U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

FABRICATED STRUCTURAL STEEL FROM CANADA, CHINA, AND MEXICO

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by November 8, 2019

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The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing duty and antidumping investigations concerning fabricated structural steel from Canada, China, and Mexico (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-615-617 and 731-TA-1432-1434 (Final)). 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 possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from Lauren Gamache (lauren.gamache@usitc.gov, 202-205-3489).

Name of firm _____

City	State Zi	p Code
Website		
•	ourchased fabricated structural steel (as defined on next p time since January 1, 2016?	age) from <u>any</u> source (domestic or
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

<u>Background</u>.--This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on February 4, 2019, by the American Institute of Steel Construction LLC, Chicago, IL. 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/701731/2019/fabricated structural steel canada china and/fina l.htm.

Fabricated structural steel is made from steel in which: (1) iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements; and (2) the carbon content is two percent or less by weight. Fabricated structural steel products are steel products that have been fabricated for erection or assembly into structures, including, but not limited to, buildings (commercial, office, institutional, and multi-family residential); industrial and utility projects; parking decks; arenas and convention centers; medical facilities; and ports, transportation and infrastructure facilities. Fabricated structural steel is manufactured from carbon and alloy (including stainless) steel products such as angles, columns, beams, girders, plates, flange shapes (including manufactured structural shapes utilizing welded plates as a substitute for rolled wide flange sections), channels, hollow structural section (HSS) shapes, base plates, and plate-work components. Fabrication includes, but is not limited to cutting, drilling, welding, joining, bolting, bending, punching, pressure fitting, molding, grooving, adhesion, beveling, and riveting and may include items such as fasteners, nuts, bolts, rivets, screws, hinges, or joints.

The inclusion, attachment, joining, or assembly of non-steel components with fabricated structural steel does not remove the fabricated structural steel from the scope.

Fabricated structural steel is covered by the scope of the investigation regardless of whether it is painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other metallic or non-metallic substances and regardless of whether it is assembled or partially assembled, such as into modules, modularized construction units, or sub-assemblies of fabricated structural steel.

Subject merchandise includes fabricated structural steel that has been assembled or further processed in the subject country or a third country, including but not limited to painting, varnishing, trimming, cutting, drilling, welding, joining, bolting, punching, bending, beveling, riveting, galvanizing, coating, and/or slitting or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the fabricated structural steel.

All products that meet the written physical description of the merchandise covered by the investigation are within the scope of the investigation unless specifically excluded or covered by the scope of an existing countervailing duty order.

Specifically excluded from the scope of the investigation are:

1. Fabricated steel concrete reinforcing bar (rebar) if: (i) it is a unitary piece of fabricated rebar, not joined, welded, or otherwise connected with any other steel product or part; or (ii) it is joined, welded, or otherwise connected only to other rebar.

- 2. Fabricated structural steel for bridges and bridge sections that meets American Association of State and Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) bridge construction requirements or any state or local derivatives of the AASHTO bridge construction requirements.
- 3. Pre-engineered metal building systems, which are defined as complete metal buildings that integrate steel framing, roofing and walls to form one, pre-engineered building system, that meet Metal Building Manufacturers Association guide specifications. Pre-engineered metal building systems are typically limited in height to no more than 60 feet or two stories.
- 4. Steel roof and floor decking systems that meet Steel Deck Institute standards.
- 5. Open web steel bar joists and joist girders that meet Steel Joist Institute specifications.
- 6. Also excluded from the scope of the investigation is scaffolding, and parts and accessories thereof, that comply with ANSI/ASSE A10.8—2011—Scaffolding Safety Requirements, and/or Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations at 29 CFR part 1926 subpart L—Scaffolds. The outside diameter of the scaffold tubing covered by this exclusion ranges from 25mm to 150mm.
- 7. Excluded from the scope of the investigation are access flooring systems panels and accessories, where such panels have a total thickness ranging from 0.75 inches to 1.75 inches and consist of concrete, wood, other non-steel materials, or hollow space permanently attached to a top and bottom layer of galvanized or painted steel sheet or formed coil steel, the whole of which has been formed into a square or rectangle having a measurement of 24 inches on each side +/- 0.1 inch; 24 inches by 30 inches +/- 0.1 inch; or 24 by 36 inches +/- 0.1 inch.
- 8. Excluded from the investigation are the following types of steel poles, segments of steel poles, and steel components of those poles:
- Steel Electric Transmission Poles, or segments of such poles, that meet (1) the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Design of Steel Transmission Pole Structures, ASCE/SEI 48 or (2) the USDA RUS bulletin 1724E-214 Guide specification for standard class Steel Transmission Poles. The exclusion for steel electric transmission poles also encompasses the following components thereof: transmission arms which attach to poles; pole bases; angles that do not exceed 8" x 8" x 0.75"; steel vangs, steel brackets, steel flanges, and steel caps; safety climbing cables; ladders; and steel templates.
- Steel Electric Substation Poles, or segments of such poles, that meet the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Manuals and Reports on Engineering Practice No. 113. The exclusion for steel electric substation poles also encompasses the following components thereof: substation dead end poles; substation bus stands; substation mast poles, arms, and cross-arms; steel brackets, steel flanges, and steel caps; pole bases; safety climbing cables; ladders; and steel templates.
- Steel Electric Distribution Poles, or segments of such poles, that meet (1) American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Design of Steel Transmission Pole Structures, ASCE/SEI 48, (2) USDA RUS bulletin 1724E-204 Guide specification for steel single pole and H-frame structures, or (3) ANSI 05.1 height and class requirements for steel poles. The exclusion for steel electric distribution poles also encompasses the following components thereof: distribution arms and cross-arms; pole bases; angles that do not exceed 8" x 8" x 0.75"; steel vangs, steel brackets, steel flanges, and steel caps; safety climbing cables; ladders; and steel templates.

- Steel Traffic Signal Poles, Steel Roadway Lighting Poles, Steel Parking Lot Lighting Poles, and Steel Sports Lighting Poles, or segments of such poles, that meet (1) the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals, (2) any state or local derivatives of the AASHTO highway sign, luminaries, and traffic signals requirements, or (3) American National Standard Institute (ANSI) C136 American National Standard for Roadway and Area Lighting Equipment standards. The exclusion for steel traffic signal poles, steel roadway lighting poles, steel parking lot lighting poles, and steel sports lighting poles also encompasses the following components thereof: luminaire arms; hand hole rims; hand hole covers; base plates that connect to either the shaft or the arms; mast arm clamps; mast arm tie rods; transformer base boxes; formed full base covers that hide anchor bolts; step lugs; internal cable guides; lighting cross arms; lighting service platforms; angles that do not exceed 8" x 8" x 0.75"; stainless steel hand hole door hinges and wind restraints; steel brackets, steel flanges, and steel caps; safety climbing cables; ladders; and steel templates.
- Communication Poles, or segments of such poles, that meet (1) Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) ANSI/TIA-222 Structural Standards for Steel Antenna Towers and Antenna Supporting Structures, or (2) American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals. The exclusion for communication poles also encompasses the following components thereof: luminaire arms; hand hole rims; hand hole covers; base plate that connects the pole to the foundation or arm to the pole; safety climbing cables; ladders; service ground platforms; step lugs; pole steps; steel brackets, steel flanges, and steel caps; angles that do not exceed 8" x 8" x 0.75", coax, and safety brackets; subcomponent kits for antenna mounts weighing 80 lbs. or less; service platforms; ice bridges; stainless steel hand hole door hinges and wind restraints; and steel templates.
- OEM Round or Polygonal Tapered Steel Poles, segments or shaft components of such poles, that meet the (1) ASCE 48 or AASHTO, (2) ANSI/TIA 222, (3) ANSI 05.1, (4) RUS bulletin 1724E-204, or (5) RUS bulletin 1724E-214. The exclusion for OEM round or polygonal tapered steel poles also encompasses the following components thereof: subcomponent kits for antenna mounts weighing 80 lbs. or less; mounts and platforms; steel brackets, steel flanges, and steel caps; angles that do not exceed 8" x 8" x 0.75"; bridge kits; safety climbing cables; ladders; and steel templates.

The inclusion or attachment of one or more of the above-referenced steel poles in a structure containing fabricated structural steel (FSS) does not remove the FSS from the scope of the investigation. No language included in this exclusion should be read or understood to have applicability to any other aspect of this scope or to have applicability to or to exclude any product, part, or component other than those specifically identified in the exclusion.

9. Also excluded from the scope of the investigation are Shuttering, Formworks, Propping and Shoring and parts and accessories thereof that comply with ANSI/ASSE A10.9—Safety Requirements for Concrete and Masonry Work and ACI-347—Recommended Practice for Concrete Formwork. For Shoring and propping made from tube, the outside diameter of the tubing covered by this exclusion ranges from 48mm to 250mm. For Shuttering and Formworks, the panel sizes covered by this exclusion range from 25mm x 600mm to 3000mm x 3000mm.

The products subject to the investigation are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheadings: 7308.90.3000, 7308.90.6000, and 7308.90.9590.

The products subject to the investigation may also enter under the following HTSUS subheadings: 7216.91.0010, 7216.91.0090, 7216.99.0010, 7216.99.0090, 7222.40.6000, 7228.70.6000, 7301.10.0000, 7301.20.1000, 7301.20.5000, 7308.40.0000, 7308.90.9530, and 9406.90.0030.

The HTSUS subheadings above are provided for convenience and customs purposes only. The written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.

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

<u>Purchaser</u>.--Any firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in purchasing fabricated structural steel from another firm that produces, imports, or otherwise distributes fabricated structural steel.

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.

<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.

l-1.	<u>Establishments covered.</u> Provide the name and address of your U.S. establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire, if different from that listed on the cover page. Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single response.						
	·	"Establishment"Each facility of a firm involved in the <u>purchase</u> of fabricated structural steel, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.					
I-2.		owned, in whole or in part, by					
	∐ No ☐ YesLi	st the following information.					
	Firm name	Address	Extent of ownership (percent)				
I-3.	foreign, which import fabr fabricated structural steel	Related importers/exportersDoes your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which import fabricated structural steel into the United States or which export fabricated structural steel to the United States? No YesList the following information.					
	Firm name	Country	Affiliation				
I-4.	Related producersDoes your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which produce fabricated structural steel? No YesList the following information.						
	Firm nome	Country	Affiliation				
	Firm name	Country	Affiliation				

PART II.--PURCHASES

<u>Contact information.</u>— Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in this questionnaire.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

II-1. <u>Purchases and imports.</u>— Report <u>separately</u> your firm's domestic purchases and imports of fabricated structural steel.

"Purchase" – Purchase from a U.S. entity such as a U.S. producer, a U.S. importer, or other U.S. firm.

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

	2016	2017	2018	Jan-Sept 2019	
Item	Quantity (in short tons)				
Purchases of fabricated structural					
steel produced in—					
United States					
Canada					
China					
Mexico					
All other countries ¹					
Sources unknown					
Total purchases	0	0	0	0	
Imports of fabricated structural					
steel from—					
Canada					
China					
Mexico					
All other countries ¹					
Total imports ²	0	0	0	0	

¹ Please identify these countries:

² If your firm imported fabricated structural steel at any time since January 1, 2016, please also complete and return a U.S. importers' questionnaire in this proceeding.

II-2.	Changes in purchasing patternsPlease indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of
	fabricated structural steel from different sources have changed since January 1, 2016.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States						
Canada						
China						
Mexico						
All other countries						
Sources unknown						

II-3. <u>Country knowledge.</u>-- Please indicate the countries of origin with which your firm has experience or information in the fabricated structural steel market.

United States	Canada	China	Mexico	Other countries	Other countries (specify)

II-4. <u>Supplier identification.</u>--Please list your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for fabricated structural steel since January 1, 2016. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of fabricated structural steel that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2018.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2018 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

III-1. <u>Firm type.</u>—Which of the following describes your firm as a purchaser of fabricated structural steel (check all that apply)?

					Other
Developer/	General	Construction			(please describe
Owner	contractor	manager	Subcontractor	Distributor	below)
Other (please	describe):				

III-2. Applications.—Does your firm purchase the following forms of fabricated structural steel?

	Have changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for fabricated structural steel?			
Application	If yes, please provide the quantity purchase 2018 No Yes (short tons)			
Parts for pre-engineered buildings ¹				
Process plant modules ²				
Solar steel beams ³				

¹ This category includes in-scope FSS parts which are used in pre-engineered metal building systems.

² Process plant modules includes: (1) process plant modules containing pipes, cable trays and/or equipment for the transmission and/or processing of gas, liquids or chemicals and/or petrochemicals; and (2) carbon or alloy steel pipes which are cut, welded, punched or drilled for the purpose of transmitting or processing gas, liquids or chemicals and/or petrochemicals.

³ Solar steel beams includes fabricated steel beams designed for the exclusive use of supporting solar panels and related components.

If your firm is an end user of fabricated structural steel, please answer questions III-3 and III-4.

III-3. End uses.	.—
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(a) Please indicate the end uses for which your firm purchased fabricated structural steel (select all that apply).

High-rise construction (commercial or residential, >20 stories)	
Residential (<20 stories)	
Commercial and office (<20 stories)	
Industrial	
Sports/Entertainment	
All other uses (please describe:)	

(b) What percentage of the <u>total cost</u> of building construction is accounted for by fabricated structural steel versus other inputs (such as labor, energy, and other raw materials)?

	Share of total cost	of end-use produ	ct accounted for by	
Types of building construction	Fabricated structural steel	Erection and installation services	Other inputs	Total (should sum to 100.0% across)
	%	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	%	0.0 %

III-4. Demand for end-use products.--

(a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating fabricated structural steel changed since January 1, 2016?

Increased	No change	Decreased	Fluctuated

				Business Prop	rietai	y		
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III-4.	<u>Dema</u>	nd for end-u	se produ	cts.—(continued)				
	(b)	Has this h	ad any ef	fect on your firm's de	eman	d for f	fabricated structural steel?	
		No	Yes				Explain	
III-5.	Substi	itutesCan	other pro	oducts be substituted	for fa	abrica	ted structural steel?	
		☐ No		YesPlease fill out t	ne tak	ole.		
			End	use in which this			changes in the price of this su the price for fabricated struc	
	Substi	tute		ostitute is used	No	Yes	Explanation	
1.								
2.								
3.								
III-6.	<u>Dema</u>	nd trends.—	-					
(;	fabrica	ated structu	ral steel h		nuary	1, 20	e of the United States (if know) 16. Explain any trends and des emand.	-

Overall

decrease

(b) Have demand trends varied by application (e.g., solar steel beams, pre-engineered buildings, process plant modules, high-rise construction, residential construction, commercial and office construction, industrial construction, sports/entertainment construction, etc.) of fabricated

Fluctuate with

no clear trend

Explanation and factors

Overall

increase

structural steel since January 1, 2016?

Yes

Market

Within the United States
Outside the

United States

No

No

change

If yes, please describe.

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	No	Yes	If vo	s identify the	countries and explain.	
	NO	165	II ye	s, identify the	countries and explain.	
III-8.	percenta	ge of you	ır firn	n's total 2018 p	productPlease fill out the table be ourchases of fabricated structural st on the United States.	
						Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2018 purchases of fabricated structural steel
-			•	domestic pro		%
		-			llation to be domestic product erican" provisions)	%
		-			regulation, but were required by	70
	customers		-	-		%
		vere req	uired	to be domesti	c product for other reasons	0/
(expl	ain: Total (shou) d sum +	100	00/)		0.0 %
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III-9.	Conditio	ns of con	npetit	tion		
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	Check al	I that ap	ply.		Please describe.	
		No			Skip to question III-10.	
		Yes-Bus seasona		cycles (e.g. ness)		
		Yes-Oth condition		tinctive competition		
					in the business cycles or conditionsce January 1, 2016?	s of competition for
	No	Ye	٠ς	If yes, describ	P.	
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III-10.	Decisions	based o	n pro	ducer	and	country-of-origi	<u>in</u> How	often does your firm, and if known,
	do your c producer			•		ng decisions inv	olving fak	pricated structural steel based on its
	producer	or count	., 01 0	71181111			T	
	Item	Al	ways	Usi	ually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, explain.
					[Decision based o	on produc	cer
	Your firm	า						
	Your custome	rs						
					Deci	sion based on c	ountry of	origin
	Your firm	n						
	Your custome	rs		[
III-11.	Availabilit					ilability of fabric	ated stru	ctural steel in the U.S. market
	Availabil m	ity in the narket	e U.S.	No	Yes	Please explain, changes.	noting th	ne countries and reasons for the
	U.Sprod	luced pro	oduct					
	Subject ir	mports						
	Nonsubje	ect impo	rts					
III-12.	fabricated allocation customers	l structu or "cont s, refusir	ral ste trolled	el sind orde lining	ce Jan r entr to ac	uary 1, 2016 (ex y," declining to a cept business ur	amples ir accept ne nder a tol	unable to supply your firm with nelude placing customers on ew customers or renew existing ling or subcontracting arrangement, meet timely shipment commitments,
	No	Yes	If y	es, ple	ease c	describe.		
III-13.		-				<u>es</u> Are certain _{ untry sources?	grades/ty	pes/sizes of fabricated structural
	No	Yes	If yes	, plea	se ide	entify the count	ries and t	he grade/type/size.

Yes Explain

No

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III-14.	<u>Purcha</u>	sing freq	uency						
	(a)	How fre	quently	does your firm	make purch	ases of fabri	cated stru	uctural steel (check	
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify	
	(b)	Has this	purchas	ing frequency	changed sinc	e January 1,	2016?		
		No	Yes	If yes, please	describe.				
III-15.	Raw m	naterial pi	rices.—						
	(a)	Is your fi		ar with the pri	ces for raw n	naterials use	d in the p	production of fabrica	ated
		N	О	Yes – please	answer (b)				
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	(b)	-		v material pric Iral steel since	•	r firm's nego	otiations (or contracts to purch	าase

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III-15.	Raw m	aterial p	rices.—(co	ntinued)					
		investiga products	ation in Ap	ril 2017 o g in March	r the su	bsec	quent imposi		nt of the 232 on imported steel erial prices for
	Y		ase indicate the table b		act in		No	1	Don't know
	Item		Increase	No change	Decre	ase	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explana	ation and factors
Raw material costs for fabricated structural steel in the U.S. market									
Prices for fabricated structural steel in the U.S. market									
III-16.	Change	e in supp	ı <mark>liersHas</mark>	your firm	chang	ed sı	uppliers since	e January 1, 20	16?
	No	Yes		olease list e reasons				er the firm was	s added or dropped,
			Are you a		-		pliers, either	foreign or do	mestic, that have
	No	Yes	If yes, p	olease ide	ntify tl	ne fii	ms.		

m-10. Juppilei quamileation.	III-18.	Supplier	qualification
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<u>Sup</u>	plier qu	ualifica	tion.—				
(a)	-	-	e your so		to be AISC	certified or to become co	ertified to sell fabricated
	No	Yes	If yes, r ASIC ce	-	e number	of days to become	
(b)	certific numbe qualific Provide (e.g., q with re	eation of day cation p e a brie uality of	r qualifie ys to qua process. If descrip of produc projects	ed to sel alify a ne otion of t	I fabricated www.supplied the factors wility of sup n safety re	•	firm? If yes, report the n of the certification or
		cation pe	No	Yes	Number of days	Please describe when the and describe the process	nis certification is required ss and factors
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(c) Please identify any factors that would disqualify a potential supplier to your firm.

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III-19.	Failure to certifySince January 1, 2016, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their
	attempts to certify or qualify their fabricated structural steel with your firm or have any
	producers lost their approved status?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification.

III-20.	Major purchasing factorsPlease list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm
	considers in deciding from whom to purchase fabricated structural steel (examples include
	availability, extension of credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line,
	traditional supplier, etc.).

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

III-21. <u>Purchasing factors.</u>—Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for fabricated structural steel.

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability			
Delivery terms			
Certainty of delivery time			
Erection safety record			
Experience with supplier			
Financial stability/ offer performance bonds			
Logistics/supply chain efficiency			
Minimize installation time			
Payment terms			
Price of installation			
Price of fabricated structural steel			
Price of contract overall			
Product consistency			
Product range			
Quality of FSS meets industry standards			
Quality of FSS exceeds industry standards			
Quality of installation meets industry standards			
Quality of installation exceeds industry standards			
Reliability of supply			
Supplier's engineering skills			
Supplier experience in a similar projects			
Supplier's local experience			
Supplier's available production capacity			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs			

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(b) What characteristics d					
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Source United States Canada	ecifications for yo	our uses or yo	ur customers'	uses? Rarely or	C
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Source United States Canada China Mexico	ecifications for yo	our uses or yo	ur customers'	uses? Rarely or	C
Source United States Canada China Mexico Other:	Always ———————————————————————————————————	Usually Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never	E k
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III-25.	<u>Price leaders.</u> A price leader is defined as (1) one or more firms that initiate a price change,
	either upward or downward, that is followed by other firms, or (2) one or more firms that have a
	significant impact on prices. A price leader is not necessarily the lowest-priced supplier.

Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the fabricated structural steel market since January 1, 2016.

Firm(s)	Describe how the firm(s) exhibited price leadership

- III-26. <u>Impact of section 301 duties</u>.--This question concerns the section 301 investigation and subsequent announcement of additional tariffs that include fabricated structural steel proposed and implemented by the United States in response to Chinese trade practices.
 - (a) Did the announcement of the 301 investigation in June 2018 or the subsequent imposition of tariffs on Chinese-origin products have an impact on the fabricated structural steel market?

Yes— Please indicate the impact in the table below.	No	Don't know

(b) Please indicate the impact of the announcements and subsequent imposition of duties under the section 301 investigation.

Item	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explanation and factors
Overall demand/anticipated demand for fabricated structural steel in the U.S. market					
Supply/anticipated supply of fabricated structural steel in the U.S. market					
Prices/anticipated prices for fabricated structural steel in the U.S. market					
Raw material costs/anticipated raw material costs for fabricated structural steel in the U.S. market					

III-27. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.—

(a) Since January 2016, did your firm import and/or purchase imports of fabricated structural steel from Canada, China, and Mexico instead of purchasing U.S.-produced fabricated structural steel? Respond for each subject country.

Source	Yes (also respond to parts (b) and (c))	No (If "No" for all countries, skip to next question)
Canada		
China		
Mexico		

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

Source	Yes	No
Canada		
China		
Mexico		

(c) If you responded "Yes" to part (a), was price a primary reason for importing and/or purchasing subject imports rather than domestic product?

Source	Yes	If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports purchased and/or imported instead of domestic product since January 2016 (in short tons)	No	If No, please indicate the reason your firm imported and/or purchased imports instead of domestic product
Canada				
China				
Mexico				

III-28. <u>U.S. producers and import competition.</u>—

(a) Since January 1, 2016, in connection with a sale or offer to sell fabricated structural steel to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced fabricated structural steel in order to compete with lower-priced imports of fabricated structural steel from the subject countries? Respond for each subject country.

Source	Yes (also respond to question part (b))	No (If "No" for all countries, skip to next question)	Don't know
Canada			
China			
Mexico			

(b) If your firm responded "yes" to any of the above countries, please provide an estimate of the reduction in U.S. producers' prices, and any additional explanations, such as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors.

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

PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1. <u>Interchangeability.--</u>Is fabricated structural steel 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 0 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
- 0 = *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	Canada	China	Mexico	Other countries
United States				
Canada				
China				
Mexico				

For any country-pair producing fabricated structural steel which is *sometimes* or *never* interchangeable, please identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

IV-2. <u>Factors other than price</u>.--Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between fabricated structural steel produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's purchases of the products?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 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

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

Country-pair	Canada	China	Mexico	Other countries
United States				
Canada				
China				
Mexico				

For any country-pair for which factors other than price *always* or *frequently* are a significant factor in your firm's purchases of fabricated structural steel, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:

IV-3. <u>Factor country comparisons.</u>--For the factors listed below, please rate how fabricated structural steel produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with fabricated structural steel produced in each of the other countries you identified. *If you are unfamiliar with the product from a particular country, please leave the boxes for those country comparisons blank.*

	<u>U</u>	roduct fro nited Stat ed to prod <u>Canada</u>	<u>es</u>	<u>U</u>	roduct fro nited State ed to prod <u>China</u>	<u>es</u>
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability						
Delivery terms						
Certainty of delivery time						
Erection safety record						
Experience with supplier						
Financial stability/ offer performance bonds						
Logistics/supply chain efficiency						
Minimize installation time						
Payment terms						
Price of installation						
Price of fabricated structural steel						
Price of contract overall						
Product consistency						
Product range						
Quality of FSS meets industry standards						
Quality of FSS exceeds industry standards						
Quality of installation meets industry standards						
Quality of installation exceeds industry standards						
Reliability of supply						
Supplier's engineering skills						
Supplier experience in a similar projects						
Supplier's local experience						
Supplier's available production capacity						
Technical support/service						
U.S. transportation costs						

IV-3. <u>Factor country comparisons.--Continued.</u>

If you are unfamiliar with the product from a particular country, please leave the boxes for those country comparisons blank.

country comparisons blank.	<u>u</u>	roduct fro nited State ed to prod <u>Mexico</u>	<u>es</u>	<u>U</u> compare	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>All other countries</u>		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	
Availability							
Delivery terms							
Certainty of delivery time							
Erection safety record							
Experience with supplier							
Financial stability/ offer performance bonds							
Logistics/supply chain efficiency							
Minimize installation time							
Payment terms							
Price of installation							
Price of fabricated structural steel							
Price of contract overall							
Product consistency							
Product range							
Quality of FSS meets industry standards							
Quality of FSS exceeds industry standards							
Quality of installation meets industry standards							
Quality of installation exceeds industry standards							
Reliability of supply							
Supplier's engineering skills							
Supplier experience in a similar projects							
Supplier's local experience							
Supplier's available production capacity							
Technical support/service							
U.S. transportation costs							

N	lo	Yes	If yes, please explain the factors your firm generally uses to evaluate potential bidding firms. If no, skip to question VI-1.				
		onHow r project?	does your firm determine	e the list of suppliers from	m whom you solicit bids		
	-		v often do you allow/requ sales agreement?	uest sellers more than or	ne chance to revise		
	Alway	/s	Frequently	Sometimes	Rarely/Never		
			П		П		
	-		often do you discuss with				
	-	ot you disc	often do you discuss with close who the competition				
	her or n	ot you disc	close who the competition	n is) in order to get a lov	ver bid price?		
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Bid ne	Alway egotiatio Once y their i Once y their f	your firm : nitial bid? your firm : inal bid?	Frequently sends out a request for production days sends out a request for production days	Sometimes roposal, how long do sup	Rarely/Never ppliers have to submit		
Bid ne	Alway Egotiation Once y their i Once y their f Gener	ys your firm solution bid? your firm solution bid? ally how residuated	Frequently Sends out a request for production days sends out a request for production days	Sometimes roposal, how long do suproposal, how long d	Rarely/Never ppliers have to submit opliers have to submit unds		

No	Yes

Bic	Bid Requirements.—								
(a)	Do	suppliers	itemize tl	he cost of the fabri	cated structural steel in	their bid proposal?			
	No	١	'es		Explain				
(b)	(b) Does your firm always provide completed specifications when you start a request for bids?								
	No Yes If no, please report what factors are incomplete and explain why these specifications are incomplete.								
(c)	(c) What factors do you consider when evaluating bids that offer to supply a different combination of fabricated structural steel specifications for the same project?								
(d)			o you cha nas been a		city, and/or grade reques	ted for a project after			
	Alv	ways		Frequently	Sometimes	Rarely/Never			
		\neg							

V-7. <u>Bid information</u>—Please fill out the following table with respect to projects that you put up for bid involving fabricated structural steel since January 1, 2016.

Total number of projects for bid	Number
Number of projects involving bids by domestic fabricated structural steel	
producers only	
Number of projects involving bids by suppliers of fabricated structural steel	
from both the United States and Canada only	
Number of projects involving bids by suppliers of fabricated structural steel	
from both the United States and China only	
Number of projects involving bids by suppliers of fabricated structural steel	
from both the <u>United States and Mexico only</u>	
Number of projects involving bids by suppliers of fabricated structural steel	
from all three the United States, Canada, and Mexico only	
Number of projects involving bids by suppliers of fabricated structural steel	
from the United States, China, and either Canada, and/or Mexico	
Number of projects involving bids by suppliers of fabricated structural steel	
from the subject countries China, Canada, and/or Mexico only	

V-8. <u>Bid data</u>.—Please fill out the table below for each of your firm's five largest purchases of fabricated structural steel since January 1, 2016 for which your firm received at least one bid from a supplier of domestic fabricated structural steel and at least one bid from a supplier of fabricated structural steel produced in Canada, China, or Mexico.

Please list all bids for each purchase. The total delivered cost quotes ("bid") reported below should include amounts for any services proposed, such as installation or engineering, that were included in the requests for quotation (RFQs), and **should not** account for any changes or revisions after the bid was won.

V-8. <u>Bid data</u>.—Continued.

1st largest purchase

Basic description of bid requirements	Details
Bid end year	
Total short tons of fabricated structural steel	short tons
Additional services provided	
Type of project/sector	
Name of project (if applicable)	
Delivery location(s)	
Other	

	Bidding firm name	Country of fabricated structural steel produced	Final total quantity of FSS (short tons)	Final total delivered cost quote (\$1,000s)	Price of fabrica structura	ted	Winning bid (Check if yes, including split/partial	Reason bid accepted or rejected
1								
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<u>14</u>								
<u>15</u>								

V-8. **Bid data.**—Continued.

2nd largest purchase

Basic description of bid requirements	Details
Bid end year	
Total short tons of fabricated structural steel	short tons
Additional services provided	
Type of project/sector	
Name of project (if applicable)	
Delivery location(s)	
Other	

		Country of fabricated structural	Final total quantity	Final total cost	Price of fabrica structura	ted	Winning bid (Check if yes,	
	Bidding firm name	steel produced	of FSS (short tons)	quote (\$1,000s)	(\$1,000s)	Don't Know	including split/partial	Reason bid accepted or rejected
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V-8. **Bid data.**—Continued.

3rd largest purchase

Basic description of bid requirements	Details
Bid end year	
Total short tons of fabricated structural steel	short tons
Additional services provided	
Type of project/sector	
Name of project (if applicable)	
Delivery location(s)	
Other	

	Bidding firm name	Country of fabricated structural steel produced	Final total quantity of FSS (short tons)	Final total cost quote (\$1,000s)	Price of fabrica structura	ted	Winning bid (Check if yes, including split/partial	Reason bid accepted or rejected
<u>1</u>								
<u>2</u>								
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V-8. **Bid data.**—Continued.

4th largest purchase

Basic description of bid requirements	Details
Bid end year	
Total short tons of fabricated structural steel	short tons
Additional services provided	
Type of project/sector	
Name of project (if applicable)	
Delivery location(s)	
Other	

	Bidding firm name	Country of fabricated structural steel produced	Final total quantity of FSS (short tons)	Final total cost quote (\$1,000s)	Price of fabrica structura	ted	Winning bid (Check if yes, including split/partial	Reason bid accepted or rejected
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V-8. **Bid data.**—Continued.

5th largest purchase

Basic description of bid requirements	Details
Bid end year	
Total short tons of fabricated structural steel	short tons
Additional services provided	
Type of project/sector	
Name of project (if applicable)	
Delivery location(s)	
Other	

	Bidding firm name	Country of fabricated structural steel produced	Final total quantity of FSS (short tons)	Final total cost quote (\$1,000s)	Price of fabrica structura	ted	Winning bid (Check if yes, including split/partial	Reason bid accepted or rejected
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PART VI.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

VI-1.	Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to any question that for which a narrative response box was not provided, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below.

VI-2. <u>OMB statistics.</u>--Please report 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 25 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire.

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