

U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

STEEL PROPANE CYLINDERS FROM CHINA, TAIWAN, AND THAILAND

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by **June 5, 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 countervailing and antidumping duty investigations concerning steel propane cylinders from China, Taiwan, and Thailand (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-607 and 731-TA-1417-1419 (Preliminary)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your firm's possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)).

<p>Name of firm _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>Website _____</p> <p>Has your firm imported steel propane cylinders (as defined on next page) from any country at any time since January 1, 2015?</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>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: PROP)</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 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 proceedings 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

PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.--This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on May 22, 2018, by Worthington Industries, (Columbus, Ohio) and Manchester Tank & Equipment Company, (Franklin, Tennessee). Antidumping and countervailing 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 determinations of dumping and/or subsidization. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2018/steel_propane_cylinders_china_taiwan_and_thailand/preliminary.htm.

Steel propane cylinders for purposes of these investigations are steel cylinders for compressed or liquefied propane gas meeting the requirements of, or produced to meet the requirements of, U.S. Department of Transportation (“USDOT”) Specifications 4B, 4BA, or 4BW, or Transport Canada Specification 4BM, 4BAM, or 4BWM, or a UN pressure receptacle meeting standard ISO 4706, and range from 2.5 pound nominal gas capacity (approximate 4-6 pound tare weight) to 42 pound nominal gas capacity (approximate 28-32 pound tare weight), with up to 100 pound water capacity (“Steel Propane Cylinders”). Steel Propane Cylinders may be certified to USDOT Specification 4B, 4BA, or 4BW either before or after importation. Steel Propane Cylinders have two or fewer ports and may be imported assembled or unassembled (*i.e.*, welded or brazed before or after importation), with or without out all components (including collars, valves, gauges, tanks, foot rings, and overfill prevention devices), and coated or uncoated. Also included within the scope are parts of steel propane cylinders, unfinished propane cylinders, collars, and foot rings for steel propane cylinders.

These petitions also cover steel propane cylinders that meet, are produced to meet, or are certified as meeting, other U.S. or Canadian government, international, or industry standards (including, for example, American Society of Mechanical Engineers (“ASME”), or American National Standard Institute (“ANSI”)), if they also meet, are produced to meet, or are certified as meeting USDOT Specification 4B, 4BA, or 4BW, or Transport Canada Specification 4BM, 4BAM, or 4BWM, or a UN pressure receptacle meeting standard ISO 4706.

Subject merchandise also includes steel propane cylinders that have been further processed in a third country, including but not limited to attachment of collars, foot rings, or handles by welding or brazing, heat treatment, painting, testing, certification, or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the petitions if performed in the country of manufacture of the in-scope Steel Propane Cylinders.

Specifically excluded are seamless steel propane cylinders and propane cylinders made from stainless steel (*i.e.*, steel containing at least 10.5 percent chromium by weight and less than 1.2 percent carbon by weight), aluminum, or composite fiber material.

The merchandise subject to these investigations is properly classified under statistical reporting numbers **7311.00.0060** and **7311.00.0090** of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS statistical reporting numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

Importer.--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing steel propane cylinders (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

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, and/or purchaser 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 Lawrence Jones (202-205-3358, lawrence.jones@usitc.gov).

D-GRIDS tool.--The Commission has a tool that firms can use to move data from their own MS Excel compilation files into self-contained data tables within this MS Word questionnaire, thereby reducing the amount of cell-by-cell data entry that would be required to complete this form. This tool is a macro-enabled MS Excel file available for download from the Commission's generic questionnaires webpage (https://www.usitc.gov/trade_remedy/question.htm) called the "D-GRIDs tool." Use of this tool to help your firm complete this questionnaire is *optional*. Firms opting to use the D-GRIDs tool to populate their data into this questionnaire will need the D-GRIDs specification sheet PDF file specific to this proceeding (available on the case page which is linked under the "Background" above) which includes the necessary references relating to this questionnaire, as well as the macro-enable MS Excel D-GRIDs tool itself from the generic questionnaires page. More detailed instructions on how to use the D-GRIDs tool are available within the D-GRIDs tool itself.

- 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 40 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 involved in the importation of steel propane cylinders, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

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I-3. **Ownership.**--Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

No Yes--List the following information

Firm name	Address	Extent of ownership (percent)

I-4. **Related importers/exporters.**--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that are engaged in importing steel propane cylinders from China, Taiwan, and/or Thailand into the United States or that are engaged in exporting steel propane cylinders from China, Taiwan, and/or Thailand to the United States?

No Yes--List the following information.

Firm name	Country	Affiliation

I-5. **Related producers.**--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that are engaged in the production of steel propane cylinders?

No Yes--List the following information.

Firm name	Country	Affiliation

I-6. **Importing operations.**--Please indicate the nature of your firm's importing operations on steel propane cylinders. More than one answer may be applicable.

Importer of record	Takes title to the imported product(s)	Consignee of the imported products(s)	Customs broker or freight forwarder
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I-7. **Consignee.**--If your firm is an importer of record of steel propane cylinders but is not the consignee, please list the consignees below (firm name, address, telephone number, and individual to contact).

Firm name	Address	Contact person and phone number

I-8. **FTZ, TIB, or bonded warehouses.**--Please indicate whether your firm enters steel propane cylinders into, or withdraws such merchandise from, foreign trade zones or bonded warehouses. Also indicate whether your firm imports steel propane cylinders under the TIB (temporary importation under bond) program.

“Foreign trade zone” is a designated location in the United States where firms utilize special procedures that allow delayed or reduced customs duty payments on foreign merchandise, as well as other savings. A foreign trade zone must be designed as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in the Foreign-Trade Zones Act.

“Bonded warehouse” is a secured facility supervised by U.S. customs, where dutiable landed imports are stored pending their re-export, or release after payment of import duties, taxes, and other charges. A bonded warehouse must be designed as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in 19 U.S.C. § 1555.

“Temporary Importation under Bond (“TIB”) program” is a procedure whereby imported merchandise may be entered under certain conditions for a limited time into the United States free of duty. Under the program, an importer posts a bond for twice the amount of duty, taxes, etc. that would otherwise be owed on the importation and agrees to export or destroy the merchandise within a specified time or pay liquidated damages. This program is restricted to certain categories of merchandise listed in subheadings 9813.00.05 through 9813.00.75 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

Item	No	Yes
Foreign trade zones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bonded warehouses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Temporary importation under bond	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I-9. **Other trade actions.**--To your knowledge, have the products subject to this proceeding been the subject of any other import relief proceedings in the United States or in any other countries?

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

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Lawrence Jones (202-205-3358, lawrence.jones@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	

II-2. **Changes in operations.**--Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the importation of steel propane cylinders since January 1, 2015.

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

II-3a. **Arranged imports.**--Has your firm imported or arranged for the importation of steel propane cylinders for delivery after **March 31, 2018**?

“Arranged imports” are imports for which your firm has placed an order with a foreign supplier for subject merchandise, but delivery of those imports is not scheduled to occur until after the date listed above.

No	Yes	If yes, fill out the table below.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Source	Period			
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sept 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019
	Quantity (in pounds, tare weight)			
China				
Taiwan				
Thailand				
Other sources				

II-3b. **Imports in the 12 month period preceding the petition.**--Has your firm imported steel propane cylinders from any source between May 1, 2017 and April 30, 2018? (i.e., the last eight months in 2017 and first four months in 2018 combined).

No	Yes	If yes, report the quantity of such import below by source.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Quantity (in pounds, tare weight)	
Source	May 2017 through April 2018
China	
Taiwan	
Thailand	
Other sources	

II-4. **Reasons for importing if producer.**--If your firm also produces steel propane cylinders in the United States, please indicate the reasons for importing this product. If your firm's reasons differ by source, please elaborate.

“Imports”--Those products identified for Customs purposes as imports for consumption and/or which were admitted into a foreign trade zone (FTZ) in the United States for which your firm was the importer of record (i.e., was responsible for paying any import duty or clearing the goods through customs or re-exporting if an FTZ operator). Imports / admissions can include complete steel propane cylinders as well as partially completed steel propane cylinders and parts for such products. See definition page 2.

“Import quantities”--Quantities reported should be net of returns.

“Import values”--Values reported should be landed, duty-paid values at the U.S. port of entry, including ocean freight and insurance costs, brokerage charges, and import duties (i.e., all charges except inland freight in the United States).

“Shipments”--Shipments can include complete steel propane cylinders as well as partially completed steel propane cylinders and parts for such products. See definition on page 2.

“Retail level commercial shipments”--Shipments made within the United States, to be limited to sales of unfilled steel propane cylinders, as a result of an arm's length commercial transaction in the ordinary course of business at or through retail establishments to individual consumers, individuals or businesses. 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.

“Non-retail level commercial shipments”--Shipments made within the United States, to be limited to sales of unfilled steel propane cylinders, as a result of an arm's length commercial transaction in the ordinary course of business sold to other businesses, and not through retail establishments. 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.

“Internal consumption”--Product consumed internally by your firm. Such transactions are valued at fair market value. This includes, any instance in which your firm fills the steel propane cylinder with propane prior to usage or sale (i.e., in a gas exchange), or incorporates the steel propane cylinder within a larger piece of equipment (i.e., the manufacture of a recreational vehicle). Internal consumption should be reported at the fair market value of the unfilled steel propane cylinders at the time of filling and/or incorporation into a downstream product.

“Transfers to related firms”--Shipments made to related firms in the United States. Transfers to related firms should be valued at fair market value at the time of physical delivery or at the time of the transfer of title if different.

“Related firm”--A firm that your firm solely or jointly owns, manages, or otherwise controls.

“Export shipments”--Shipments to destinations outside the United States, 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-5a. **U.S. imports from China.**--Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of steel propane cylinders imported from China by your firm during the specified periods.

China

Quantity (in pounds, tare weight), value (in dollars)					
Item	Calendar years			January-March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Beginning-of-period inventories <i>(quantity)</i> (A)					
Imports: ¹ <i>Quantity</i> (B)					
<i>Value</i> (C)					
U.S. shipments: Retail level commercial shipments: <i>Quantity</i> (D)					
<i>Value</i> (E)					
Non retail level commercial shipments: <i>Quantity</i> (F)					
<i>Value</i> (G)					
Internal consumption: ² <i>Quantity</i> (H)					
<i>Value</i> ² (I)					
Transfers to related firms: ² <i>Quantity</i> (J)					
<i>Value</i> ² (K)					
Export shipments: ³ <i>Quantity</i> (L)					
<i>Value</i> (M)					
End-of-period inventories <i>(quantity)</i> (N)					

¹ Please identify the foreign producers, if known: _____.

² Internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. If your firm uses a different basis for valuing these transactions in your records, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.): _____. However, the data provided above in this table should be based on fair market value.

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

II-5a. U.S. imports from China.--Continued

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line N) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, H, and J). 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar years			January-March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
A + B – D – F – H – J – L - N = 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-5b. Channels of distribution: China.--Report your firm's non-retail level commercial U.S. shipments of imports from China by channel of distribution in the specified periods.

China

Item	Calendar years			January-March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Quantity (in pounds, tare weight)					
Channels of distribution					
Non-retail level commercial U.S. shipments:					
To retailers (O) ¹					
To distributors (P) ²					
To end users (Q) ³					
¹ Retailers (big box and/or other) can use the product in a gas exchange function or in off-the-shelf re-sales. ² Firms that re-sell steel propane cylinders and do not have and maintain retail locations. ³ Firms that incorporate propane cylinders (filled or unfilled) into larger equipment or machinery, such as recreational vehicle manufacturers.					

RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines O through Q) in each time period equal the quantity reported for non-retail commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line F) in each time period. 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.

Reconciliation item	Calendar years			January-March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
O + P + Q – F = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-5c. **U.S. shipments of steel propane cylinders, by type: China.**--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of non-retail level commercial U.S. shipments, retail level commercial shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of steel propane cylinders imported from China in 2017. If your firm imports parts and assembles finished steel propane cylinders in the United States prior to sale or use, report the U.S. shipments of the finished good by the relevant cylinder size here and respond to questions II-9 through II-13 below.

China

Item	Calendar year 2017
U.S. shipments.—	
Capacity 4.25 pound cylinders.	
Quantity in units (R)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (S)	
Value in dollars (T)	
Capacity 10 and 11 pound cylinders.	
Quantity in units (U)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (V)	
Value in dollars (W)	
Capacity 20 pound cylinders.	
Quantity in units (X)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (Y)	
Value in dollars (Z)	
Capacity 30 pound cylinders.	
Quantity in units (AA)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AB)	
Value in dollars (AC)	
All other (non-standard) cylinder sizes.	
Quantity in units (AD)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AE)	
Value in dollars (AF)	
Parts sold separately.^{1,2}	
Quantity in units (AG)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AH)	
Value in dollars (AI)	
¹ Describe the parts sold separately in order of volume: _____ ² List the top five U.S. customers (firm name, contact name, and contract e-mails) for parts sold separately: _____	

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS BY FORM.--Please ensure that the quantities and values reported for US shipments by type (i.e., lines R through AI) in each time period equal the quantity and value reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D through K) in each time period. 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar year 2017
Quantity: S + V + Y + AB + AE + AH – D – F – H – J = zero ("0"), if not revise	0
Value: : T + W + Z + AD + AG + AJ – E – G – I – K = zero ("0"), if not revise	0

II-6a. **U.S. imports from Taiwan.**—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of steel propane cylinders imported from Taiwan by your firm during the specified periods.

Taiwan

Quantity (in pounds, tare weight), value (in dollars)					
Item	Calendar years			January-March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Beginning-of-period inventories <i>(quantity)</i> (A)					
Imports: ¹ <i>Quantity</i> (B)					
<i>Value</i> (C)					
U.S. shipments: Retail level commercial shipments: <i>Quantity</i> (D)					
<i>Value</i> (E)					
Non retail level commercial shipments: <i>Quantity</i> (F)					
<i>Value</i> (G)					
Internal consumption: ² <i>Quantity</i> (H)					
<i>Value</i> ² (I)					
Transfers to related firms: ² <i>Quantity</i> (J)					
<i>Value</i> ² (K)					
Export shipments: ³ <i>Quantity</i> (L)					
<i>Value</i> (M)					
End-of-period inventories <i>(quantity)</i> (N)					
<p>¹ Please identify the foreign producers, if known: _____.</p> <p>² Internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. If your firm uses a different basis for valuing these transactions in your records, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.): _____. However, the data provided above in this table should be based on fair market value.</p> <p>³ Identify your firm's principal export markets: _____.</p>					

II-6a. U.S. imports from Taiwan.--Continued

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line N) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, H, and J). 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar years			January-March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
A + B – D – F – H – J – L - N = 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-6b. Channels of distribution: Taiwan.--Report your firm's non-retail level commercial U.S. shipments of imports from Taiwan by channel of distribution in the specified periods.

Taiwan

Item	Calendar years			January-March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Quantity (in pounds, tare weight)					
Channels of distribution					
Non-retail level commercial U.S. shipments:					
To retailers (O) ¹					
To distributors (P) ²					
To end users (Q) ³					
¹ Retailers (big box and/or other) can use the product in a gas exchange function or in off-the-shelf re-sales. ² Firms that re-sell steel propane cylinders and do not have and maintain retail locations. ³ Firms that incorporate propane cylinders (filled or unfilled) into larger equipment or machinery, such as recreational vehicle manufacturers.					

RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines O through Q) in each time period equal the quantity reported for non-retail commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line F) in each time period. 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.

Reconciliation item	Calendar years			January-March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
O + P + Q – F = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-6c. **U.S. shipments of steel propane cylinders, by type: Taiwan.**--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of non-retail level commercial U.S. shipments, retail level commercial shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of steel propane cylinders imported from Taiwan in 2017. If your firm imports parts and assembles finished steel propane cylinders in the United States prior to sale or use, report the U.S. shipments of the finished good by the relevant cylinder size here and respond to questions II-9 through II-13 below.

Taiwan

Item	Calendar year 2017
U.S. shipments.—	
Capacity 4.25 pound cylinders.	
Quantity in units (R)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (S)	
Value in dollars (T)	
Capacity 10 and 11 pound cylinders.	
Quantity in units (U)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (V)	
Value in dollars (W)	
Capacity 20 pound cylinders.	
Quantity in units (X)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (Y)	
Value in dollars (Z)	
Capacity 30 pound cylinders.	
Quantity in units (AA)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AB)	
Value in dollars (AC)	
All other (non-standard) cylinder sizes.	
Quantity in units (AD)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AE)	
Value in dollars (AF)	
Parts sold separately.^{1,2}	
Quantity in units (AG)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AH)	
Value in dollars (AI)	
¹ Describe the parts sold separately in order of volume: _____ ² List the top five U.S. customers (firm name, contact name, and contract e-mails) for parts sold separately: _____	

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS BY FORM.--Please ensure that the quantities and values reported for US shipments by type (i.e., lines R through AI) in each time period equal the quantity and value reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D through K) in each time period. 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar year 2017
Quantity: S + V + Y + AB + AE + AH – D – F – H – J = zero ("0"), if not revise	0
Value: : T + W + Z + AD + AG + AJ – E – G – I – K = zero ("0"), if not revise	0

II-7a. **U.S. imports from Thailand.**—Report your firm’s imports and your firm’s shipments and inventories of steel propane cylinders imported from Thailand by your firm during the specified periods.

Thailand

Quantity (in pounds, tare weight), value (in dollars)					
Item	Calendar years			January-March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Beginning-of-period inventories <i>(quantity)</i> (A)					
Imports: ¹ <i>Quantity</i> (B)					
<i>Value</i> (C)					
U.S. shipments: Retail level commercial shipments: <i>Quantity</i> (D)					
<i>Value</i> (E)					
Non retail level commercial shipments: <i>Quantity</i> (F)					
<i>Value</i> (G)					
Internal consumption: ² <i>Quantity</i> (H)					
<i>Value</i> ² (I)					
Transfers to related firms: ² <i>Quantity</i> (J)					
<i>Value</i> ² (K)					
Export shipments: ³ <i>Quantity</i> (L)					
<i>Value</i> (M)					
End-of-period inventories <i>(quantity)</i> (N)					
<p>¹ Please identify the foreign producers, if known: _____.</p> <p>² Internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. If your firm uses a different basis for valuing these transactions in your records, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.): _____. However, the data provided above in this table should be based on fair market value.</p> <p>³ Identify your firm’s principal export markets: _____.</p>					

II-7a. U.S. imports from Thailand.–Continued

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line N) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, H, and J). 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar years			January-March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
A + B – D – F – H – J – L - N = 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-7b. Channels of distribution: Thailand.--Report your firm's non-retail level commercial U.S. shipments of imports from Thailand by channel of distribution in the specified periods.

Thailand

Item	Calendar years			January-March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Quantity (in pounds, tare weight)					
Channels of distribution					
Non-retail level commercial U.S. shipments:					
To retailers (O) ¹					
To distributors (P) ²					
To end users (Q) ³					
¹ Retailers (big box and/or other) can use the product in a gas exchange function or in off-the-shelf re-sales. ² Firms that re-sell steel propane cylinders and do not have and maintain retail locations. ³ Firms that incorporate propane cylinders (filled or unfilled) into larger equipment or machinery, such as recreational vehicle manufacturers.					

RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines O through Q) in each time period equal the quantity reported for non-retail commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line F) in each time period. 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.

Reconciliation item	Calendar years			January-March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
O + P + Q – F = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-7c. **U.S. shipments of steel propane cylinders, by type: Thailand.**--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of non-retail level commercial U.S. shipments, retail level commercial shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of steel propane cylinders imported from Thailand in 2017. If your firm imports parts and assembles finished steel propane cylinders in the United States prior to sale or use, report the U.S. shipments of the finished good by the relevant cylinder size here and respond to questions II-9 through II-13 below.

Thailand

Item	Calendar year 2017
U.S. shipments.—	
Capacity 4.25 pound cylinders.	
Quantity in units (R)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (S)	
Value in dollars (T)	
Capacity 10 and 11 pound cylinders.	
Quantity in units (U)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (V)	
Value in dollars (W)	
Capacity 20 pound cylinders.	
Quantity in units (X)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (Y)	
Value in dollars (Z)	
Capacity 30 pound cylinders.	
Quantity in units (AA)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AB)	
Value in dollars (AC)	
All other (non-standard) cylinder sizes.	
Quantity in units (AD)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AE)	
Value in dollars (AF)	
Parts sold separately.^{1,2}	
Quantity in units (AG)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AH)	
Value in dollars (AI)	
¹ Describe the parts sold separately in order of volume: _____ ² List the top five U.S. customers (firm name, contact name, and contract e-mails) for parts sold separately: _____	

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS BY FORM.--Please ensure that the quantities and values reported for US shipments by type (i.e., lines R through AI) in each time period equal the quantity and value reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D through K) in each time period. 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar year 2017
Quantity: S + V + Y + AB + AE + AH – D – F – H – J = zero ("0"), if not revise	0
Value: : T + W + Z + AD + AG + AJ – E – G – I – K = zero ("0"), if not revise	0

II-8a. **U.S. imports from all other sources.**—Report your firm’s imports and your firm’s shipments and inventories of steel propane cylinders imported from all other sources (*i.e.*, sources other than China, Taiwan or Thailand) by your firm during the specified periods.

All other sources

(list sources: _____)

Quantity (<i>in pounds, tare weight</i>), value (<i>in dollars</i>)					
Item	Calendar years			January-March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)					
Imports:¹					
Quantity (B)					
Value (C)					
U.S. shipments:					
Retail level commercial shipments:					
Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
Non retail level commercial shipments:					
Quantity (F)					
Value (G)					
Internal consumption:²					
Quantity (H)					
Value ² (I)					
Transfers to related firms:²					
Quantity (J)					
Value ² (K)					
Export shipments:³					
Quantity (L)					
Value (M)					
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (N)					

¹ Please identify the foreign producers, if known: _____.

² Internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. If your firm uses a different basis for valuing these transactions in your records, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.): _____. However, the data provided above in this table should be based on fair market value.

³ Identify your firm’s principal export markets: _____.

II-8a. U.S. imports from all other sources.--Continued

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line N) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, H, and J). 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar years			January-March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
A + B – D – F – H – J – L - N = 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-8b. Channels of distribution: All other sources.--Report your firm's non-retail level commercial U.S. shipments of imports from all other sources by channel of distribution in the specified periods.

All other sources

Item	Calendar years			January-March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
Quantity (in pounds, tare weight)					
Channels of distribution					
Non-retail level commercial U.S. shipments:					
To retailers (O) ¹					
To distributors (P) ²					
To end users (Q) ³					
¹ Retailers (big box and/or other) can use the product in a gas exchange function or in off-the-shelf re-sales. ² Firms that re-sell steel propane cylinders and do not have and maintain retail locations. ³ Firms that incorporate propane cylinders (filled or unfilled) into larger equipment or machinery, such as recreational vehicle manufacturers.					

RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines O through Q) in each time period equal the quantity reported for non-retail commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., line F) in each time period. 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.

Reconciliation item	Calendar years			January-March	
	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
O + P + Q – F = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-8c. **U.S. shipments of steel propane cylinders, by type: All other sources.**--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of non-retail level commercial U.S. shipments, retail level commercial shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of steel propane cylinders imported from all other sources in 2017. If your firm imports parts and assembles finished steel propane cylinders in the United States prior to sale or use, report the U.S. shipments of the finished good by the relevant cylinder size here and respond to questions II-9 through II-13 below.

All other sources

Item	Calendar year 2017
U.S. shipments.—	
Capacity 4.25 pound cylinders.	
Quantity in units (R)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (S)	
Value in dollars (T)	
Capacity 10 and 11 pound cylinders.	
Quantity in units (U)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (V)	
Value in dollars (W)	
Capacity 20 pound cylinders.	
Quantity in units (X)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (Y)	
Value in dollars (Z)	
Capacity 30 pound cylinders.	
Quantity in units (AA)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AB)	
Value in dollars (AC)	
All other (non-standard) cylinder sizes.	
Quantity in units (AD)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AE)	
Value in dollars (AF)	
Parts sold separately.^{1,2}	
Quantity in units (AG)	
Quantity in pounds, tare weight (AH)	
Value in dollars (AI)	
¹ Describe the parts sold separately in order of volume: _____ ² List the top five U.S. customers (firm name, contact name, and contract e-mails) for parts sold separately: _____	

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS BY FORM.--Please ensure that the quantities and values reported for US shipments by type (i.e., lines R through AI) in each time period equal the quantity and value reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D through K) in each time period. 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar year 2017
Quantity: S + V + Y + AB + AE + AH – D – F – H – J = zero ("0"), if not revise	0
Value: : T + W + Z + AD + AG + AJ – E – G – I – K = zero ("0"), if not revise	0

II-9. **Analysis of in-scope parts.**--As described the petition's scope, "Also included within the scope are parts of steel propane cylinders"

a. Does your firm import these parts?

Item	No	Yes	If yes, report the quantity and value imported in 2017	
			Quantity (pounds tare weight)	Value (dollars)
Unfinished cylinders / tanks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Collars	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Foot rings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

b. Are there independent uses for such parts, i.e., uses other than for the production of steel propane cylinders?

Item	No	Yes	If yes, list other uses for these products.
Unfinished cylinders / tanks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Collars	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Foot rings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

c. Are there separate commercial markets for the following parts?

Item	No	Yes	If yes, list and describe the markets.
Unfinished cylinders / tanks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Collars	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Foot rings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

II-9. **Analysis of in-scope parts.**--Continued

d. Are the characteristics and functions for these parts the same or different from the finished steel propane cylinders?

Item	Same	Different	If different, describe these differences.
Unfinished cylinders / tanks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Collars	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Foot rings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

e. What is the share of the total material weight (on average) for each of the parts out of the finished steel propane cylinder? And what is the share of the total value (on average) for each of the parts out of the finished steel propane cylinder?

Item	Share of total material weight of the finished steel propane cylinders	Share of total value of the finished steel propane cylinders
Unfinished cylinders / tanks		
Collars		
Foot rings		
Other material inputs / value added		
Total (should sum to 100.0 percent)	0.0	0.0

f. Describe the processes required to transfer the listed part into a finished steel propane cylinder?

Item	Describe the processes used to transform the listed parts into finished steel propane cylinders.
Unfinished cylinders / tanks	_____
Collars	_____
Foot rings	_____

II-10. **Shipments of steel cylinders incorporating imported parts.**--Report the quantity and value of your firm's commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of retail level commercial shipments, non-retail level commercial shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms, either in the United States or exported) of finished steel propane cylinders processed (i.e., assembled and welded) in your U.S. establishment(s) from purchased and/or imported in-scope steel propane cylinder parts.

<i>Quantity (in pounds, tare weight) and value (in dollars)</i>	
Item	Fiscal year ended--
	2017
Commercial shipments	
<i>Quantity</i>	
<i>Value</i>	

II-13. **Other explanations.**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part II 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.

PART III.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Cindy Cohen (202-205-3230, cindy.cohen@usitc.gov).

III-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 III.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

PRICE DATA

III-2. This question requests quarterly quantity and value data for your firm's non-retail level commercial shipments to unrelated U.S. customers since January 1, 2015 of the following products your firm imported from China, Taiwan, and/or Thailand:

Product 1.--20-pound capacity steel cylinder for compressed or liquefied propane gas, without gauge, meeting the requirements of U.S. Department of Transportation specification 4BA.

Product 2.--30-pound capacity steel cylinder for compressed or liquefied propane gas, without gauge, meeting the requirements of U.S. Department of Transportation specification 4BA.

Please note that values should be f.o.b., U.S. point of shipment and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Values should reflect the *final net* amount paid to your firm (i.e., should be net of all deductions for discounts or rebates).

III-2(a). During January 2015-March 2018, did your firm import from China, Taiwan, and/or Thailand and sell to unrelated U.S. customers, other than through your firm's own retail establishments, any of the above listed products (or any products that were competitive with these products)?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes. --Please complete the following pricing data tables as appropriate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No. --Skip to question III-3.

III-2(b). **Price data.**--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from China and sold by your firm (excluding retail level sales).

China

Report data in **units** (not pounds) and **dollars**.

Period of shipment	(Quantity in units, value in dollars)			
	Product 1		Product 2	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2015:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2016:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2017:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2018:				
January-March				

¹ Net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S. point of shipment.

² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part IV.

Note.--If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.

Product 1:

Product 2:

III-2(c). **Price data.**--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from Taiwan and sold by your firm (excluding retail level sales).

Taiwan

Report data in **units** (not pounds) and **dollars**.

Period of shipment	(Quantity in units, value in dollars)			
	Product 1		Product 2	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2015:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2016:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2017:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2018:				
January-March				

¹ Net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S. point of shipment.

² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part IV.

Note.--If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.

Product 1:

Product 2:

III-2(d). **Price data.**--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from Thailand and sold by your firm (excluding retail level sales).

Thailand

Report data in **units** (not pounds) and **dollars**.

Period of shipment	(Quantity in units, value in dollars)			
	Product 1		Product 2	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2015:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2016:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2017:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2018:				
January-March				

¹ Net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S. point of shipment.

² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part IV.

Note.--If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.

Product 1:

Product 2:

III-2 (e). **Price data checklist.**--Please check that the pricing data in question III-2 has been correctly reported.

Is the price data reported above:	√ if Yes
In actual dollars (not \$1,000)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
F.o.b. U.S. point of shipment (i.e., does not include U.S. transport costs)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Net of all discounts and rebates?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have returns credited to the quarter in which the sale occurred?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Less than reported non-retail commercial shipments in part II in each year?	<input type="checkbox"/>

III-2(f). **Pricing data methodology.**--Please describe the method and the kinds of documents/records that were used to compile your price data.

Note: As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/records used in the preparation of the price data, as Commission staff may contact your firm regarding questions on the price data. The Commission may also request that your company submit copies of the supporting documents/records (such as sales journal, invoices, etc.) used to compile these data.

III-3a. **Imports for internal use or retail sale.**--Did your firm import 20-pound or 30-pound steel propane cylinders for internal consumption or use for sales in your firm's retail locations since January 1, 2015?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes. --Please complete the following tables as appropriate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No. --Skip to question III-4.

III-3b. **Imports for internal use or retail sale.**--Report below the import data¹ for pricing products² imported from China, and used by your own firm or sold at retail.

Please note that values should be landed, duty-paid and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Values should reflect the *final net* amount paid by your firm (i.e., should be net of all returns, discounts, allowances, and rebates).

China – Purchase Cost Data

Report data in units (not pounds) and dollars.

	Product 1		Product 2	
	Quantity (<i>units</i>)	Landed, duty-paid (LDP) value ¹ (<i>dollars</i>)	Quantity (<i>units</i>)	Landed, duty-paid (LDP) value ¹ (<i>dollars</i>)
2015:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2016:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2017:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2018:				
January-March				

¹ LDP value (i.e., landed duty-paid values): Values reported should be landed, duty-paid values at the U.S. port of entry, including ocean freight and insurance costs, brokerage charges, and import duties (i.e., all charges except inland freight in the United States). See "Import values" definition in Part II (Trade and Related Information – Definitions).

² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part III.

Note.--If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.

Product 1:

Product 2:

III-3c. **Imports for internal use or retail sale.**--Report below the import data¹ for pricing products² imported from Taiwan, and used by your own firm or sold at retail.

Please note that values should be landed, duty-paid and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Values should reflect the *final net* amount paid by your firm (i.e., should be net of all returns, discounts, allowances, and rebates).

Taiwan – Purchase Cost Data

Report data in units (not pounds) and dollars.

	Product 1		Product 2	
	Quantity (<i>units</i>)	Landed, duty-paid (LDP) value ¹ (<i>dollars</i>)	Quantity (<i>units</i>)	Landed, duty-paid (LDP) value ¹ (<i>dollars</i>)
2015:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2016:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2017:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2018:				
January-March				

¹ LDP value (i.e., landed duty-paid values): Values reported should be landed, duty-paid values at the U.S. port of entry, including ocean freight and insurance costs, brokerage charges, and import duties (i.e., all charges except inland freight in the United States). See "Import values" definition in Part II (Trade and Related Information – Definitions).

² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part III.

Note.--If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.

Product 1:

Product 2:

III-3d. **Imports for internal use or retail sale.**--Report below the import data¹ for pricing products² imported from Thailand, and used by your own firm or sold at retail.

Please note that values should be landed, duty-paid and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Values should reflect the *final net* amount paid by your firm (i.e., should be net of all returns, discounts, allowances, and rebates).

Thailand – Purchase Cost Data

Report data in units (not pounds) and dollars.

	Product 1		Product 2	
	Quantity (<i>units</i>)	Landed, duty-paid (LDP) value ¹ (<i>dollars</i>)	Quantity (<i>units</i>)	Landed, duty-paid (LDP) value ¹ (<i>dollars</i>)
2015:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2016:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2017:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2018:				
January-March				

¹ LDP value (i.e., landed duty-paid values): Values reported should be landed, duty-paid values at the U.S. port of entry, including ocean freight and insurance costs, brokerage charges, and import duties (i.e., all charges except inland freight in the United States). See "Import values" definition in Part II (Trade and Related Information – Definitions).

² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part III.

Note.--If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.

Product 1:

Product 2:

III-3e. **Inland transportation costs for your firm's direct imports of steel propane cylinders for internal use or retail sale.**--What is the approximate percentage of the total cost of steel propane cylinders that you directly imported from China, Taiwan, and Thailand that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs from the port of importation to your distribution network or retail stores?

Country	Percent
China	%
Taiwan	%
Thailand	%

III-3f. **Additional costs for your firm's direct imports of steel propane cylinders for your firm's internal use or retail sale.**

- (i) If your firm reported direct import purchase costs above (question III-3a-d), please identify the factors (**other than** U.S. inland transportation costs or costs already included in landed duty paid values) that add to your cost of importing directly since January 1, 2015. Estimate the share of the cost of the landed duty-paid value, and explain the specific costs associated with each category.

Factors	Estimated share of landed duty-paid value (percent)	Explanation
Logistical or supply chain management costs (<u>not</u> already included in LDP value)		
Warehousing/inventory carrying costs (<u>not</u> already included in LDP value)		
Insurance costs (<u>not</u> already included in LDP value)		
Other1, please identify ()		
Other2, please identify ()		
Other3, please identify ()		

- (ii) To which source(s) does your firm compare costs in determining your additional transaction costs to directly import?

U.S. importers	U.S. producers	Both	Neither
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- (iii) (a) Briefly identify the benefits of directly importing steel propane cylinders instead of purchasing steel propane cylinders from a U.S. importer or from a U.S. producer.

(b) Please provide the estimated margin saved by having directly imported steel propane cylinders instead of purchasing from a U.S. importer. _____ percent of landed duty-paid value.

(c) Explain any variation in the margin saved since January 1, 2015.

If your firm imports steel propane cylinders for retail sales or your own use please check here and skip to question III-12.

III-4. **Price setting.**--How does your firm determine the prices that it charges for sales of steel propane cylinders (*check all that apply*)? If your firm issues price lists, please submit sample pages of a recent list.

Transaction by transaction	Contracts	Set price lists	Other	If other, describe
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-5. **Discount policy.**--Please indicate and describe your firm's discount policies (*check all that apply*).

Quantity discounts	Annual total volume discounts	No discount policy	Other	Describe
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-6. **Pricing terms.**--

(a) What are your firm's typical sales terms for steel propane cylinders imported from China, Taiwan, and/or Thailand?

Net 30 days	Net 60 days	2/10 net 30 days	Other	Other (specify)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(b) On what basis are your firm's prices of imported steel propane cylinders from China, Taiwan, and/or Thailand usually quoted (*check one*)?

Delivered	F.o.b.	If f.o.b., specify point
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-7. **Contract versus spot.**--Approximately what share of your firm's sales of steel propane cylinders imported from China, Taiwan, and/or Thailand in 2017 was on a (1) long-term contract basis, (2) annual contract basis, (3) short-term contract basis, and (4) spot sales basis?

Item	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 2017 sales	%	%	%	%	0.0 %

III-8. **Contract provisions.**—Please fill out the table regarding your firm’s typical sales contracts for steel propane cylinders from China, Taiwan, and/or Thailand (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"/>
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-9. **Lead times.**--What is your firm’s share of sales of steel propane cylinders imported from China, Taiwan, and/or Thailand 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 steel propane cylinders?

Source	Share of 2017 sales	Lead time (Average number of days)
From your firm’s U.S. inventory	%	
From foreign manufacturers’ inventory	%	
Produced to order	%	
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	

III-10. Shipping information.—

- (a) What is the approximate percentage of the cost of steel propane cylinders imported from China, Taiwan, and/or Thailand that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs? percent.

- (b) Who generally arranges the transportation to your firm's customers' locations?
 Your firm Purchaser *(check one)*

- (c) When your firm sells steel propane cylinders imported from China, Taiwan, and/or Thailand, from where is it shipped?
 Point of importation Storage facility *(check one)*

- (d) Indicate the approximate percentage of your firm's sales of steel propane cylinders imported from China, Taiwan, and/or Thailand that are delivered the following distances from your firm's U.S. point of shipment.

Distance from your firm's U.S. point of shipment	Share
Within 100 miles	%
101 to 1,000 miles	%
Over 1,000 miles	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

III-11. Geographical shipments.—In which U.S. geographic market area(s) has your firm sold steel propane cylinders imported from subject countries since January 1, 2015 (check all that apply)?

Geographic area	China	Taiwan	Thailand
Northeast. —CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Midwest. —IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, and WI.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Southeast. —AL, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Central Southwest. —AR, LA, OK, and TX.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mountains. —AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pacific Coast. —CA, OR, and WA.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other. —All other markets in the United States not previously listed, including AK, HI, PR, and VI.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

III-12. **End uses.**--List the end uses of the steel propane cylinders that your firm imports. For each end-use product, what percentage of the total cost is accounted for by steel propane cylinders and other inputs?

End use product	Share of total cost of end-use product accounted for by		Total (should sum to 100.0% across)
	Steel propane cylinders	Other inputs	
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %

III-13. **Substitutes.**--Can other products be substituted for steel propane cylinders?

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 steel propane cylinders?		
		No	Yes	Explanation
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-14. **Demand trends.**--Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for steel propane cylinders has changed since January 1, 2015. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.

Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explanation and factors
Within the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Outside the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-15. **Product changes.**--Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix or marketing of steel propane cylinders since January 1, 2015?

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

III-16. **Conditions of competition.**—

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

Check all that apply.	Please describe.
<input type="checkbox"/> No	Skip to question III-16.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition	

(b) If yes, have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for steel propane cylinders since January 1, 2015?

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

III-17. **Supply constraints.**--Has your firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply steel propane cylinders since January 1, 2015 (examples include placing customers on allocation or “controlled order entry,” declining to accept new customers or renew existing customers, delivering less than the quantity promised, being unable to meet timely shipment commitments, etc.)?

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

III-18. **Raw materials.**--How have steel propane cylinders raw material prices changed since January 1, 2015?

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 steel propane cylinders.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-19. **Interchangeability.**--Is steel propane cylinders produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (i.e., can they physically be used in the same applications)?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or O in the table below:

A = the products from a specified country-pair are *always* interchangeable

F = the products are *frequently* interchangeable

S = the products are *sometimes* interchangeable

N = the products are *never* interchangeable

O = *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	China	Taiwan	Thailand	Other countries
United States				
China				
Taiwan				
Thailand				
For any country-pair producing steel propane cylinders that is <i>sometimes</i> or <i>never</i> interchangeable, identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:				

III-20. **Factors other than price.**--Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, etc.) between steel propane cylinders produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's sales of the products?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or O in the table below:

A = such differences are *always* significant

F = such differences are *frequently* significant

S = such differences are *sometimes* significant

N = such differences are *never* significant

O = *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	China	Taiwan	Thailand	Other countries
United States				
China	X			
Taiwan	X	X		
Thailand	X	X	X	
For any country-pair for which factors other than price <i>always</i> or <i>frequently</i> are a significant factor in your firm's sales of steel propane cylinders, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:				

III-21. **Customer identification.**--List the names and contact information for your firm's 10 largest U.S. customers for steel propane cylinders since January 1, 2015. Indicate the share of the quantity of your firm's total shipments of steel propane cylinders that each of these customers accounted for in 2017.

	Customer's name	Contact person	Email	Telephone	City	State	Share of 2017 sales (%)
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							

III-22. **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.

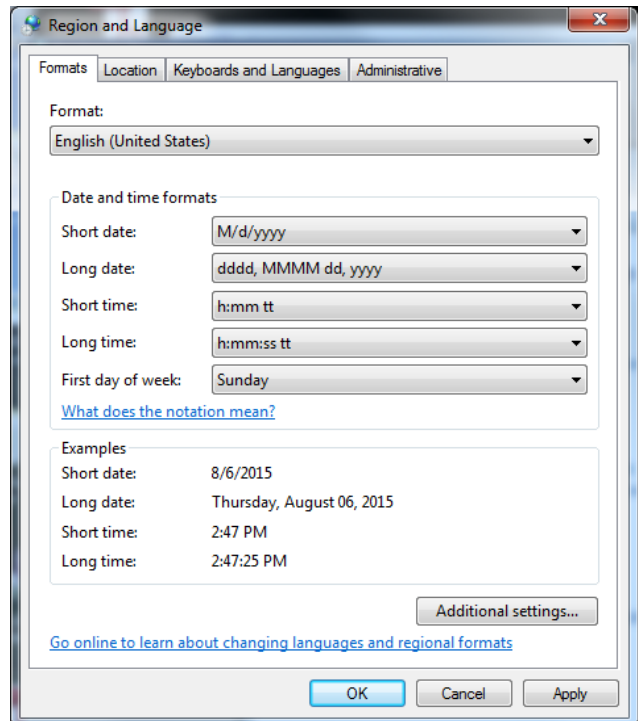
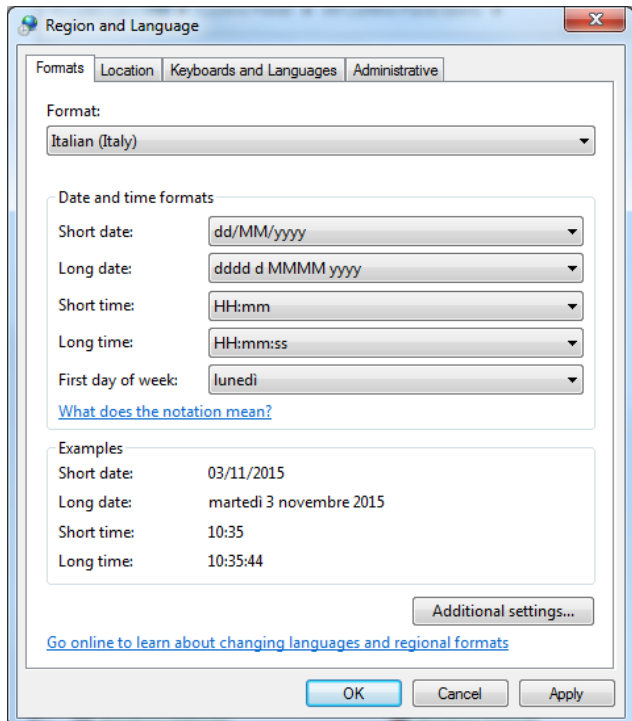
Correcting Valid number error messages.--If you are completing a Commission questionnaire in a country that uses periods (“.”) to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 instead of as \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form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



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This questionnaire is available as a “fillable” form in MS Word format on the Commission’s website at:

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2018/steel_propane_cylinders_china_taiwan_and_thailand/preliminary.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:** **PROP**

- **E-mail.**—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to Lawrence.jones@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 import 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.