

U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

TAPERED ROLLER BEARINGS FROM KOREA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by **April 2, 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 antidumping investigation concerning tapered roller bearings (TRBs) from Korea (inv. No. 731-TA-1380 (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 Tana von Kessler (202-205-2389, tana.vonkessler@usitc.gov).

Name of firm _____			
Address _____			
City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____	
Website _____			
Has your firm purchased tapered roller bearings (as defined on pages 2 and 27) from <u>any</u> source (domestic or foreign) at any time since January 1, 2015?			
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	(Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	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: XXXX)			

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 submitting 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

Phone:

Signature

Email address

PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.--This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on June 28, 2017, by The Timken Company, North Canton, Ohio. 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 dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at

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

Tapered roller bearings (TRBs) The scope of this investigation is certain tapered roller bearings. Commerce's scope covers all tapered roller bearings with a nominal outside cup diameter of eight inches and under, regardless of type of steel used to produce the bearing, whether of inch or metric size, and whether the tapered roller bearing is a thrust bearing or not.

Commission like-product determination: For purposes of its determination in the preliminary phase of the investigation, the Commission found that TRBs over 8 inches in outside cup diameter ("large-diameter TRBs") are included in the same domestic like product definition as TRBs whose maximum outside cup diameter is 8 inches and under ("small-diameter TRBs").

Certain tapered roller bearings include: Finished cup and cone assemblies entering as a set, finished cone assemblies entering separately, and finished parts (cups, cones, and tapered rollers). Certain tapered roller bearings are sold individually as a set (cup and cone assembly), as a cone assembly, as a finished cup, or packaged as a kit with one or several tapered roller bearings, a seal, and grease. The scope of the investigation includes finished rollers and finished cones that have not been assembled with rollers and a cage. Certain tapered roller bearings can be a single row or multiple rows (e.g., two- or four-row), and a cup can handle a single cone assembly or multiple cone assemblies.

Finished cups, cones, and rollers differ from unfinished cups, cones, and rollers in that they have undergone further processing after heat treatment, including, but not limited to, final machining, grinding, and/or polishing. Mere heat treatment of a cup, cone, or roller (without any further processing after heat treatment) does not render the cup, cone, or roller a finished part for the purpose of this investigation. Finished tapered roller bearing parts are understood to mean parts which, at the time of importation, are ready for assembly (if further assembly is required) and require no further finishing or fabrication, such as grinding, lathing, machining, polishing, heat treatment, etc. Finished parts may require grease, bolting, and/or pressing as part of final assembly, and the requirement that these processes be performed, subsequent to importation, does not remove an otherwise finished tapered roller bearing from the scope.

Tapered roller bearings that have a nominal outer cup diameter of eight inches and under that may be used in wheel hub units, rail bearings, or other housed bearings, but entered separately, are included in the scope to the same extent as described above. All tapered roller bearings meeting the written description above, and not otherwise excluded, are included, regardless of coating.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are:

- (1) Unfinished parts of tapered roller bearings (cups, cones, and tapered rollers);
- (2) cages, whether finished or unfinished;

(3) the non-tapered roller bearing components of subject kits (e.g., grease, seal); and
(4) tapered roller bearing wheel hub units, rail bearings, and other housed tapered roller bearings (flange, take up cartridges, and hanger units incorporating tapered rollers).

Tapered roller bearings subject to this investigation are primarily classifiable under subheadings 8482.20.0040, 8482.20.0061, 8482.20.0070, 8482.20.0081, 8482.91.0050, 8482.99.1550, and 8482.99.1580 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).¹

TRBs over 8 inches in outside cup diameter are primarily classifiable under HTSUS statistical reporting numbers 8482.20.0064, 8482.20.0067, 8482.20.0090, 8482.99.1570, and 8482.99.4500.

Parts may also enter under 8482.99.4500. While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and for customs purposes, the written description of the subject merchandise is dispositive.

Purchaser.--Any firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in purchasing TRBs from another firm that produces, imports, or otherwise distributes TRBs.

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.

¹ Prior to July 2016, products entering under 8482.20.0061 entered under 8482.20.0060, products entering under 8482.20.0081 entered under 8482.20.0080, and products entering under 8482.99.1550 entered under 8482.99.1540.

- 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. **Establishments covered.**-- 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 purchase of TRBs, 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, which import TRBs into the United States or which export TRBs 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, which produce TRBs?

No Yes--List the following information.

Firm name	Country	Affiliation

Unless otherwise indicated, please provide information in this U.S. Purchasers' Questionnaire for all sizes of TRBs, regardless of diameter. If your answer to any question differs between small diameter TRBs (nominal outside diameter of at less than 8") and large diameter TRBs (above 8" in nominal outside diameter), please explain in the narrative of the question or at question VI-1, Other explanations.

PART II.--PURCHASES

Contact information.-- Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in this questionnaire.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

II-1. **Purchases and imports.**— Report your firm’s total domestic purchases and direct imports of TRBs. Please report **separately** your domestic purchases and your direct imports (where your firm was the importer of record). Please also report **separately** for TRBs equal to or less than 8” and TRBs greater than 8”. Please also report purchases of finished parts (not including cages) under each category.

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

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

II-1(a). **Purchases and imports (small-diameter TRBs)**

Small-diameter TRBs (8” or less outside cup diameter)

Item	2015	2016	2017
	Value (in \$1,000s)		
Purchases of TRBs produced in—			
United States			
Korea			
China			
Japan			
All other countries ¹			
Sources unknown			
Total purchases	0	0	0
Imports of TRBs from—			
Korea			
China			
Japan			
All other countries ¹			
Total imports	0	0	0
¹ Please identify these countries:			

II-1(b). Purchases and imports (large-diameter TRBs).

Large-diameter TRBs (over 8" outside cup diameter)

Item	2015	2016	2017
	Value (in \$1,000s)		
Purchases of TRBs produced in—			
United States			
Korea			
China			
Japan			
All other countries ²			
Sources unknown			
Total purchases	0	0	0
Imports of TRBs from—			
Korea			
China			
Japan			
All other countries ²			
Total imports	0	0	0
² Please identify these countries:			

II-2. Changes in purchasing patterns.--Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of TRBs from different sources have changed since January 1, 2015.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Korea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Japan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All other countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sources unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

II-3. **Country knowledge.**-- Please indicate the countries of origin with which your firm has experience or information in the TRBs market.

United States	Korea	China	Japan	Other countries	Other countries (specify)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

II-4. **Supplier identification.**--Please list your firm's **FIVE** largest suppliers for TRBs since January 1, 2015. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of TRBs that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2017.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2017 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

III-1. **Firm type.**—

a. Which of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of TRBs (check all that apply)?

End user	Distributor	Other	Describe other
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

b. Please indicate which of the following sectors your firm purchases for (check all that apply).

Automotive	Agriculture	Heavy equipment/Industrial	Other	Describe other
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

If your firm is a distributor of TRBs, please answer questions III-2 and III-3.

III-2. **Competition for sales.**--Does your firm compete for sales to customers with the manufacturers or importers from which your firm purchases TRBs?

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

III-3. **Types of customers.**--What are the major types of consumers to which your firm sells TRBs?

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If your firm is an end user of TRBs, please answer questions III-4 and III-5.

III-4. **End uses.**--List the top 3 products your firm makes using TRBs and estimate the percent of your total production cost that is accounted for by TRBs and by other inputs (such as labor, energy, and other raw materials).

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

III-5. **Demand for end use products.**--

(a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating TRBs changed since January 1, 2015?

Increased	No change	Decreased	Fluctuated
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(b) Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for TRBs?

No	Yes	Explain
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-6. **Substitutes.**--Can other products be substituted for TRBs?

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 TRBs?		
		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-7. **Demand trends.**-- Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for TRBs 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					
Overall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Automotive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Heavy equipment/ industrial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Outside the United States¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

¹Please identify countries or regions referenced:

III-8. **Country preferences.**--Do you or your customers ever specifically order TRBs from one country in particular over other possible sources of supply?

No	Yes	If yes, identify the countries and explain.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-9. **Importance of purchasing domestic product.**--Please fill out the table below, estimating the percentage of your firm's total 2017 purchases of TRBs that required TRBs produced in the United States.

	Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2017 purchases of TRBs
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-10. **Conditions of competition.**--

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

Check all that apply.	Please describe.
<input type="checkbox"/> No	Skip to question III-11.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition	

(b) Have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for TRBs since January 1, 2015?

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

III-11. **Decisions based on producer and country-of-origin.**--How often does your firm, and if known, do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving TRBs based on its producer or country of origin?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, explain.
Decision based on producer					
Your firm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Your customers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Decision based on country of origin					
Your firm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Your customers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-12. **Availability of supply.**--Has the availability of TRBs in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2015?

Availability in the U.S. market			Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the changes.
	No	Yes	
U.S.-produced product	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Korean imports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Imports from other countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-13. Supply constraints.—

- a. Has any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with TRBs 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.)?

Source	No	Yes	If yes, please describe, including an estimate of the dates and volume of TRBs that could not be supplied.
U.S.-produced product	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Korean imports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Imports from other countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- b. Have any suppliers implemented policies that caused your firm to diversify suppliers?

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

III-14. Availability of specific product types.--Are certain grades/types/sizes of TRBs only available from certain country sources?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the countries and the grade/type/size.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-15. Purchasing frequency.--

- (a) How frequently does your firm make purchases of TRBs (check one)?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- (b) Has this purchasing frequency changed since January 1, 2015?

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

III-16. **Number of suppliers contacted.**--How many suppliers does your firm generally contact before making a purchase? Between ____ and ____ firms

III-17. **Supplier negotiations.**--Do your firm's purchases of TRBs usually involve negotiations between supplier and purchaser?

No	Yes	If yes, explain the factors your firm generally negotiates and note whether your firm quotes competing prices during negotiations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-18. **Change in suppliers.**--Has your firm changed suppliers since January 1, 2015?

No	Yes	If yes, please list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or dropped, and the reasons for the change.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-19. **New suppliers.**--Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since January 1, 2015?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the firms.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-20. **Supplier qualification.**--Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell TRBs 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 description of the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.).

No	Yes	Number of days	Process and factors
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

III-21. **Failure to certify.**--Since January 1, 2015, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their TRBs 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-22. **Major purchasing factors.**--Please list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase TRBs (examples include availability, extension of credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).

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

III-23. **Purchasing factors.**--Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for TRBs.

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discounts offered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extension of credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Long term business relationship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum quantity requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product consistency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality meets industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality exceeds industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical support/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. transportation costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

III-24. **Quality characteristics.**--What characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of TRBs?

III-25. **Minimum quality.**--How often does TRBs 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Korea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Japan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

III-26. **Frequency of decisions based on price.**--How often does your firm purchase the TRBs that is offered at the lowest price?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

III-27. **Price leaders.**— 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 TRBs market since January 1, 2015.

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

III-28. **Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.**—

(a) Since January 2015, did your firm purchase imports of small diameter (equal to or less than 8" in outside diameter) TRBs from Korea instead of U.S.-produced small diameter TRBs?

Source	Yes (also respond to parts (b) and (c))	No (If "No", skip to next question)
Korea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Source	Yes	No
Korea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Source	Yes	If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports purchased instead of domestic product since January 2015 (in \$1,000s)	No	If No, please indicate the reason your firm purchased imports instead of domestic product
Korea	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-29. **U.S. producers and import competition.**—

- (a) Since January 1, 2015, in connection with a sale or offer to sell small diameter (equal to or less than 8" in outside diameter) TRBs to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced small diameter TRBs in order to compete with lower-priced imports of small diameter TRBs from Korea?

Source	Yes (also respond to question part (b))	No (If "No", skip to next question)	Don't know
Korea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- (b) If your firm responded "yes", 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
Korea	%	

PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1. **Interchangeability.**—Are TRBs 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	Korea	China	Japan	Other countries
United States				
Korea	X			
China	X	X		
Japan	X	X	X	
For any country-pair producing TRBs which is <i>sometimes</i> or <i>never</i> interchangeable, please identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:				

IV-2. **Factors other than price.**--Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, etc.) between TRBs 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 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	Korea	China	Japan	Other countries
United States				
Korea	X			
China	X	X		
Japan	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 purchases of TRBs, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:				

IV-3. **Factor country comparisons.**--For the factors listed below, please rate how TRBs produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with TRBs 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.

Factor	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Korea</u>			Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>China</u>			Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Japan</u>		
	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discounts offered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extension of credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Long term business relationship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum quantity requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product consistency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality meets industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality exceeds industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical support/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. transportation costs ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

IV-3. **Continued.**

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

Factor	Product from <u>Korea</u> compared to product from <u>China</u>			Product from <u>Korea</u> compared to product from <u>Japan</u>		
	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discounts offered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extension of credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Long term business relationship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum quantity requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product consistency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality meets industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality exceeds industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical support/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. transportation costs ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

IV-3. **Continued.**

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

Factor	Product from <u>Unites States</u> compared to product from <u>Other countries</u>			Product from <u>Korea</u> compared to product from <u>Other countries</u>		
	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discounts offered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extension of credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Long term business relationship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum quantity requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product consistency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality meets industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality exceeds industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical support/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. transportation costs ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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PART V.--ALTERNATIVE PRODUCT INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Keysha Martinez (202-205-2136, keysha.martinez@usitc.gov).

Small-diameter TRBs—TRBs as described on page 2, with an outside cup diameter of eight inches or less.

Large-diameter TRBs—TRBs as described on page 2, with an outside cup diameter over 8 inches.

Note.--The alternative product comparison questions (i.e., V-1 and V-2 below) is being asked in multiple questionnaire types (U.S. producers', U.S. importers', and U.S. purchasers' questionnaires). If your firm is completing more than one of these questionnaire types in relation to this proceeding, please only respond to the alternative product comparisons question in only **one questionnaire type**. In general, your firm should make these comparisons in the questionnaire type that is most relevant to your firm's role in the market.

IV-1. **Comparability of small-diameter TRBs and large-diameter TRBs.**--For each of the following indicate whether small-diameter TRBs and large-diameter TRBs are: fully comparable or the same, *i.e.*, have no differentiation between them; mostly comparable or similar; somewhat comparable or similar; never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or no familiarity with products.

- F: fully comparable or the same, *i.e.*, have no differentiation between them;
- M: mostly comparable or similar;
- S: somewhat comparable or similar;
- N: never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or
- O: no familiarity with products.

(a) **Physical Characteristics and End Uses.**--The differences and similarities in the physical characteristics and end uses.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <i>physical characteristics and uses</i> :
<u>Small-diameter TRBs vs Large-diameter TRBs</u>		

(b) **Interchangeability.**--The ability to substitute the products in the same application.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <i>interchangeability</i> :
<u>Small-diameter TRBs vs Large-diameter TRBs</u>		

IV-1. **Comparability of small-diameter TRBs and large-diameter TRBs.**— *Continued*

(c) **Manufacturing facilities, production processes, and production employees.**--Whether manufactured in the same facilities, from the same inputs, on the same machinery and equipment, and using the same employees.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>manufacturing facilities, production processes, and production employees</u> :
<u>Small-diameter TRBs</u> vs <u>Large-diameter TRBs</u>		

(d) **Channels of distribution.**--Channels of distribution/market situation through which the products are sold (i.e., sold direct to end users, through wholesaler/distributors, etc.).

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>channels of distribution</u> :
<u>Small-diameter TRBs</u> vs <u>Large-diameter TRBs</u>		

(e) **Customer and producer perceptions.**--Perceptions as to the differences and/or similarities in the market (e.g., sales/marketing practices).

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>customer and product perceptions</u> :
<u>Small-diameter TRBs</u> vs <u>Large-diameter TRBs</u>		

(f) **Price.**--Whether prices are comparable or differ between the products.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>customer and product perceptions</u> :
<u>Small-diameter TRBs</u> vs <u>Large-diameter TRBs</u>		

PART VI.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

VI-1. **Other explanations.**--If 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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HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

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

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2017/tapered_roller_bearings_korea/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:** **TRBS**

- **E-mail.**—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to tana.vonkessler@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 does not purchase 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 your firm submits (see 19 CFR § 207.7). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.