



**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Background.**--This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on July 13, 2017, by the Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute ("CISPI"), Mundelein, IL. 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. U.S. producers of cast iron soil pipe fittings have provided the USITC with allegations about sales or revenue that they have lost due to competition from imports of cast iron soil pipe fittings from China. One or more domestic producer(s) have named your firm in such an allegation.

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**Cast iron soil pipe fittings** covered by these investigations are finished and unfinished cast iron soil pipe fittings ("CISPF"), regardless of industry or proprietary specifications. These are non-malleable iron castings of various shapes and sizes used in conjunction with cast iron soil pipe in the sanitary and storm drain, waste, and vent piping of buildings. These fittings include various designs and sizes, consisting of bends, tees, wyes, traps, drains, and other common or special fittings, with or without side inlets.

CISPF are classified into two major types – hub and spigot and hubless. Hubless pipe and fittings are also referred to in the plumbing industry as no-hub. CISPF are distinguished from other types of non-malleable cast iron fittings by the manner in which they are connected to cast iron soil pipe and other fittings. Hubless cast iron soil pipe and fittings are manufactured without a hub, generally in compliance with CISPI 301 and/or ASTM A888. The method of joining the pipe and fittings utilizes a metallic shielded hubless coupling, generally manufactured to CISPI 310 and/or ASTM A 74, that telescopes over the plain ends of the pipe and fittings and is torqued to seal the joint. Hub and spigot pipe and fittings have hubs into which the spigot (plain end) of the pipe or fitting is inserted. The joint is sealed with a thermoset elastomeric gasket or lead and oakum.

CISPF are currently imported under statistical reporting number 7307.11.00.45 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.

**Confidentiality.**--The data furnished in response to this survey 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.

**Release of information.**--The information provided by your firm in response to this survey, 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. Please also retain a copy of the final document that you submit.

**Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single response.**

**Contact information.**--Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in this survey. This may or may not be the person whose signature is at the bottom of page 1.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

**PURCHASE INFORMATION**

II-1. **Purchases.**--Report your firm’s total U.S. purchases of cast iron soil pipe fittings. Please report separately for your purchases from U.S. producers and importers, and your imports for which your firm was the importer of record.

**“Purchase”** – A transaction to buy product from a U.S. corporate entity such as a U.S. producer, a U.S. distributor, or a U.S. firm that has imported the product.

**“Import”** – A transaction to buy from a foreign supplier in which your firm is the importer of record.

Item	2014	2015	2016
	Quantity (in short tons)		
<b>Purchases of cast iron soil pipe fittings produced in—</b>			
United States			
China			
All other countries <sup>1</sup>			
Sources unknown			
Total purchases	0	0	0
<b>Imports of cast iron soil pipe fittings from--</b>			
China			
All other countries <sup>1</sup>			
Total imports	0	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Please identify these countries:			

2. **Changes in purchasing patterns.**--Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of cast iron soil pipe fittings from different sources have changed since January 1, 2014.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All other countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sources unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

3. **Major purchasing factors.**--Please list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase cast iron soil pipe fittings.

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

4. **Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.**—

(a) Since January 2014, did your firm purchase imports of cast iron soil pipe fittings from China instead of U.S.-produced cast iron soil pipe fittings

(b)

<b>Yes (also respond to parts (b) and (c))</b>	<b>No (If “No,” skip to next question)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(c) If you responded “Yes” to part (a), was the imported product priced lower than the domestic product?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<b>Yes</b>	<b>If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports purchased instead of domestic product since January 2014 (in short tons)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>If No, please indicate the reason your firm purchased imports instead of domestic product</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

5. **U.S. producers and import competition.**—

(a) Since January 1, 2014, in connection with a sale or offer to sell cast iron soil pipe fittings to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced cast iron soil pipe fittings in order to compete with lower-priced imports of cast iron soil pipe fittings from China?

<b>Yes (also respond to question part (b))</b>	<b>No (If “No,” skip to next question)</b>	<b>Don’t know</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(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.

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

6. **Method of purchase**--Please provide a general description of your firm’s method(s) of purchase (e.g., individual purchase, contract, bids, Internet purchases, etc.) for cast iron soil pipe fittings.

7. **Other explanations**--Please provide any additional comments in this box.

**OMB INFORMATION**

- 8. **OMB statistics.**--Please report the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this survey.

Hours	Dollars

The questions in this survey 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 survey is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the survey.

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

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## HOW TO FILE YOUR SURVEY RESPONSE

***Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the survey document.***

Please submit the completed survey using one of the methods noted below. If your firm is unable to complete the MS Word survey 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:** **CISPF**

- **E-mail.**—E-mail the MS Word survey to [craig.thomsen@usitc.gov](mailto:craig.thomsen@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 purchase this product**, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.