

LOST SALES AND LOST REVENUE SURVEY

TITANIUM SPONGE FROM JAPAN AND KAZAKHSTAN

This survey must be received by the Commission by **September 7, 2017**
See last page for filing instructions.

The information called for in this survey is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing duty and antidumping investigations concerning titanium sponge from Japan and Kazakhstan (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-587 and 731-TA-1385-1386 (Preliminary)). The information requested in the survey 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 survey can be obtained from Emily Burke (202-205-3191, Emily.Burke@usitc.gov).

<p>Name of firm _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>Website _____</p> <p>Has your firm purchased titanium sponge (as defined on next page) at any time since January 1, 2014?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the survey to the Commission)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES (Complete all parts of the survey, and return the entire survey to the Commission)</p> <p>Return questionnaire via the U.S. International Trade Commission <i>Drop Box</i> by clicking on the following link: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/. (PIN: SPONGE)</p>
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CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information herein supplied in this survey 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 submitting this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this survey and throughout this proceeding in any other import-injury proceedings 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 investigation 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

Email address

GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.-- This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on August 24, 2017, by Titanium Metals Corporation, Exton, 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/701731/2017/titanium_sponge_japan_and_kazakhstan/preliminary.htm.

Titanium sponge covered by these investigations is all forms and grades of titanium sponge, except as specified below. Titanium sponge is unwrought titanium metal that has not been melted.

Expressly excluded from the scope of these investigations are titanium powders, titanium sponge fines, titanium briquettes consisting of compacted titanium sponge fines and ultra-high purity titanium sponge. In ultra-high purity titanium sponge, metallic impurities do not exceed any of these amounts:

	WT%
Aluminum	0.0005
Chromium	0.0001
Cobalt	0.0001
Copper	0.0002
Iron	0.0300
Manganese	0.0010
Nickel	0.0002
Vanadium	0.0002
Zirconium	0.0005
Carbon	0.0150
Hydrogen	0.0100
Nitrogen	0.0020
Oxygen	0.1000

Titanium sponge is currently classified under statistical reporting number 8108.20.0010 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.

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	

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

PURCHASE INFORMATION

II-1. **Purchases and imports.**--Report your firm’s total domestic purchases and direct imports of titanium sponge. Please report **separately** your domestic purchases and your direct imports (where your firm was the importer of record).

“Domestic Purchase” – Purchase from a U.S. entity such as a U.S. producer, a U.S. distributor, or a U.S. firm.

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

Item	2014	2015	2016
	Quantity (in pounds)		
Purchases of titanium sponge produced in—			
United States			
Japan			
Kazakhstan			
All other countries ¹			
Sources unknown			
Total purchases	0	0	0
Imports of titanium sponge from—			
Japan			
Kazakhstan			
All other countries ¹			
Total imports	0	0	0
¹ Please identify these countries:			

2. **Changes in purchasing patterns.**--Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of titanium sponge 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"/>	
Japan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kazakhstan	<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 titanium sponge.

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 titanium sponge from Japan and Kazakhstan instead of U.S.-produced titanium sponge? Respond for each subject country.

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

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

Source	Yes	No
Japan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kazakhstan	<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?

Source	Yes	If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports purchased instead of domestic product since January 2014 (in pounds)	No	If No, please indicate the reason your firm purchased imports instead of domestic product
Japan	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kazakhstan	<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 titanium sponge to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced titanium sponge in order to compete with lower-priced imports of titanium sponge from the subject countries? Respond for each subject country.

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

(b) If your firm responded “yes” to any of the above countries, 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
Japan	%	
Kazakhstan	%	

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 titanium sponge.

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.

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 survey 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/>
- **Enter Investigation:** Select “**INVESTIGATION-SPECIFIC MENU ITEM**” in the drop down menu
- **Pin:** **INVESTIGATION-SPECIFIC PW**

- **E-mail.**—E-mail the MS Word survey to Emily.Burke@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.