U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

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

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

See last page for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing and antidumping duty investigations concerning certain cold-drawn mechanical tubing of carbon and alloy steel ("cold-drawn mechanical tubing") from China, Germany, India, Italy, Korea, and Switzerland (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-576-577 and 731-TA-1362-1367 (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)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from Lauren Gamache (202-205-3489, lauren.gamache@usitc.gov).

Has your firm purchased cold-drawn mechanical tubing (as defined on next page) from any source (domestic foreign) at any time since January 1, 2014? NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission YES (Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission) Return questionnaire via the U.S. International Trade Commission Drop Box by clicking on the following link: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/. (PIN: CDMT) CERTIFICATION that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the eand belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Cog this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personne on provided in this questionnaire and throughout this proceeding in any other import-injury proceedings on insision on the same or similar merchandise. dersigned, acknowledge that information submitted in response to this request for information and the lag or other proceedings may be disclosed to and used: (i) by the Commission, its employees and Offices, I (a) for developing or maintaining the records of this or a related proceeding, or (b) in internal investiga and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including understores on the commission including und	City	State Zip Code
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.--This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on April 19, 2017, by ArcelorMittal Tubular Products, Shelby, Ohio; Michigan Seamless Tube, LLC, South Lyon, Michigan; PTC Alliance Corp., Wexford, Pennsylvania; Webco Industries, Inc., Sand Springs, Oklahoma; and Zekelman Industries, Inc., Farrell, Pennsylvania. Countervailing and/or antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these proceedings if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce ("Commerce") makes an affirmative determination of subsidization and/or dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2017/cold drawn mechanical tubing china germany in dia/preliminary.htm.

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

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

Steel products included in the scope of these investigations are products in which: (1) iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements; and (2) the carbon content is 2

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

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

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

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

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

<u>Reporting of information</u>.-- If information is not readily available from your records, provide carefully prepared estimates. If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire (i.e., a producer, importer, 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. In addition, if your firm is a U.S. producer, the information you provide on your production and imports of cold-drawn mechanical tubing and your responses to the questions in Part I of the producer questionnaire will be provided to the U.S. Department of Commerce, upon its request, for use in connection with (and only in connection with) its requirement pursuant to section 702(c)(4)/732(c)(4) of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1671a(c)(4)/1673a(c)(4)) to make a determination concerning the extent of industry support for the petition requesting this proceeding. Any information provided to Commerce will be transmitted under the confidentiality and release guidelines set forth above. Your response to these questions constitutes your consent that such information be provided to Commerce under the conditions described above.

I-1. OMB statistics.--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.

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

I-2. <u>Establishments covered.</u>--Provide the name and address of 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 report.

<u>establishment</u> Each facility of a firm involved in the <u>purchase</u> of cold-drawn mechanical
tubing, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically
separate from) such facilities.

U.S. Purchasers' Questionnaire - Cold-drawn mechanical tubing Page 5 I-3. Ownership.--Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm? Yes--List the following information. No **Extent of ownership** Address (percent) Firm name I-4. Related importers/exporters.--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which import cold-drawn mechanical tubing into the United States or which export cold-drawn mechanical tubing to the United States? No Yes--List the following information. Firm name Affiliation Country I-5. Related producers.--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which produce cold-drawn mechanical tubing? No Yes--List the following information. 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. Purchases and imports.—

(a) Report your firm's total domestic purchases and direct imports of cold-drawn mechanical tubing.

Please report <u>separately</u> your domestic purchases and your direct imports (where your firm was the importer of record).

"Domestic Purchase" – Purchase <u>from a U.S. entity</u> such as a U.S. producer, a U.S. distributor, or a U.S. firm.

"Direct Import" – Purchase directly <u>from a foreign supplier</u> and your firm is the importer of record.

	2014	2015	2016
Country	Quantity (in short tons)		
Purchases of cold-drawn mechanical			
tubing produced in—			
United States			
China			
Germany			
India			
Italy			
Korea			
Switzerland			
All other countries ¹			
Sources unknown			
Total purchases	0	0	0
Imports of cold-drawn mechanical			
tubing from—			
China			
Germany			
India			
Italy			
Korea			
Switzerland			
All other countries ¹			
Total imports	0	0	0
¹ Please identify these countries:			

II-1. Purchases and imports.— Contin

(b)	Did you firm also purchase out-of-scope cold-drawn mechanical tubing less than 12
	inches (304.8 mm) in length during since January 1, 2014?

No	Yes	If yes, please estimate quantity (in short tons) purchased in 2016.

II-2. Changes in purchasing patterns.--

(a) Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of cold-drawn mechanical tubing from different sources have changed since January 1, 2014.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States						
China						
Germany						
India						
Italy						
Korea						
Switzerland						
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 cold-drawn mechanical tubing market.

United States	China	Germany	India	Italy	Korea	Switzerland	Other countries ¹
¹ Please identify these countries:							

II-4.	Supplier identificationPlease list your firm's FIVE largest suppliers for cold-drawn mechanical
	tubing since January 1, 2014. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total
	purchases of cold-drawn mechanical tubing that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2016.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2016 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

III-1. **Firm type.--**Which of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of cold-drawn mechanical tubing (check all that apply)?

Distributor	End user (Agriculture)	End user (Automotive)	End user (Heavy machinery/ industrial)	End user (oil and gas)	End user (other¹)
¹ Please describe "other":					

If your firm is a distributor of cold-drawn mechanical tubing, please answer questions III-2 and III-3.

III-2. <u>Competition for sales.</u>--Does your firm compete for sales to customers with the manufacturers or importers from which your firm purchases cold-drawn mechanical tubing?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-3.	<u>Types of customers.</u> What are the major types of consumers to which your firm sells cold drawn mechanical tubing?	-k

If your firm is an end user of cold-drawn mechanical tubing, please answer questions III-4 and III-5.

III-4. <u>End uses.</u>--List the top 3 products your firm makes using cold-drawn mechanical tubing and estimate the percent of your <u>total production cost</u> that is accounted for by cold-drawn mechanical tubing and by other inputs (such as labor, energy, and other raw materials).

	Share of total cost in each of the product(s) your firm produces accounted for by				Total (should
Product(s) your firm produces	Cold-drawn mechanical tubing Other inputs			sum to 100.0% across)	
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
	%	+	%	Ш	0.0 %

	III-5.	Demand	for	end	use	products
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(a)	Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating cold-drawn mechanical
	tubing changed since January 1, 2014?

Increased	No change	Fluctuated	

(b) Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for cold-drawn mechanical tubing?

No	Yes	Explain

III-6. <u>Differences in end uses</u>.-- Do your firm's responses to questions III-4 through III-6 differ for cold-drawn mechanical tubing that is <u>less than</u> 12 inches (304.8 mm) in length and cold-drawn mechanical tubing that is greater than 12 inches in length?

No	Yes	If yes, describe.

U.S. Purchasers' Questionnaire - Cold-drawn mechanical tubing Page 10 III-7. Substitutes.--Can other products be substituted for cold-drawn mechanical tubing? (a) No Yes--Please fill out the table. Have changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for cold-drawn mechanical tubing? End use in which this Substitute substitute is used No Yes **Explanation** 1. 2. 3. (b) Do substitutes for cold-drawn mechanical tubing less than 12 inches (304.8 mm) in length differ significantly from cold-drawn mechanical tubing greater than 12 inches in length? No Yes If yes, describe.

III-8. Demand tren	าds
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(a) Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for cold-drawn mechanical tubing has changed since January 1, 2014. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.

ı	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explanation and factors		
Within the United States: Overall demand							
Agricultural so	ector						
Automotive s	ector						
Heavy machir	nery/indus	trial sector	· 📗				
Oil and gas se	ctor						
Other sectors ¹							
Outside the United States							
¹ Please describe the "other" sectors:							
	m		th differ signif			_	s <u>less than</u> 12 inches (304.8 ical tubing that is greater than
	No	Yes	If yes, des	cribe.			
III-9. Country preferences. Do you or your customers ever specifically order cold-drawn mechanical tubing from one country in particular over other possible sources of supply?							
	No	Yes If	f yes, identify	the counti	ries and ex	plain.	

III-10.	Importance of purchasing domestic productPlease fill out the table below, estimating the
	percentage of your firm's total 2016 purchases of cold-drawn mechanical tubing that required
	cold-drawn mechanical tubing produced in the United States.

	Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2016 purchases of cold-drawn mechanical tubing
Purchases that did not require domestic product	%
Purchases that were required by law or regulation to be domestic product (e.g., government purchases under "Buy American" provisions)	%
Purchases that were not required by law or regulation, but were required by your customers to be domestic product	%
Purchases that were required to be domestic product for other reasons	
(explain:)	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

III-11. Conditions of competition.--

(a) Is the cold-drawn mechanical tubing market subject to business cycles (other than general economy-wide conditions) and/or other conditions of competition distinctive to cold-drawn mechanical tubing?

Check a	ill that apply.	Please describe.
	No	Skip to question III-12.
	Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)	
	Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition	

(b) Have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for cold-drawn mechanical tubing since January 1, 2014?

No	Yes	If yes, describe.

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometim	ies, ex
	<u></u>	De	ecision based o	n produce	<u> </u>	
Your firm						
Your customers						
		Decisi	on based on co	ountry of o	rigin	
Your firm						
Your						
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If yes, please describe.

No

Yes

III-16.	tubing (e.g only availal	Availability of specific product typesAre certain grades/types/sizes of cold-drawn mechanical tubing (e.g., CDMT with particular diameters and wall thickness, or customer-specific models) only available from certain country sources? No YesPlease fill out the table.					
	∐ No	Ye	sPlease fill	out the table	2.		
	Product		End use	2	Country	source	Estimated 2016 purchases of this product (short tons)
III-17.	cold-drawn	mechanica	al tubing tha		12 inches (3		14 through III-16 differ for in length and cold-drawn
	No	Yes	If yes, des	cribe.			
III-18.	Purchasing frequency (a) How frequently does your firm make purchases of cold-drawn mechanical tubing (check one)?					n mechanical tubing (check	
	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify
	(b) Has	s this purch	asing freque	ency changed	since Janua	ry 1, 2014	?
	No	Yes	If yes, ple	ease describe	١.		
III-19.	Number of suppliers contactedHow many suppliers does your firm generally contact before making a purchase? Between and firms						

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III-20.	Supplier ne	gotiations	-		
		r firm's purc en supplier a		of cold-drawn mechanical tubing usua chaser?	lly involve negotiations
	No	Yes		s, explain the factors your firm genera ther your firm quotes competing price	
		•		of cold-drawn mechanical tubing undo United States?	er contracts that were
	Carrage	Share 201 purch	.6 ases	Description (negotiations,	Fundamental services
	Source China	(perc	ent)	provisions of the contracts, etc.)	End use applications
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	India				
	Italy				
	Korea				
	Switzerland	1			
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	No	Yes	If yes,	describe.	
III-21.	Change in s	suppliers	las you	r firm changed suppliers since January	1, 2014?
	No	Yes	_	s, please list the supplier(s), whether ped, and the reasons for the change.	the firm was added or
III-22.	New suppliersAre you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since January 1, 2014?				

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the firms.

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of product, reliability of supplier, etc.).

III-23.	<u>Supplier qualification</u> Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell cold-drawn mechanical tubing to your firm?
	If yes, provide the following information.
	 The number of days to qualify a new supplier.
	 A general description of the certification or qualification process. Also, a brief

No	Number of days	Process and factors

description of the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality

III-24.	Failure to certifySince January 1, 2014, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their
	attempts to certify or qualify their cold-drawn mechanical tubing with your firm or have any
	producers lost their approved status?

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

III-25. <u>Differences in suppliers and qualifications</u>.-- Do your firm's responses to questions III-21 through III-24 differ for cold-drawn mechanical tubing that is <u>less than</u> 12 inches (304.8 mm) in length and cold-drawn mechanical tubing that is greater than 12 inches in length?

No	Yes	If yes, describe.

III-26. <u>Major purchasing factors.</u>--Please list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase cold-drawn mechanical tubing (examples include availability, extension of credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).

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

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III-27. <u>Purchasing factors.</u>—Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for cold-drawn mechanical tubing.

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important		
Availability					
Delivery terms					
Delivery time					
Discounts offered					
Extension of credit					
Minimum quantity requirements					
Packaging					
Price					
Product consistency					
Product range					
Quality meets industry standards					
Quality exceeds industry standards					
Reliability of supply					
Technical support/service					
U.S. transportation costs					
Quality characteristicsWhat characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of cold-drawn mechanical tubing? Differences in purchasing factors and quality Do your firm's responses to questions III-26 through III-28 differ for cold-drawn mechanical tubing that is less than 12 inches (304.8 mm) in length and cold-drawn mechanical tubing that is greater than 12 inches in length?					
No Yes If yes, describe.					

III-30.	Minimum qualityHow often does cold-drawn mechanical tubing from the following countries
	meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

Source	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never	Don't know
United States					
China					
Germany					
India					
Italy					
Korea					
Switzerland					
Other:					

III-31. <u>Frequency of decisions based on price.</u>—How often does your firm purchase the cold-drawn mechanical tubing that is offered at the lowest price?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never

III-32. <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 cold-drawn mechanical tubing market since January 1, 2014.

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

III-33. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.—

(a)	Since January 2014, did your firm purchase imports of cold-drawn mechanical tubing
	from China, Germany, India, Italy, Korea, and/or Switzerland instead of U.Sproduced
	cold-drawn mechanical tubing? Respond for each subject country.

Source	Yes (also respond to parts (b) and (c))	No (If "No" for all countries, skip to next question)
China		
Germany		
India		
Italy		
Korea		
Switzerland		

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

Source	Yes	No
China		
Germany		
India		
Italy		
Korea		
Switzerland		

III-34. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.—Continued

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

Source	Yes	If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports purchased instead of domestic product since January 2014 (in short tons)	No	If No, please indicate the reason your firm purchased imports instead of domestic product
China				
Germany				
India				
Italy				
Korea				
Switzerland				

III-35. <u>U.S. producers and import competition.</u>—

(a) Since January 1, 2014, in connection with a sale or offer to sell cold-drawn mechanical tubing to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced cold-drawn mechanical tubing in order to compete with lower-priced imports of cold-drawn mechanical tubing 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
China			
Germany			
India			
Italy			
Korea			
Switzerland			

III-35. <u>U.S. producers and import competition</u>.—Continued.

(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
China	%	
Germany	%	
India	%	
Italy	%	
Korea	%	
Switzerland	%	

PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1. <u>Interchangeability.--</u>Is cold-drawn mechanical tubing 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	China	Germany	India	Italy	Korea	Switzerland	Other countries
United States							
China							
Germany							
India							
Italy							
Korea							
Switzerland							

For any country-pair producing cold-drawn mechanical tubing 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 cold-drawn mechanical tubing 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	China	Germany	India	Italy	Korea	Switzerland	Other countries
United States							
China							
Germany							
India							
Italy							
Korea							
Switzerland							
For any country-pair your firm's purchases advantages or disadv	of cold-dra	awn mecha	nical tubing	g, identify th		-	

IV-3. <u>Differences in interchangeability and factors other than price</u>.-- Do your firm's responses to questions IV-1 through IV-2 differ for cold-drawn mechanical tubing that is <u>less than</u> 12 inches (304.8 mm) in length and cold-drawn mechanical tubing that is greater than 12 inches in length?

No	Yes	If yes, describe.

IV-4. <u>Factor country comparisons.</u>--For the factors listed below, please rate how cold-drawn mechanical tubing produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with cold-drawn mechanical tubing produced in each of the other countries you identified.

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Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price ¹									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									
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¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

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prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

IV-4. **Continued.**

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Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price ¹									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality meets industry standards									
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Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
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Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price ¹									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
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Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price ¹									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									

prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

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prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

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Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price ¹									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									

prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

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	cor	Product from Italy compared to product from Korea			Product from Italy compared to product from Switzerland			Product from Italy compared to product from all other sources		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	
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prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

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	Product from Korea compared to product from Switzerland			Product from Korea compared to product from all other sources			Product from Switzerland compared to product from all other sources		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price ¹									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									

prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

PART V.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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