

FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

STAINLESS STEEL BAR FROM BRAZIL, INDIA, JAPAN, AND SPAIN

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by **May 14, 2018**.

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 reviews of the antidumping duty orders concerning stainless steel bar from Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain (Inv. Nos. 731-TA-678-679 and 681-682 (Fourth Review)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

<p>Name of firm _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Website _____</p> <p>Has your firm produced or exported stainless steel bar (as defined on next page) at any time since January 1, 2012?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES (Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)</p> <p>Data reported in this questionnaire relate to (Check one):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Brazil <input type="checkbox"/> India <input type="checkbox"/> Japan <input type="checkbox"/> Spain</p> <p>Return questionnaire via the Commission <i>Drop Box</i> by clicking on the following link: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/. (PIN: SSBAR)</p>

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. By means of this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this questionnaire and throughout this proceeding in any other import-injury proceedings or reviews conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise.

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that information submitted in response to this request for information and throughout this proceeding or other proceeding may be disclosed to and used: (i) by the Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of this or a related proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3; or (ii) by U.S. government employees and contract personnel, solely for cybersecurity purposes. I understand that all contract personnel will sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements.

Name of Authorized Official

Title of Authorized Official

Date

Signature

Phone:

Fax:

Email address

PART I.--GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.--On February 21, 1995, the Department of Commerce ("Commerce") issued antidumping duty orders on imports of stainless steel bar from Brazil, India, and Japan (60 FR 9661), and subsequently issued an antidumping duty order on imports of stainless steel bar from Spain (60 FR 11656) on March 2, 1995. On July 3, 2017, the Commission instituted reviews pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic industry within a reasonably foreseeable time. If both the Commission and Commerce make affirmative determinations, the orders will remain in place. If either the Commission or Commerce makes negative determinations, Commerce will revoke the orders. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2017/stainless_steel_bar_brazil_india_japan_and_spain/fourth_review_full.htm.

Stainless steel bar covered by these reviews are articles of Stainless steel in straight lengths that have been either hot-rolled, forged, turned, cold-drawn, cold-rolled or otherwise cold-finished, or ground, having a uniform solid cross section along their whole length in the shape of circles, segments of circles, ovals, rectangles (including squares), triangles, hexagons, octagons or other convex polygons. Stainless steel bar includes cold-finished stainless steel bars that are turned or ground in straight lengths, whether produced from hot-rolled bar or from straightened and cut rod or wire, and reinforcing bars that have indentations, ribs, grooves, or other deformations produced during the rolling process.

Except as specified above, the term does not include Stainless steel semi-finished products, cut length flat-rolled products (i.e., cut length rolled products which if less than 4.75 mm in thickness have a width measuring at least 10 times the thickness, or if 4.75 mm or more in thickness having a width which exceeds 150 mm and measures at least twice the thickness), wire (i.e., cold-formed products in coils, of any uniform solid cross section along their whole length, which do not conform to the definition of flat-rolled products), and angles, shapes and sections.

Exclusions for Japan: Effective for entries entered, or withdrawn for warehouse, for consumption on or after February 1, 2010, the term does not include one stainless steel bar product under Grade 304 and two types of stainless steel bar products under Grade 440C.

(1) The Grade 304 product meets the following descriptions: round cross-section, cold finished, chrome plated (plating thickness 10 microns or greater), hardness of plating a minimum 750 HV on the Vickers Scale, maximum roundness deviation of 0.020 mm (based on circularity tolerance described in JIS B 0021 (1984)), in actual (measured) lengths from 2000 mm to 3005 mm, in nominal outside diameters ranging from 6 mm to 30 mm (diameter tolerance for any size from minus 0.010 mm to minus 0.053 mm). Tolerance can be defined as the specified permissible deviation from a specified nominal dimension; for example if the nominal outside diameter of the product entering is 6 mm, then the actual measured sizes should fall within 5.947 mm to 5.990 mm;

(2) The first Grade 440C product meets the following descriptions: round cross-section, cold finished, heat treated through induction hardening, minimum Rockwell hardness of 56 Hardness of 56 HRC, maximum roundness deviation of 0.007 mm (based on circularity tolerance described in JIS B 0021 (1984)), in actual (measured) lengths from 500 mm to 3005 mm, in nominal outside diameters ranging from 3 mm to 38.10 mm (diameter tolerance for any size from 0.00 mm to minus 0.150 mm). Tolerance can be defined as the specified permissible deviation from a specified nominal dimension; for example if the nominal outside diameter of the product entering is 3 mm, then the actual measured sizes should fall within 2.850 mm to 3.000 mm;

(3) The second Grade 440C product meets the following descriptions: round cross-section, cold finished, chrome plated (plating thickness 5 microns or greater), heat treated through induction hardening, minimum Rockwell Hardness of 56 HRC, maximum roundness deviation of 0.007 mm (based on circularity tolerance described in JIS B 0021 (1984)), in actual (measured) lengths from 2000 mm to minus 3005 mm, (diameter tolerance for any size from minus 0.004 mm to minus 0.020 mm). Tolerance can be defined as the specified permissible deviation from a specified nominal dimension; for example if the nominal outside diameter of the product entering is 6 mm, then the actual measured sizes should fall within 5.980 mm to 5.996 mm. Except as specified above, the term does not include Stainless steel semi-finished products, cut length flat-rolled products (i.e., cut-length rolled products which if less than 4.75 mm in thickness have a width measuring at least 10 times the thickness, or if 4.75 mm or more in thickness having a width which exceeds 150 mm and measures at least twice the thickness), wire (i.e., cold-formed products in coils, of any uniform solid cross section along their whole length, which do not conform to the definition of flat-rolled products), and angles, shapes and sections.

Stainless steel bar is currently imported under statistical reporting numbers 7222.10.00, 7222.11.00, 7222.19.00, 7222.20.00, and 7222.30.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The HTSUS provisions are for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope is dispositive.

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

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

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

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

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

entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete this form. Detailed instructions on how to resolve this issue is provided at the end of this questionnaire and is available upon request from Kristina Lara (202-205-3386, kristina.lara@usitc.gov).

I-1. **OMB statistics.**--Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this questionnaire.

Hours	Dollars

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 30 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire.

We welcome comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate, suggestions for reducing the burden, and any suggestions for improving this questionnaire. Please attach such comments to your response or send to the Office of Investigations, USITC, 500 E St. SW, Washington, DC 20436.

I-2. **Establishments covered.**--Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire. If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

“Establishment”-- Each facility of a firm in Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain involved in the production or export of stainless steel bar, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities. Firms operating more than one establishment in Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.

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I-3. **U.S. importers.**--Please provide the names, contacts, email addresses, and telephone numbers of the **FIVE** largest U.S. importers of your firm's stainless steel bar in 2017.

No.	Importer's name	Contact person	Email address	Area code and telephone number	Share of your firm's 2017 U.S. exports (%)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

I-4. **U.S. or other country production.**--Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce stainless steel bar in the United States or other countries?

- No Yes--Please name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnaire.

I-5. **U.S. importation.**--Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import stainless steel bar into the United States?

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

I-6. **Agreement for distribution with a US producer.**--Does your firm have an agreement relating to the exclusive marketing rights or sales of stainless steel bar with any U.S. producer of stainless steel bar?

- No Yes--List the products(s) and describe the scope of the agreement.

I-7. **Business plan.**--In Parts II and III of this questionnaire we request a copy of your company's business plan. Does your company or any related firm have a business plan or any internal documents that describe, discuss, or analyze expected future market conditions for stainless steel bar?

- No Yes--Please provide the requested documents. If you are not providing the requested documents, please explain why not.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Kristina Lara (202-205-3386, kristina.lara@usitc.gov). **Supply all data requested on a calendar-year basis.**

II-1. **Contact information.**--Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part II.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

II-2. **Changes in operations.**--Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the production of stainless steel bar since January 1, 2012.

<i>Check as many as appropriate.</i>	<i>If checked, please describe; leave blank if not applicable.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Plant openings	
<input type="checkbox"/> Plant closings	
<input type="checkbox"/> Relocations	
<input type="checkbox"/> Expansions	
<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisitions	
<input type="checkbox"/> Consolidations	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prolonged shutdowns or production curtailments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Revised labor agreements	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (e.g., technology)	

II-2b. **Anticipated changes in operations.**—Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of its operations or organization relating to the production of stainless steel bar in the future?

No	Yes	If 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 documentations that address this issue. Include in your response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce stainless steel bar (in short tons) for 2018 and 2019.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- II-3a. **Production using same machinery.**-- Please report your firm's production of products made on the same equipment and machinery used to produce stainless steel bar, 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).

Note.--If your firm does not produce any out-of-scope merchandise on the same machinery and equipment as scope merchandise (i.e., you have reported no data for "other products" in this question) then the "overall production capacity" numbers reported in this question should be exactly equal to the "average production capacity" numbers reported in question II-11. If, however, your firm does produce out-of-scope merchandise using the same machinery and equipment as scope merchandise (i.e., you have reported data for "other products" in this question), then the "average production capacity" reported in question II-11 should exclude the portion of "overall production capacity" that was used to produce this out-of-scope merchandise (i.e., "average production capacity" in question II-11 should be smaller than "overall production capacity" in this question).

"Production" --All production in your establishment(s) in Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain, including production consumed internally within your firm.

II-3a. **Production using same machinery.**—Continued

Item	Quantity (in short tons)				
	Calendar years			January-March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Overall production capacity					
Production of:					
Stainless steel bar ¹	0	0	0	0	0
Out-of-scope production:					
SS wire rod					
SS angles					
Tool and high speed steels					
Other products ²					
Total	0	0	0	0	0
¹ Data entered for production of stainless steel bar will populate here once reported in question II-11. ² Please identify these products: _____.					

II-3b. **Operating parameters.**--The production capacity reported in II-3a is based on operating _____ hours per week, _____ weeks per year.

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

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

II-3e. **Product shifting.**

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

No

Yes-- (i.e., have produced other products or are able to produce other products). Please identify other actual or potential products.

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

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

II-5. **Firm's estimated share of production in country.**--Please estimate the percentage of total production of stainless steel bar in the country specified on the certification page accounted for by your firm's production in 2017. _____ percent.

II-6. **Firm's estimated share of country's exports.**--Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of stainless steel bar from the country specified on the certification page accounted for by your firm's exports in 2017. _____ percent.

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

- No Yes--List the products(s), countries affected, and the date of such findings/remedies/proceedings.

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II-8. **Other export markets.**--Identify export markets (other than the United States) that your firm has developed or where it has increased its sales of stainless steel bar since 2012. Please identify and discuss below.

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II-9. **Significance of antidumping duty order.**--Describe the significance of the existing antidumping duty orders covering imports of stainless steel bar from Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain in terms of its effect on your firm's production capacity, production, home market shipments, exports to the United States and other markets, and inventories. You may wish to compare your firm's operations before and after the imposition of the order.

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II-10. **Likely impact of revocation.**--Would your firm anticipate any changes in the character of its operations or organization, including its production capacity, production, U.S. shipments, inventories, purchases, employment, revenues, costs, profits, cash flow, capital expenditures, research and development expenditures, or asset values relating to the production of stainless steel bar in the future if the antidumping duty orders on stainless steel bar from Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain were to be revoked?

		If 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 documentations that address this issue. Include in your response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce stainless steel bar (in short tons) for 2018 and 2019.
No	Yes	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- II-11. **Trade data**--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of stainless steel bar in your establishment(s) in Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain during the specified periods. Do not include resales of stainless steel bar 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-13.

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

Do not submit data on multiple countries combined. 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 Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain, including production consumed internally within your firm.

"Shipments" --Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain. Quantities reported should be net of returns. 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 in Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain.

"Home market commercial shipments" --Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain.

"Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms" --Shipments made to related firms in Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain, including product consumed internally by your firm.

"Export shipments" --Shipments to destinations outside Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain, 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-11. **Trade data.**--Continued.

Quantity (in short tons) and Value (in 1,000 dollars)					
Item	Calendar year			January to March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Average production capacity ¹ (A)					
Beginning-of-period inventories (B)					
Production (C)					
Home market shipments:					
Internal consumption/ transfers quantity (D)					
value (E)					
Commercial shipments quantity (F)					
value (G)					
Export shipments:					
to the United States: quantity (H)					
value (I)					
to the European Union: ² quantity (J)					
value (K)					
to Asia: ³ quantity (L)					
value (M)					
to all other markets: ⁴ quantity (N)					
value (O)					
Total Exports					
quantity (P)	0	0	0	0	0
value (Q)	0	0	0	0	0
Total shipments					
quantity (R)	0	0	0	0	0
value (S)	0	0	0	0	0
End-of-period inventories (T)					

¹ The production capacity reported is based on operating _____ hours per week, _____ weeks per year. Please describe the methodology used to calculate production capacity, and explain any changes in reported capacity: _____.

² Identify your firm's principal *European Union* export markets: _____.

³ Identify your firm's principal *Asian* export markets: _____.

⁴ Identify your firm's principal *other* export markets: _____.

II-11. **Trade data.**—*Continued.*

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

Item	Calendar year			January to March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
B + C – D – F – H – J – L – N – T = 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: _____.					

II-12. **Shipments by grade.**—Report your firm's total production in 2017 by AISI (or equivalent) grade.

Quantity (in short tons) and Value (in 1,000 dollars)	
AISI (or equivalent) Grade	Calendar Year 2017
	Quantity
AISI grade 303 (U)	
AISI grade 304/304L (V)	
AISI grade 316/316L (W)	
AISI grade 410 (X)	
AISI grade 416 (Y)	
Other ¹ (Z)	
Total shipments	0
¹ List the grade(s) for which you entered data in the "other" category _____	

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS BY GRADE AND TOTAL SHIPMENTS REPORTED IN 2017.—*The total production by grade reported (i.e., lines U, V, W, X, Y, and Z) should be equal to the total production (i.e., line C) reported in 2017 for question II-11. 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.*

Item	Calendar year
	2017
U+V+W+X+Y+Z-C = should equal zero ("0"), if not revise.	0

II-13. **Exports to related firms.**--Report your firm's exports to all destination markets of stainless steel bar that your firm produced and shipped to related companies. Note these data should be a subset of total exports (i.e., quantity data in line AA should be a subset of line P; and value data in line AB should be a subset of line Q).

Quantity (in short tons) and Value (in 1,000 dollars)					
Item	Calendar year			January to March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Exports of stainless steel bar to related companies¹.—					
<i>Quantity (AA)</i>					
<i>Value (AB)</i>					
¹ List the related companies and indicate what the related companies used this merchandise for (e.g., downstream production and if so what products, or distribution "as is" as in stainless steel bar, et cetera). _____					

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL EXPORTS AND EXPORTS TO RELATED FIRMS *The quantity reported for total exports in question II-11 (line P) should be greater than or equal to the exports of stainless steel bar to related companies reported in line (AA) in this question. If the calculated fields below return a negative value, the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.*

Item	Calendar year			January to March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
P ≥ AA, if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-14. **Exports to the United States not produced by your firm.**--Report your firm's exports to the United States of stainless steel bar that was produced in Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain but not by your firm during the specified periods. Note these data should **not** be included in question II-11.

Quantity (in short tons) and Value (in 1,000 dollars)					
Item	Calendar year			January to March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Exports of stainless steel bar to the United States not produced by your firm ¹ .— Quantity ¹					
Value					
¹ List the producer(s). _____.					

II-15. **Other explanations.**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part II that did not provide a narrative box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with the MS Word questionnaire.

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Lauren Gamache (202-205-3489, lauren.gamache@usitc.gov).

III-1. **Contact information.**--Please identify the responsible individual and how Commission staff may contact the individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part III.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

III-2. **Contract versus spot.**--Approximately what share of your firm's sales of stainless steel bar to U.S. customers in 2017 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				Total (should sum to 100.0%)
	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)	
Share of your 2017 sales	%	%	%	%	0.0 %

III-3. **Contract provisions.**--Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical sales contracts with U.S. customers for stainless steel bar (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	<i>No. of days</i>		365	
Price renegotiation (during contract period)	<i>Yes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>No</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fixed quantity and/or price	<i>Quantity</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Price</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Both</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indexed to raw material costs	<i>Yes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>No</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet or release provision	<i>Yes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>No</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

III-4. **Lead times.**--What is your firm's share of sales 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 stainless steel bar?

Source	Share of 2017 sales	Lead time (Average number of days)
From inventory	%	
Produced to order	%	
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	

III-5. **Raw materials.**--Indicate how stainless steel bar raw materials prices have changed since January 1, 2012, and how you expect they will change in the future.

Raw materials prices	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 stainless steel bar.
Changes since January 1, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anticipated changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-6. **Changes in factors affecting supply.**--Have any changes occurred in any other factors affecting supply (e.g., changes in availability or prices of energy or labor; transportation conditions; production capacity and/or methods of production; technology; export markets; or alternative production opportunities) that affected the availability of Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain-produced stainless steel bar in the U.S. market since January 1, 2012?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-7. **Availability of SUBJECT import supply.**-- Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the availability of Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain-produced stainless steel bar in the U.S. market in the future?

Increase	No change	Decrease	If you anticipate changes in supply, please identify the changes, including the time period and the impact of such changes on shipment volumes and prices.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-8. **Product shifting.**--Describe how easily your firm can shift its sales of stainless steel bar between the U.S. market and alternative country markets. In your discussion, please describe any contracts, other sales arrangements, or other constraints (including any third-country trade barriers such as tariffs, quotas, or other non-tariff barriers) that would prevent or retard your firm from shifting stainless steel bar between the U.S. and alternative country markets within a 12-month period.

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III-9. **Product range.**--Is the product range, product mix, or marketing of stainless steel bar in your firm's home market different from that of stainless steel bar for export to the United States or to third-country markets?

No	Yes	If yes, please explain.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-10. **Product changes.**--Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix, or marketing of stainless steel bar in your firm's home market, for export to the United States, or for export to third-country markets since January 1, 2012? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Changes in product range, product mix, or marketing		No	Yes	Explain
Changes since January 1, 2012		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anticipated changes		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-11. **Substitutes.** --

(a) Can other products be substituted for stainless steel bar?

No Yes--Please fill out the table.

Substitute	End use in which this substitute is used	Have changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for stainless steel bar?		
		No	Yes	Explanation
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(b) Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for stainless steel bar since January 1, 2012? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Changes in substitutes	No	Yes	Explain
Changes since January 1, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anticipated changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-12. **Interchangeability.**--Is the stainless steel bar produced by your firm and sold in its home market interchangeable (i.e., can be used in the same applications) with your firm's stainless steel bar sold to the United States and/or to third-country markets?

Yes	No	If no, identify the market(s) and any differences in the products.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-13. **End uses.**—

- (a) Describe the end uses of the stainless steel bar that your firm manufactures and sells to your firm's home market. If these end uses differ from those of the stainless steel bar your firm sells to the U.S. market or to third-country markets, explain.

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- (b) Have there been any changes in the end uses of stainless steel bar since January 1, 2012? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Changes in end uses	No	Yes	Explain
Changes since January 1, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anticipated changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-14. **Demand trends.**--Indicate how demand in the following markets for stainless steel bar has changed since January 1, 2012, and how you anticipate demand will change in the future. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected, and that you anticipate will affect, these changes in demand.

Your firm's market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explanation and factors
Demand since January 1, 2012					
Home market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other markets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anticipated future demand					
Home market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other markets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-15. **Price differences.**--Please compare market prices of stainless steel bar in your firm's home market, the United States, and third-country markets.

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III-16. **Description of home market.**--Describe briefly your firm's home market for stainless steel bar, including the number of, and competition between, producers.

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III-17. **Import competition.**--Does your firm face competition from imports of stainless steel bar in your firm's home market?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the country sources of these imports.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-18. **Market studies.**--Please provide as a separate attachment to this request any studies, surveys, etc. that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss stainless steel bar supply (including production capacity and capacity utilization) and demand in (1) the United States, (2) each of the other major producing/consuming countries, including Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data from 2015 to the present and forecasts for the future.

III-19. **Effect of 232 investigation of steel on conditions of competition.**--

(a) Are you familiar with the 232 investigation or the imposition of tariffs on imported steel products?

No (*skip to III-20*) Yes (*complete part b*)

(b) Did the announcement of the 232 investigation in April 2017 or the imposition of tariffs on imported steel products in March 2018 impact on the conditions of competition for stainless steel bar?

	No	Yes	If yes, describe.
Announcement of the 232 investigation in April 2017	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Imposition of tariffs on imported steel products in March 2018	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-20. **Other explanations.**--If 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.

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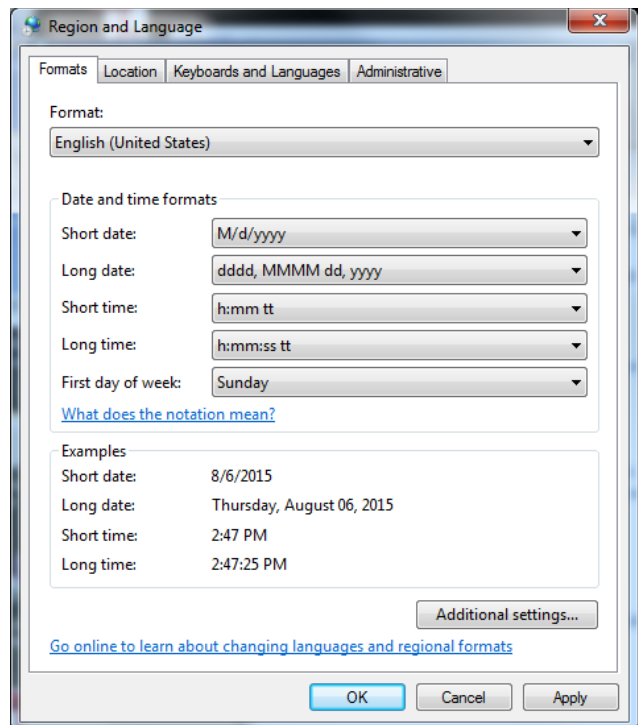
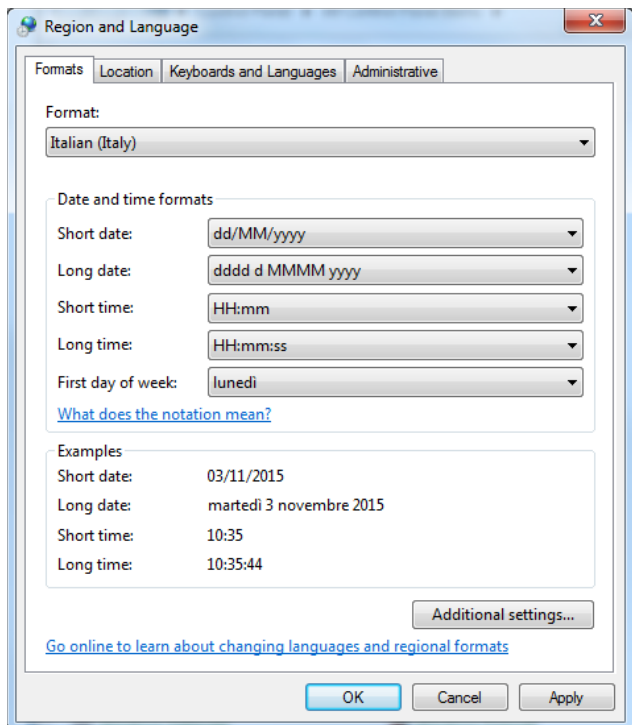
Correcting Valid number error messages.--If you are completing a Commission questionnaire in a country that uses periods (“.”) to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 instead of as \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form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

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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/701731/2017/stainless_steel_bar_brazil_india_japan_and_spain/fourth_review_full.htm

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

- **Upload via Secure Drop Box.**—Upload the MS Word questionnaire along with a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1) through the Commission’s secure upload facility:

Web address: <https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/> **Pin:** **SSBAR**

- **E-mail.**—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to kristina.lara@usitc.gov; include a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1). *Submitters are strongly encouraged to encrypt nonpublic documents that are electronically transmitted to the Commission to protect your sensitive information from unauthorized disclosure. The USITC secure drop-box system and the Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) use Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 140-2 cryptographic algorithms to encrypt data in transit. Submitting your nonpublic documents by a means that does not use these encryption algorithms (such as by email) may subject your firm’s nonpublic information to unauthorized disclosure during transmission. If you choose a non-encrypted method of electronic transmission, the Commission warns you that the risk of such possible unauthorized disclosure is assumed by you and not by the Commission.*

If your firm did not produce or export this product, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.

Parties to this proceeding.—If your firm is a party to this proceeding, 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.