## **U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE**

#### **ALUMINUM WIRE AND CABLE FROM CHINA**

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>July 31, 2019</u>

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The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing and antidumping duty investigations concerning aluminum wire and cable ("AWC") from China (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-611 and 731-TA-1428 (Final)). 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 possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from John Benedetto (202-205-3270, John.Benedetto@usitc.gov).

Name of firm \_\_\_\_\_

City			State	e	_ Zip Cod	e			
Website									
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#### PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

**Background.**-- This proceeding was instituted in response to petitions filed on September 21, 2018, by Encore Wire Corporation, McKinney, Texas, and Southwire Company, LLC, Carrollton, Georgia. Countervailing and 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/aluminum\_wire\_and\_cable\_china/final.htm.

Aluminum wire and cable (AWC) covered by these investigations is an assembly of one or more electrical conductors made from 8000 Series Aluminum Alloys,¹ Aluminum Alloy 1350,² and/or Aluminum Alloy 6201,³ provided that: (1) at least one of the electrical conductors is insulated; (2) each insulated electrical conductor has a voltage rating greater than 80 volts and not exceeding 1000 volts; and (3) at least one electrical conductor is stranded and has a size not less than 16.5 kcmil and not greater than 1000 kcmil. The assembly may or may not: (1) include a grounding or neutral conductor; (2) be clad with aluminum, steel, or other base metal; or (3) include a steel support center wire, one or more connectors, a tape shield, a jacket or other covering, and/or filler materials. Most AWC products conform to National Electrical Code ("NEC") types THHN, THWN, THWN-2, XHHW-2, USE, USE-2, RHH, RHW, or RHW-2, and also conform to Underwriters Laboratories ("UL") standards UL-44, UL-83, UL-758, UL-854, UL-1063, UL-1277, UL-1569, UL-1581, or UL-4703, but such conformity is not required for the merchandise to be included within the scope.

The scope specifically excludes conductors that are included in equipment already assembled at the time of importation. Also excluded are aluminum wire and cable products in lengths less than six feet.

AWC is currently imported under statistical reporting number 8544.49.9000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). It may also be imported under HTSUS statistical reporting number 8544.42.9090. The HTSUS provisions are for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope is dispositive.

<u>Purchaser</u>.--Any firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in purchasing AWC from another firm that produces, imports, or otherwise distributes AWC.

<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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 8000 Series Aluminum Alloys is defined in accordance with American Society for Testing and Materials ("ASTM") B800.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Aluminum Alloy 1350 is defined in accordance with ASTM B230/B230M or B609/B609M

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Aluminum Alloy 6201 is defined in accordance with ASTM B398/B398M

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.

l-1.	by this questionnaire, if diffe	erent from that listed on the	ss of your U.S. establishment(s) covered cover page. Firms operating more than ablishments into a single response.
			ourchase of AWC, including auxiliary ohysically separate from) such facilities.
I-2.	OwnershipIs your firm ow	ned, in whole or in part, by	any other firm?
	☐ No ☐ YesList	the following information.	
	Firm name	Address	Extent of ownership (percent)
I-3.	foreign, which import AWC i		related firms, either domestic or ich export AWC to the United States?
	Firm name	Country	Affiliation
I-4.	produce AWC?	our firm have any related fir the following information.	ms, either domestic or foreign, which
	Firm name	Country	Affiliation

## PART II.--PURCHASES

<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 this questionnaire.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

II-1. <u>Purchases and imports.</u>— Report <u>separately</u> your firm's domestic purchases and imports of AWC.

"Purchase" – Purchase from a U.S. entity such as a U.S. producer, a U.S. importer, or other U.S. firm.

"Import" – Purchase directly from a foreign supplier and your firm is the importer of record.

	2016	2017	2018	January-June 2018	January-June 2019
Item		Qu	antity (in pour	nds)	
Purchases of AWC produced					
in—					
United States					
China					
Mexico					
Turkey					
All other countries <sup>1</sup>					
Sources unknown					
Total purchases	0	0	0	0	0
Imports of AWC from—					
China					
Mexico					
Turkey					
All other countries <sup>1</sup>					
Total imports <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please identify these countries:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If your firm imported AWC at any time since January 1, 2016, please also complete and return a U.S. importers' questionnaire in this proceeding.

II-2. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns.--</u>Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of AWC from different sources have changed since January 1, 2016.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States						
China						
Mexico						
Turkey						
All other countries						
Sources unknown						

II-3. <u>Country knowledge.</u>-- Please indicate the countries of origin with which your firm has experience or information in the AWC market.

United States	China	Mexico	Turkey	Other countries	Other countries (specify)

II-4. <u>Supplier identification</u>.--Please list your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for AWC since January 1, 2016. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of AWC that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2018.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2018 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

## PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

III-1.	Firm typeWhich of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of AWC (check all
	that apply)?

End user (electric utility)	End user (builder)	Distributor	Other	Describe other

If your firm is a distributor of AWC, please answer questions III-2 and III-3.

III-2.	Competition for salesDoes your firm compete for sales to customers with the manufacturers
	or importers from which your firm purchases AWC?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-3.	<u>Types of customers</u> What are the major types of consumers to which your firm sells AW	/C?

If your firm is an end user of AWC, please answer questions III-4 and III-5.

III-4. <u>End uses.</u>--List the top 3 products your firm makes using AWC and estimate the percent of your total production cost that is accounted for by AWC and by other inputs (such as labor, energy, and other raw materials).

	Share of total cost in each of the product(s) your firm produces accounted for by			ır	<b>Total</b> (should
Product(s) your firm produces	AWC		Other inputs		sum to 100.0% across)
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %

III-5.	<b>Demand for end-use</b>	products

(a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating AWC changed since January 1, 2016?

Increased	No change	Decreased	Fluctuated

(b) Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for AWC?

No	Yes	Explain

III-6. <u>Substitutes</u> Can other products be substituted for AWC?						Page 9	
		lo	YesPlo	ease fill out	the tab	ole.	
		F	nd use in w	thich this		Have	changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for AWC?
	Substitute		substitute		No	Yes	Explanation
1.							
2.							
3.							
III-7.		wn) for AW	/C has chan	iged since Ja	anuary	1, 20	States and outside of the United  16. Explain any trends and describe mand.
	States (if kno the principal	own) for AW factors tha Overall	/C has chan t have affe	ged since Jacted these c	enuary changes Fluct with	1, 20: s in de suate n no	L6. Explain any trends and describe emand.
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<b>Ma</b> i hin the U	States (if known the principal of the pr	Overall increase	No change  Do you or you possible so	Overall decrease	Fluct with clear	1, 20: s in de uate n no trend	Explanation and factors  ifically order AWC from one country

III-9.	Importance of purchasing domestic productPlease fill out the table below, estimating the
	percentage of your firm's total 2018 purchases of AWC that required AWC produced in the
	United States.

	Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2018 purchases of AWC
Purchases that did not require domestic product	%
Purchases that were required by law or regulation to be domestic product (e.g., government purchases under "Buy American" provisions)	%
Purchases that were not required by law or regulation, but were required by your customers to be domestic product	%
Purchases that were required to be domestic product for other reasons	
(explain: )	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

## III-10. Conditions of competition.--

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

Check all that apply.		Please describe.
	No	Skip to question III-11.
	Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)	
	Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition	

(b) Have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for AWC since January 1, 2016?

No	Yes	If yes, describe.

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III-11.	Decisions based on producer and country-of-originHow often does your firm, and if known,
	do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving AWC based on its producer or country
	of origin?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, explain.	
Decision based on producer					
	Decis	ion based on c	ountry of	origin	
	Always	D	Decision based of		

III-12. <u>Availability of supply</u>.--Has the availability of AWC in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2016?

Availability in the U.S.			Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the
market	No	Yes	changes.
U.Sproduced product			
Subject imports			
Nonsubject imports			

III-13. <u>Supply constraints.</u>--Has any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with AWC since January 1, 2016 (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-14. Availability of specific product types.--Are certain grades/types/sizes of AWC only available from certain country sources?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the countries and the grade/type/size.

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III-15.	<u>Purcha</u>	chasing frequency						
	(a)	How fre	quently	does your fir	m make purch	ases of AWC	(check o	ne)?
		Daily	Week	ly Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify
	(b)	Has this	purcha	ising frequenc	y changed sind	ce January 1,	2016?	
		No	Yes	If yes, pleas	e describe.			
III-16.	Raw m	aterial pı	rices.—					
	(a)	Is your f	irm fan	niliar with the	prices for raw	materials us	ed in the	production of AWC?
		N	0	<b>Yes</b> – pleas	e answer (b)	7		
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		Has information on raw material prices affected your firm's negotiations or purchase AWC since 2016?			iations or contracts to			
		No	Yes	Explain				

III-17. Number of suppliers contacted.--How many suppliers does your firm generally contact before making a purchase? Between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ firms

III-10. Suppliel Hegolialions.—	III-18.	Supplier	negotiations
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(a)	Do your firm's purchases of AWC usually involve price lists publically available from your
	supplier, where you and the supplier negotiate discounts off this price list?

No o skip III- l8 (b)	Ye (if yes s	kip III-	If yes, note whether your firm quotes competing prices or competing discounts off the price list during negotiations.
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	the public	•	ilable price lists used at a particular time from different suppliers
Yes	No	If no, e	xplain how the price lists differ.
	•		termined using publically available price lists with negotiated discount ease explain how your prices of AWC are set.
from	this price	e list, ple	ease explain how your prices of AWC are set.
from	n supplie	rsHas	termined using publically available price lists with negotiated discounts ease explain how your prices of AWC are set.  your firm changed suppliers since January 1, 2016?  e list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or dropped, and the ns for the change.

If yes, please identify the firms.

Yes

No

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III-21.	Supplier qualificationDo you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified
	to sell AWC to your firm?

If yes, provide the following information.

- The number of days to qualify a new supplier.
- A general description of the certification or qualification process. Also, a brief description of the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.).

No	Number of days	Process and factors

III-22. <u>Failure to certify</u>.--Since January 1, 2016, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their AWC with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?

No	If yes, please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification.

III-23. <u>Major purchasing factors.</u>--Please list, in order of their importance and one item per line, the main factors your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase AWC (examples include availability, delivery, price/costs, quality, support, UL certification, vendor relationship, etc.).

1.	
2.	
3.	
Ple	ase list any other factors that are very important in your purchase decisions:

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III-24. <u>Purchasing factors.</u>--Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for AWC.

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability			
Copper prices			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Minimum quantity requirements			
NEC compliance			
Packaging			
Payment terms			
Price			
Product consistency			
Product range			
Quality meets industry standards			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
UL certification			
U.S. transportation costs			

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III-26.	Minimum qualityHow often does AWC from the following countries meet minimum quality
	specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

Source	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never	Don't know
United States					
China					
Mexico					
Turkey					
Other:					

III-27. <u>Frequency of decisions based on price</u>.--How often does your firm purchase the AWC that is offered at the lowest price?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never

III-28. <u>Price leaders.</u>--A price leader is defined as (1) one or more firms that initiate a price change, either upward or downward, that is followed by other firms, or (2) one or more firms that have a significant impact on prices. A price leader is not necessarily the lowest-priced supplier.

Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the AWC market since January 1, 2016.

Firm(s)	Describe how the firm(s) exhibited price leadership		

III-29. <b>F</b>	Purchasing	subject	imports	rather than	1 domestic	products.—
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(a)	Since January 2016, did your firm purchase imports of AWC from China instead of U.S.
	produced AWC?

	Yes	No
Source	(also respond to parts (b) and (c))	(If "No", skip to next question)
China		

(b) If you responded "Yes" to part (a), was the imported product priced lower than the domestic product?

Source	Yes	No
China		

(c) If you responded "Yes" to part (a), was price a primary reason for purchasing Chinese imports rather than domestic product?

Source	Yes	If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports purchased instead of domestic product since January 2016 (in pounds)	No	If No, please indicate the reason your firm purchased imports instead of domestic product
China				

### III-30. <u>U.S. producers and import competition.</u>—

(a) Since January 1, 2016, in connection with a sale or offer to sell AWC to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced AWC in order to compete with lower-priced imports of AWC from China?

Source	Yes (also respond to question part (b))	No (If "No", skip to next question)	Don't know
China			

(b) If your firm responded "yes", please provide an estimate of the reduction in U.S. producers' prices, and any additional explanations, such as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors.

Source	Estimated reduction in U.S. prices (percent)	Additional explanation, including such information as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors
China	%	

#### PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1. <u>Interchangeability.--</u>Is AWC 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	Mexico	Turkey	Other countries
United States				
China				
Mexico				
Turkey				

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

IV-2. **Factors other than price.**--Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between AWC produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's purchases 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	Mexico	Turkey	Other countries
United States				
China				
Mexico				
Turkey				

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

IV-3. <u>Factor country comparisons.</u>--For the factors listed below, please rate how AWC produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with AWC produced in each of the other countries you identified.

If you are unfamiliar with the product from a particular country, please leave the boxes for those country comparisons blank.

	<u>Un</u>	oduct from ited Stared to p from China	tes	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Mexico</u>				<u>Un</u>	oduct fr ited Sta mpared oduct fr Turkey	tes to om
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability										
Price of copper										
Delivery terms										
Delivery time										
Discounts offered										
Minimum quantity requirements										
NEC compliance										
Packaging										
Payment terms										
Price <sup>1</sup>										
Product consistency										
Product range										
Quality meets industry standards										
Quality exceeds industry standards										
Reliability of supply										
Technical support/service										
UL certification										
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>										

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

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Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Price of copper									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Minimum quantity requirements									
NEC compliance									
Packaging									
Payment terms									
Price <sup>1</sup>									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
UL certification									
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>									

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Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability						
Price of copper						
Delivery terms						
Delivery time						
Discounts offered						
Minimum quantity requirements						
NEC compliance						
Packaging						
Payment terms						
Price <sup>1</sup>						
Product consistency						
Product range						
Quality meets industry standards						
Quality exceeds industry standards						
Reliability of supply						
Technical support/service						
UL certification						
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

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	Product from <u>Mexico</u> compared to product from <u>all other</u> <u>countries</u>		Product from <u>Turkey</u> compared to product from <u>All other countries</u>			
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability						
Price of copper						
Delivery terms						
Delivery time						
Discounts offered						
Minimum quantity requirements						
Packaging						
Payment terms						
Price <sup>1</sup>						
Product consistency						
Product range						
Quality meets industry standards						
Quality exceeds industry standards						
Reliability of supply						
Technical support/service						
UL certification						
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

#### PART V.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

V-1.	other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to any question that for which a narrative response box was not provided, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below.

V-2. <u>OMB statistics</u>.--Please report 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 25 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.

# **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/aluminum\_wire\_and\_cable\_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.

• <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: <a href="https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/">https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/</a> Pin: WIRE

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to John.Benedetto@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>does not </u>purchase this product, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.

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