FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

COLD-DRAWN MECHANICAL TUBING OF CARBON AND ALLOY STEEL FROM CHINA, GERMANY, INDIA, ITALY, KOREA, AND SWITZERLAND

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by October 16, 2017

See last page for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing and antidumping duty investigations concerning cold-drawn mechanical tubing of carbon and alloy steel ("cold-drawn mechanical tubing") from China, Germany, India, Italy, Korea, and Switzerland (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-576-577 and 731-TA-1362-1367 (Final)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

Name of firm _____

Website					
Has your firm produced January 1, 2014?	d or exported cold-drawn me	echanical tubing (as defined on next	page) at any time since	
NO (Sign the	certification below and promp	tly return only this	page of the question	nnaire to the Commission)	
YES (Comple	te all parts of the questionnaire	e, and return the er	ntire questionnaire to	the Commission)	
Data reported in this	questionnaire relate to (C	Check one):			
China	Germany India	Italy	Korea	Switzerland	
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.--This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on April 19, 2017, by ArcelorMittal Tubular Products, Shelby, Ohio; Michigan Seamless Tube, LLC, South Lyon, Michigan; PTC Alliance Corp., Wexford, Pennsylvania; Webco Industries, Inc., Sand Springs, Oklahoma; and Zekelman Industries, Inc., Farrell, Pennsylvania. 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/cold_drawn_mechanical_tubing_china_germany_in_dia/final.htm.

Cold-drawn mechanical tubing covered by these investigations is cold-drawn mechanical tubing of carbon and alloy steel, of circular cross-section, 304.8 mm or more in length, in actual diameters less than 13 inches (less than 331 mm), and regardless of wall thickness, surface finish, end finish or industry specification. The subject cold-drawn mechanical tubing is a tubular product with a circular cross-sectional shape that has been cold-drawn or otherwise cold-finished after the initial tube formation in a manner that involves a change in the diameter or wall thickness of the tubing, or both. The subject cold-drawn mechanical tubing may be produced from either welded (e.g., electric resistance welded, continuous welded, etc.) or seamless (e.g., pierced, pilgered or extruded, etc.) carbon or alloy steel tubular products. It may also be heat treated after cold working (annealed, normalized, quenched and tempered, stress relieved or finish annealed). Typical cold-drawing methods for subject merchandise include, but are not limited to, drawing over mandrel, rod drawing, and sink drawing. Other cold-finishing operations that may be used to produce subject merchandise include cold-rolling and cold-sizing the tubing.¹

Subject cold-drawn mechanical tubing is typically certified to meet industry specifications for cold-drawn tubing including but not limited to: (1) American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) or American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) specifications ASTM A-512, ASTM A-513 Type 3 (ASME SA513 Type 3), ASTM A-513 Type 4 (ASME SA513 Type 4), ASTM A-513 Type 5 (ASME SA513 Type 5), ASTM A-513 Type 6 (ASME SA513 Type 6), ASTM A-519 (cold-finished); (2) SAE International (Society of Automotive Engineers) specifications SAE J524, SAE J525, SAE J2833, SAE J2614, SAE J2467, SAE J2435, SAE J2613; (3) Aerospace Material Specification (AMS) AMS T-6736 (AMS 6736), AMS 6371, AMS 5050, AMS 5075, AMS 5062, AMS 6360, AMS 6361, AMS 6362, AMS 6371, AMS 6372, AMS 6374, AMS 6381, AMS 6415; (4) United States Military Standards (MIL) MIL -T-5066 and MIL-T-6736; (5) foreign standards equivalent to one of the previously listed ASTM, ASME, SAE, AMS or MIL specifications including but not limited to: (a) German Institute for Standardization (DIN) specifications DIN 2391-2, DIN 2393-2, DIN 2394-2; (b) European Standards (EN) EN 10305-1, EN 10305-2, EN 10305-4, EN 10305-6 and European national variations on those standards (e.g., British Standard (BS EN), Irish Standard (IS EN) and German Standard (DIN EN) variations, etc.); (c) Japanese Industrial Standard (JIS) JIS G 3441 and JIS G 3445; and (6) proprietary standards that are based on one of the above listed standards. The subject cold-drawn mechanical tubing may also be dual or multiple certified to more than one standard.

Steel products included in the scope of these investigations are products in which: (1) iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements; and (2) the carbon content is 2 percent or less by weight. For purposes of this scope, the place of cold-drawing determines the country

¹ The language **in bold** is pending the results of a scope clarification request at the Department of Commerce.

of origin of the subject merchandise. Subject merchandise that is subject to minor working in a third country that occurs after drawing in one of the subject countries including, but not limited to, heat treatment, cutting to length, straightening, nondestruction testing, deburring or chamfering, remains within the scope of the investigation. All products that meet the written physical description are within the scope of these investigations unless specifically excluded or covered by the scope of an existing order. Merchandise that meets the physical description of cold-drawn mechanical tubing above is within the scope of the investigations even if it is also dual- or multiple-certified to an otherwise excluded specification listed below.

The following products are outside of, and/or specifically excluded from, the scope of these investigations: (1) cold-drawn stainless steel tubing, containing 10.5 percent or more of chromium by weight and not more than 1.2 percent of carbon by weight; (2) products certified to one or more of the following ASTM, ASME or American Petroleum Institute (API) specifications listed below: ASTM A-53; ASTM A-106; ASTM A-179 (ASME SA 179); ASTM A-192 (ASME SA 192); ASTM A-209 (ASME SA 209); ASTM A-210 (ASME SA 210); ASTM A-213 (ASME SA 213); ASTM A-334 (ASME SA 334); ASTM A-423 (ASME SA 423); ASTM A-498; ASTM A-496 (ASME SA 496); ASTM A-199; ASTM A-500; ASTM A-556; ASTM A-565; API SL; and API 5CT; except that any cold-drawn tubing product certified to one of the above excluded specifications will not be excluded from the scope if it is also dual- or multiple-certified to any other specification that otherwise would fall within the scope of these investigations.

The products subject to the investigations are currently imported under the following Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) statistical reporting numbers: 7304.31.3000, 7304.31.6050, 7304.51.1000, 7304.51.5005, 7304.51.5060, 7306.30.5015, 7306.30.5020, and 7306.50.5030. The HTSUS provisions above are provided for convenience and customs purposes only. The written description of the scope of the investigations is dispositive.

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

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

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

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

with this proceeding or other import-injury proceedings conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise; those individuals would be subject to severe penalties if the information were divulged to unauthorized individuals.

<u>Valid number error messages.</u>—If you are completing this form in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 rather than \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete this form. Detailed instructions on how to resolve this issue is provided at the end of this questionnaire and is available upon request from Keysha Martinez (202-205-2136, keysha.martinez@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 20 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. <u>Establishments covered</u>.--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.

" <u>Establishment</u> " Each facility of a firm in China, Germany, India, Italy, Korea, or Switzerland
involved in the production or export of cold-drawn mechanical tubing, including auxiliary
facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.
Firms operating more than one establishment in China, Germany, India, Italy, Korea, or
Switzerland should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.

I-3.		lucersDoes your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, blans to produce cold-drawn mechanical tubing in the United States or other
	☐ No	YesPlease name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnaire.
I-4.		<u>importers</u> Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import nechanical tubing into the United States?
	☐ No	YesPlease name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire.

I-5. <u>U.S. importers</u>.--Please provide the names, contacts, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the <u>FIVE</u> largest U.S. importers of your firm's cold-drawn mechanical tubing in 2016.

ı	mporter's name	Contact person	Email	Telephone	Share of your firm's 2016 U.S. exports (%)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Telephone

Fax

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Keysha Martinez (202-205-2136, keysha.martinez@usitc.gov). Supply all data requested on a calendar-year basis.

II-1.	Contact inform	nationPlease identify the responsible	individual and the manner by which
	Commission sta in part II.	aff may contact that individual regardin	ng the confidential information submitted
	Name		
	Title		
	Email		

II-2. <u>Changes in operations.</u>—Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the production of cold-drawn mechanical tubing since January 1, 2014.

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

II-3.	its operation	<u>changes in operations</u> Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of its or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of cold-drawn tubing in the future?
	□ No	Yes—Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue. Include in the response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce cold-drawn mechanical tubing (in short tons) for 2017 and 2018.

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

"Overall production capacity" or "capacity" –The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods for all products manufactured in that establishment using the same manufacturing equipment. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup).

"Production" -- All production in your establishment(s) in China, Germany, India, Italy, Korea, or Switzerland, including production consumed internally within your firm.

Qu	antity (in sho	rt tons)			
	C	alendar year	·s	Januar	y-June
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
Overall production capacity					
Production of:					
Cold-drawn mechanical tubing (12 inches					
and over in length) ¹	0	0	0	0	0
Other products ²					
Total	0	0	0	0	0

¹ Data entered for production of cold-drawn mechanical tubing will populate here once reported in question II-10.

II-4b.	Operating para	metersThe production capacity reported in II-4a is based on operating	_ hours
	per week.	weeks per year.	

² Please identify these products: ____

produ	ction constraintsPlease describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your firm's ction capacity.
Produ	ct shifting.—
(i).	Is your firm able to switch production (capacity) between cold-drawn mechanical tubi other products using the same equipment and/or labor?
	No Yes(i.e., have produced other products or are able to produce of 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 whi these factors enhance or constrain such shifts.
	of salesWhat percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was ented by sales of cold-drawn mechanical tubing? percent.

II-8.	<u>Inventories in the United States</u> Has your firm, since 2014, maintained any inventories of cold-drawn mechanical tubing in the United States (not including inventories held by firms identified in question I-3)?										
	"Inventories"Finished good	"Inventories"Finished goods inventory, not raw materials or work in progress.									
	☐ No ☐ YesRep	No YesReport the quantity of such end-of-period inventories below.									
		Quantity (in short tons)									
		Calendar year									
	Item	2014 2015		2016							
	Inventory										
II-9.	Third country trade actionsIs the cold-drawn mechanical tubing exported by your firm so to antidumping/countervailing duty/safeguard findings, remedies, or proceedings? No YesList the products(s), countries affected, and the date of such findings/remedies/proceedings.										

II-10. <u>Trade data</u>.--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of cold-drawn mechanical tubing in your establishment(s) in China, Germany, India, Italy, Korea, or Switzerland during the specified periods. Do not include resales of cold-drawn mechanical tubing 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-11.

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

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

"Average production capacity" or "capacity" –The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods for all products manufactured in that establishment using the same manufacturing equipment. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix).

"Production" -- All production in your establishment(s) in China, Germany, India, Italy, Korea, or Switzerland, including production consumed internally within your firm.

"Shipments"--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in China, Germany, India, Italy, Korea, or Switzerland. Quantities reported should be net of returns.

"Home market commercial shipments"--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within China, Germany, India, Italy, Korea, or Switzerland.

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

"Export shipments"--Shipments to destinations outstide of the country indicacted on page 1 (China, Germany, India, Italy, Korea, or Switzerland), 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-10a. **Trade data.**--*Continued*.

12 inches (304.8 mm) and over in length

Quantity (in short tons)							
	Actual experience					Projections ¹	
	C	alendar yea	r	January-June		Calendar year	
ltem	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018
Average production capacity ² (A)							
Beginning-of-period inventories (B)							
Production (C)							
Home market shipments: Internal consumption/ transfers (D)							
Commercial shipments (E)							
Exports to the United States (F)							
Exports to all other markets ³ (G)							
Total exports (H) (should equal F+G)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total shipments (I) (should equal D+E+F+G)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
End-of-period inventories (J)							
¹ Please explain the basis for your firm's projections ² 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.							
³ Identify principal other export markets							

II-10a. **Trade data**.—*Continued*.

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line J) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line B), plus production (i.e., line C), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, E, F, and G). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather actually reflect your firm's records; and also provide any likely explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.

	Actual experience					Projections		
	C	Calendar yea	ar	January-June		Calendar year		
Item	2014 2015 2016			2016	2017	2017	2018	
B + C - D - E - F - G - J =								
should equal zero ("0")								
or provide an								
explanation. ¹	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate.

II-10b. **Trade data.**--*Continued*.

Less than 12 inches (304.8 mm) in length

Quantity (in short tons)							
	Actual experience					Projections ¹	
	Calendar year			January-June		Calendar year	
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018
Average production capacity ² (A)							
Beginning-of-period inventories (B)							
Production (C)							
Home market shipments: Internal consumption/ transfers (D)							
Commercial shipments (E)							
Exports to the United States (F)							
Exports to all other markets ³ (G)							
Total exports (H) (should equal F+G)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total shipments (I) (should equal D+E+F+G)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
End-of-period inventories (J)							
¹ Please explain the basis for your firm's projections ² 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.							
3 Identify principal other export markets							

II-10b. <u>Trade data</u>.—*Continued*.

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line J) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line B), plus production (i.e., line C), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, E, F, and G). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather actually reflect your firm's records; and also provide any likely explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.

	Actual experience					Projections		
	C	Calendar yea	ar	January-June		Calendar year		
Item	2014 2015 2016			2016	2017	2017	2018	
B + C - D - E - F - G - J =								
should equal zero ("0")								
or provide an								
explanation. ¹	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate.

II-11. Exports to the United States not produced by your firm.--Report your firm's exports to the United States of cold-drawn mechanical tubing that was produced in China, Germany, India, Italy, Korea, or Switzerland but not by your firm during the specified periods. Note these data should <u>not</u> be included in question II-10.

Quantity (in short tons)							
Actual experience Project						ctions	
	Calendar year		January-June		Calendar year		
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018
Exports of cold-drawn mechanical tubing to the United States not produced by your							
firm ¹ List the producer(s).							

II-12. 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.

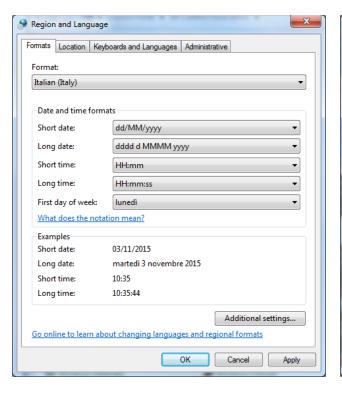
Correcting Valid number error messages.——If you are completing a Commission questionnaire in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 instead of as \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. This issues stem from your computer number formatting setting (e.g., not the MS Word document itself, but the computer from which you are opening up the document). In the United States commas (,) delineate multiples of 1000 and periods (.) delineate fractions less than one. Many EU countries use the reverse where multiples of 1000 are delineated with periods (.) and fractions less than one are delineated with commas (,). The US International Trade Commission's questionnaires are set-up in the United States with the U.S. number formatting. When this formatting interacts with a computer set to EU number formatting, we believe this may cause this issue.

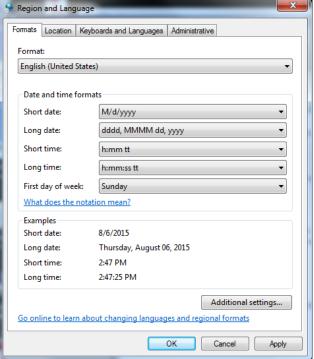
The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete the questionnaire.

To temporarily change your computer's number settings to U.S. settings, please do the following (for Microsoft Windows Operating system):

- START
- Control Panel
- Region and Language (under Clock, Language, and Region category)
- Format tab
- Change the Format from your existing one (e.g. "Italian (Italy)") to "English (United States)" (see screen shots below)

When you do this the number "twelve million dollars and thirty five cents" would change from \$12.000.000,35 (Italy format) to \$12,000,000.35 (U.S. format), and then there will be no conflict with the USITC foreign producer questionnaire form. When you finish reporting the data then you can close the questionnaire and switch back to Italy settings.





HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

This questionnaire is available as a "fillable" form in MS Word format on the Commission's website at:

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2017/cold_drawn_mechanical_tubing_ch_ina_germany_india/final.htm

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

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

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

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

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

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