(s) in China, Italy, and/or Taiwan, including production consumed internally within your firm.

Quantity (in short tons)									
	С	alendar year	s	January	-March				
Item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018				
Overall production capacity									
Production of: Forged steel fittings ¹	0	0	0	0	0				
Certain excluded fittings ²									
Other products ³									
Total	0	0	0	0	0				

¹ Data entered for production of forged steel fittings will populate here once reported in question II-9.

² As defined on page 2. Please identify these excluded fittings: _____.

³ Please identify these products: _____.

I-4b.	<u>Operating parameters</u> The production capacity reported in II-3a is based on the following operating paramaters:								
		Hours per v	veek	Wee	ks per year				
I-4c.			<u>n</u> Please des n II-4a, and ex		• .			erall production	
I-4d.		on constra		describe the (constraint(s) t	hat set	the limit(s) on your firm's	
I-4e.	Product	shifting.—							
		(i). Is your firm able to switch production (capacity) between forged steel fittings and other products using the same equipment and/or labor?							
	No	Yes		•	ced other pro			to produce other	•
	k	etween pr		time, cost, re	lative price ch	•	•	uction capacity ne degree to whic	ch

4f.	Machining of bar stock and/or seamless tubular products.—							
	(i). Does your firm generate fittings corresponding to the definition of "forged steel fittings" (see pages 2-3 of this questionnaire) by machining carbon or alloy (other than stainless) steel bar stock and/or seamless tubular products?							
	☐ No		Yes Please de	escribe the n	ature of your	firm's machi	ning operation	ons.
		-	rt the quantity stainless) steel	_			_	arbon or alloy
				Quantity	(in short ton	s)		
					Calendar year		January-March	
	Droduc	Item Production of forged steel			2016	2017	2017	2018
		_	by machining					
5. 6.	represer Firm's es	ited by sale stimated sh on of forge	at percentage of sof forged steed are of product of steel fittings in the control on in 2017.	el fittings? _ ion in subjection the countr	percent ct countryP y specified ou	lease estima	te the percen	
7.	the Unit	ed States of	are of country forged steel fi ur firm's expor	ttings from t	he country sp	ecified on th	_	
-8.		-	actionsIs the ervailing duty/s	_			-	to
	No	Yes	If yesList the findings/reme	-		ffected, and	the date of s	uch

II-9. <u>Trade data</u>.--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of forged steel fittings in your establishment(s) in China, Italy, and/or Taiwan during the specified periods. Do not include resales of forged steel fittings 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-10.

<u>Do not included data on certain excluded fittings.</u> If your firm produces certain excluded fittings (as defined on page 2) do not include information on those operations in this question.

<u>Do not submit data by manufacturing facility if they are in the same country.</u> 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.

<u>Do not submit data on multiple countries combined</u>. The establishments reported here should all be located in the country of the firm's address reported on the certification page. Multinational companies with production in multiple subject countries should submit separate foreign producer questionnaire responses for each subject country.

"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, Italy, and/or Taiwan, including production consumed internally within your firm.

"Shipments"--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in China, Italy, and/or Taiwan. Quantities reported should be net of returns.

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

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

"Export shipments"--Shipments to destinations outstide of the country indicacted on page 1 (China, Italy, and/or Taiwan), 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-9. **Trade data.**--Continued.

Forged Steel Fittings

	Qua	ntity (in sh	ort tons)				
		Acti		Projections ¹			
	Ca	alendar yea	r	January	-March	Calendar year	
Item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019
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 ² The production capacity reported is describe the methodology used to calcul ³ Identify principal other export mark	based on o	perating					

<u>RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY.</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 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.

		Actual experience					Projections		
	C	alendar yea	ar	January	/-March	Calendar year			
Item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019		
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-10. Exports to the United States not produced by your firm.--Report your firm's exports to the United States of forged steel fittings that were produced in China, Italy, and/or Taiwan but not by your firm during the specified periods. Note these data should <u>not</u> be included in question

Forged Steel Fittings

		Quantity (ii	n short tons)			
		Act	Projections Calendar year				
	Calendar year				January-March		
Item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019
Exports of forged steel fittings to the United States not produced by your firm ¹							
¹ List the producer(s).				1			

II-11. <u>Select data on certain excluded fittings</u>.--Report your firm's production and total shipments of certain excluded fittings (as defined on pages 2 and 3) that were produced in China, Italy, and/or Taiwan. Note these data should <u>not</u> be included in question II-9 or II-10.

Certain Excluded Fittings

		Quantity (ii	n short tons)			
	Actual experience					Projections	
	Calendar year			January-March		Calendar year	
Item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019
Production							
Home market shipments							
Exports to the United States							
Exports to other markets							

Other explanationsIf 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.

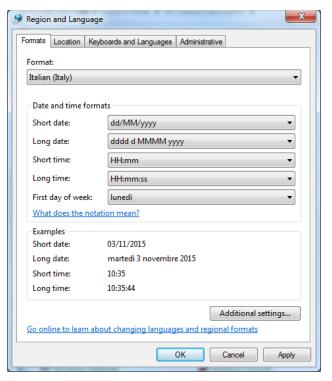
Correcting Valid number error messages.--If you are completing a Commission questionnaire in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 instead of as \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form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

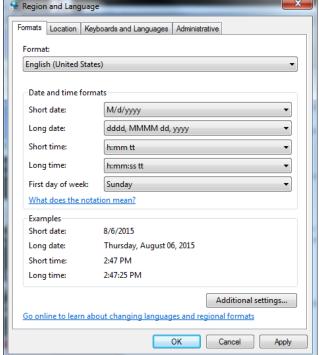
The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete the questionnaire.

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/forged_steel_fittings_china_ital y and taiwan/final.htm

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

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

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

• E-mail.—E-mail your 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 <u>did not </u>**produce or export 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, 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.