FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

STANDARD STEEL WELDED WIRE MESH FROM MEXICO

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>January 8, 2021</u>

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 duty and antidumping investigations concerning standard steel welded wire mesh ("wire mesh") from Mexico (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-653 and 731-TA-1527 (Final)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background. --This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on June 30, 2020, by Insteel Industries Inc., Mount Airy, North Carolina; Mid South Wire Company, Nashville, Tennessee; National Wire LLC, Conroe, Texas; Oklahoma Steel & Wire Co., Madill, Oklahoma; and Wire Mesh Corp., Houston, Texas. Countervailing and 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 dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2020/standard_steel_welded_wire_mesh_mexico/final.h tm.

Standard steel welded wire mesh.--The product covered by this definition is uncoated standard welded steel reinforcement wire mesh ("wire mesh") produced from smooth or deformed wire. Subject wire mesh is produced in square and rectangular grids of uniformly spaced steel wires that are welded at all intersections. Sizes are specified by combining the spacing of the wires in inches or millimeters and the wire cross-sectional area in hundredths of square inch or millimeters squared. Subject wire mesh may be packaged and sold in rolls or in sheets.

Subject wire mesh is currently produced to ASTM specification A1064/A1064M, which covers carbonsteel wire and welded wire reinforcement, smooth and deformed, for concrete in the following seven styles:

- 1. 6X6 W1.4/W1.4 or D1.4/D1.4
- 2. 6X6 W2.1/W2.1 or D2.1/D2.1
- 3. 6X6 W2.9/W2.9 or D2.9/D2.9
- 4. 6X6 W4/W4 or D4/D4
- 5. 6X12 W4/W4 or D4/D4
- 6. 4X4 W2.9/W2.9 or D2.9/D2.9
- 7. 4X4 W4/W4 or D4/D4

The first number in the style denotes the spacing between the longitudinal wires and the second number denotes the spacing between the transverse wires. In the first style listed above, for example, "6X6" denotes a grid size of six inches by six inches. "W" denotes the use of smooth wire, and "D" denotes the use of deformed wire in making the mesh. The number following the W or D denotes the cross-sectional area of the transverse and longitudinal wires in hundredths of a square inch (i.e., W1.4 or D1.4 is .014 square inches).

Smooth wire is wire that has a uniform cross-sectional diameter throughout the length of the wire.

Deformed wire is wire with indentations or raised transverse ribs, which results in wire that does not have a uniform cross-sectional diameter throughout the length of the wire.

Rolls of subject wire mesh are currently produced in the following styles and actual width and length combinations:

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Style: 6X6 W1.4/W1.4 or D1.4/D1.4 (i.e., 10 gauge)
Roll Sizes: 5' X 50'
5' X 150'
6' X 150'
5' X 200'
7' X 200'
7.5' X 200'

Style: 6X6 W2.1/W2.1 or D2.1/D2.1 (i.e., 8 gauge)
Roll Sizes: 5' X 150'
Style: 6X6 W2.9/W2.9 or D2.9/D2.9 (i.e., 6 gauge)
Roll Sizes: 5' X 150'
7' X 200'
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All rolled wire mesh is included in scope regardless of length.

Sheets of subject standard welded wire mesh are currently produced in the following styles and actual width and length combinations:

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Style: 6X6 W1.4/W1.4 or D1.4/D1.4 (i.e., 10 gauge)
Sheet Size: 3'6" X 7'
           4' X 7'
           X 7'6"
           5' X 10'
           7' X 20'
           7'6" X 20'
           8' X 12'6"
           8' X 15'
           8' X 20'
Style: 6X6 W2.1/W2.1 or D2.1/D2.1 (i.e., 8 gauge)
Sheet Size: 5' X 10'
           7' X 20'
           7'6" X 20'
           8' X 12'6"
           8' X 15'
           8' X 20'
Style: 6X6 W2.9/W2.9 or D2.9/D2.9 (i.e., 6 gauge)
Sheet Size: 3'6" X 20'
           5' X 10'
           7' X 20'
           7'6" X 20'
           8' X 12'6"
           8' X 15'
           8' X 20'
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Style: 6X12 W4/W4 or D4/D4 (i.e., 4 gauge)

Sheet Size: 8' X 20'

Style: 4X4 W2.9/W2.9 or D2.9/D2.9 (i.e., 6 gauge)

Sheet Size: 5' X 10' 7' X 20'

7'6" X 20' 8' X 12'6" 8' X 12'8" 8' X 15' 8' X 20'

Style: 4X4 W4/W4 or D4/D4 (i.e., 4 gauge)

Sheet Size: 5' X 10' 8' X 12'6" 8' X 12'8" 8' X 15'

8' X 20'

Any product imported, sold, or invoiced in one of these size combinations is included in this definition.

ASTM specification A1064/A1064M provides for permissible variations in wire gauges, the spacing between transverse and longitudinal wires, and the length and width combinations. To the extent a roll or sheet of welded wire mesh falls within these permissible variations, it is included in this definition.

ASTM specification A1064/A1064M also defines permissible oversteeling, which is the use of a heavier gauge wire with a larger cross-sectional area than nominally specified. It also permits a wire diameter tolerance of + 0.003 inches for products up to W5/D5 and + 0.004 for sizes over W5/D5. A producer may oversteel by increasing smooth or deformed wire diameter up to two whole number size increments on Table 1 of A1064. Subject wire mesh has the following wire diameter ranges, which account for both oversteeling and diameter tolerance:

| W/D No. | Maximum Oversteeling No. | Diameter Range (inch) |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.4 | (i.e., 10 gauge) | 3.4 0.093 to 0.211 |
| 2.1 | (i.e., 8 gauge) | 4.1 0.161 to 0.231 |
| 2.9 | (i.e., 6 gauge) | 4.9 0.189 to 0.253 |
| 4.0 | (i.e., 4 gauge) | 6.0 0.223 to 0.280 |

To the extent a roll or sheet of wire mesh falls within the permissible variations provided above, it is within this scope.

In addition to the tolerances permitted in ASTM specification A1064/A1064M, wire mesh in this definition includes combinations where:

- 1. A width and/or length combination varies by + one grid size in any direction, i.e., + 6 inches in length or width where the wire mesh's grid size is "6X6"; and/or
- 2. The center-to-center spacing between individual wires may vary by up to one quarter of an inch from the nominal grid size specified.

Length is measured from the ends of any wire and width is measured between the center-line of end longitudinal wires.

Additionally, although the subject wire mesh typically meets ASTM A1064/A1064M, the failure to include certifications, test reports or other documentation establishing that the product meets this specification does not remove the product from the scope. Wire mesh made to comparable foreign specifications (e.g., DIN, JIS, etc.) or proprietary specifications is included in the scope.

Excluded from the scope is wire mesh that is galvanized (i.e., coated with zinc) or coated with an epoxy coating. In order to be excluded as galvanized, the excluded welded wire mesh must have a zinc coating thickness meeting the requirements of ASTM specification A641/A641M. Epoxy coating is a mix of epoxy resin and hardener that can be applied to the surface of steel wire.

Wire mesh is currently imported under statistical reporting numbers 7314.20.0000 and 7314.39.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The HTSUS provisions are for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope is dispositive.

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

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

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

Release of information.--The information provided by your firm in response to this questionnaire, as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with this proceeding, may become subject to, and released under, the administrative protective order provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1677f) and section 207.7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.7). This means that certain lawyers and other authorized individuals may temporarily be given access to the information for use in connection with this proceeding or other import-injury proceedings conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise; those individuals would be subject to severe penalties if the information were divulged to unauthorized individuals.

<u>Valid number error messages.</u>—If you are completing this form in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 rather than \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete this form. Detailed instructions on how to

resolve this issue is provided at the end of this questionnaire and is available upon request from Tyler Berard (202-205-3354, Tyler.Berard@usitc.gov).

I-1. <u>OMB statistics</u>.--Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this questionnaire.

| Hours | Dollars |
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The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 20 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire.

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

I-2. <u>Establishments covered</u>.--Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire.

| "Establishment" Each facility of a firm in Mexico involved in the production or export of wire |
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| mesh, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically |
| separate from) such facilities. Firms operating more than one establishment in Mexico should |
| combine the data for all establishments into a single report. |

I-3. Related producers.--Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce wire mesh in the United States or other countries?

| No | Yes | If yes, please name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnaire. |
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| I-4. | | | <u>ters</u> Does your firm | or any related firm i | mport or have any | plans to import |
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| | wire mesh | into the | United States? | | | |
| | No | Yes | 1 | the firm(s) below a orter questionnaire. | nd ensure that the | ey complete the |
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| I-5. | I-4 are pu symbol (ir | blicly trad ncluding A | mation If your firm ed in the United Stat merican Depository I | es, please specify the Receipts, if applicabl | e stock exchange a | and trading |
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| I-7. | | | ease provide the nam J.S. importers of you | • | | e-mail addresses |
| | Importer's na | ime | Contact person | Email | Telephone | Share of your firm's 2019 U.S. exports (%) |
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PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Telephone

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Tyler Berard (202-205-3354, Tyler.Berard@usitc.gov). **Supply all data requested on a calendar-year basis.**

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

II-2a. <u>Changes in operations.</u>—Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the production of wire mesh since January 1, 2017.

| (che | ck as many as appropriate) | ((If checked, please describe the nature, date(s), and significance of any such reported changes as well as the business reasons for them; leave completely blank if not applicable)) |
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| | plant openings | |
| | plant closings | |
| | relocations | |
| | expansions | |
| | acquisitions | |
| | consolidations | |
| | prolonged shutdowns or production curtailments | |
| | revised labor agreements | |
| | other (e.g., technology) | |

II-2b. <u>COVID-19 pandemic.</u>-- Since January 1, 2020, has the COVID-19 pandemic or have any government actions taken to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus resulted in changes in relation to your firm's supply arrangements, production, employment, and shipments relating to wire mesh?

| No | If yes, describe these changes including a separate discussion of the (a) supply chain impact, (b) production and shipments impact, and (c) employment impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. |
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II-3a. **Production using same machinery**.--Please report your firm's production of products using the same equipment, machinery, or employees as used to produce wire mesh, and the combined production capacity on this shared equipment, machinery, or employees in the periods indicated.

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

Note.--If your firm does not produce any out-of-scope merchandise on the same machinery and equipment as scope merchandise then the "overall production capacity" numbers reported in this question should be exactly equal to the "average production capacity" numbers reported in question II-8. If, however, your firm does produce out-of-scope merchandise using the same machinery and equipment as scope merchandise, then the "average production capacity" reported in question II-8 should exclude the portion of "overall production capacity" that was used to produce this out-of-scope merchandise.

"Production" -- All production in your establishment(s) in Mexico, including production consumed internally within your firm.

"Engineered wire mesh" - Engineered wire mesh (also referred to as "structural mesh") is assembled from steel wires welded together in a grid pattern, complies with ASTM A1064 or equivalent specifications, and is designed to reinforce concrete. Being custom designed for specific end uses and customers, engineered wire mesh often, but not always, consists of non-uniform or heavier wires, non-uniform grid sizes, or in sheet dimensions different from standard wire mesh.

II-3a. **Production using same machinery**.--**Continued**.

| | | Quantity (i | n short tons) | | | |
|------------------|--|--|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------|
| | | | Calendar year | | January-Se _l | ptember |
| | Item | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Overall | production capacity ¹ | | | | | |
| | tion of: | | | | | |
| | e mesh ² | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | of-scope production | | | | | |
| | ngineered wire mesh | | | | | |
| | ther products ³ | | | | | |
| | Subtotal, out-of-scope production | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Total production using | | | | | |
| | same machinery or w | • | О | 0 | 0 | |
| I-3b. | Operating parameters: operating parameters: Hours per wee | | eeks per year | II 3a is bas | ea on the folio | owilig |
| I-3c. | | | | | | |
| 1-30. | capacity reported in II-3 | Please describe the n Ba, and explain any c | | | • | duction |
| | | Ba, and explain any c | hanges in repo | rted capacity. | | |
| II-3d. II-3e. | capacity reported in II-s | 3a, and explain any c | hanges in repo | rted capacity. | mit(s) on your | r firm's |
| II-3d. | Production constraints production capacity. Capacity increases Si mesh? | 3a, and explain any c | hanges in repo | that set the li | mit(s) on your | r firm's |

| (a). | ls yo | our firm | ble to switch production (capacity | y) between wire mesh and other produc |
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| | usin | ng the sa | ne equipment and/or labor? | |
| No |) | Yes | f yes—(i.e., have produced other products) Please identify other a | products or are able to produce other ctual or potential products. |
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| (b). | betv | ween pro | • | n's ability to shift production capacity ce change, etc.), and the degree to whic |
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| II-5. | | | at percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was sof wire mesh? percent. | | | | | |
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| II-6a. | | irm's estimated share of production in MexicoPlease estimate the percentage of total roduction of wire mesh Mexico accounted for by your firm's production in 2019 percent. | | | | | | |
| II-6b. | Firm's estimated share of country's exportsPlease estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of wire mesh from Mexico accounted for by your firm's exports in 2019. percent. | | | | | | | |
| II-7. | <u>Third country trade actions</u> Is the wire mesh exported by your firm subject to antidumping/countervailing duty/safeguard findings, remedies, or proceedings? | | | | | | | |
| | No | Yes | If yesList the products(s), countries affected, and the date of such findings/remedies/proceedings. | | | | | |
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II-8. <u>Trade data</u>.--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of wire mesh in your establishment(s) in Mexico during the specified periods. Do not include resales of wire mesh that your firm did not produce in this question; those data to the degree they are exported to the United States should only be reported in question II-9.

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

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

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

"Production" -- All production in your establishment(s) in Mexico, including production consumed internally within your firm.

"Shipments"--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in Mexico. Quantities reported should be net of returns.

"Home market commercial shipments"--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within Mexico.

"Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms"--Shipments made to related firms in Mexico, including product consumed internally by your firm.

"Export shipments"--Shipments to destinations outside of the country indicated on page 1 (Mexico), including shipments to related firms.

"Inventories" -- Finished goods inventory, not raw materials or work-in-progress.

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

II-8. **Trade data.**--Continued.

| Quantity (in short tons) | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------|--------------------------|------|
| | | Actı | ıal experiei | nce | | Projections ¹ | |
| | Ca | alendar yea | r | January-September | | Calendar year | |
| Item | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2019 | 2020 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Average production capacity ² (A) | | | | | | | |
| Beginning-of-period inventories (B) | | | | | | | |
| Production (C) | | | | | | | |
| Home market shipments: Internal consumption/ transfers (D) | | | | | | | |
| Commercial shipments (E) | | | | | | | |
| Exports to the United States (F) | | | | | | | |
| Exports to all other markets ³ (G) | | | | | | | |
| Total exports (H) (should equal F+G) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total shipments (I) (should equal D+E+F+G) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| End-of-period inventories (J) | | | | | | | |
| ¹ Please explain the basis for your f ² The production capacity reported describe the methodology used to calc ³ Identify principal other export ma | is based on coulo | operating tion capacit | hours | | | | |

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

| | Actual experience | | | | | | Projections | |
|--|-------------------|-------------|------|----------|-----------|--------|-------------|--|
| | C | alendar yea | r | January- | September | Calend | dar year | |
| Item | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2019 | 2020 | 2020 | 2021 | |
| B + C - D - E - F - G - J = should equal | | | | | | | | |
| zero ("0") or provide an explanation.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

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

II-9. Exports to the United States not produced by your firm.--Report your firm's exports to the United States of wire mesh that was produced in Mexico but not by your firm during the specified periods. Note these data should <u>not</u> be included in question II-8.

| Quantity (in short tons) | | | | | | | |
|--|------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------|
| | | Act | ual experie | ence | | Proje | ctions |
| | (| Calendar yea | ar | January-S | September | Calend | lar year |
| Item | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2019 | 2020 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Exports of wire mesh to the United States not produced by your firm ¹ | | | | | | | |
| ¹ List the producer(s) | | | | | | | |

| II-10. | Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part II for which a narrative box was not provided, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with the MS Word questionnaire. |
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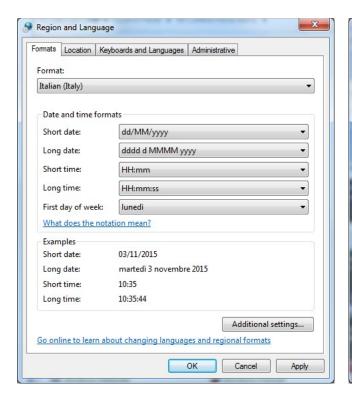
Correcting valid number error messages.—If you are completing a Commission questionnaire in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 instead of as \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. This issues stem from your computer number formatting setting (e.g., not the MS Word document itself, but the computer from which you are opening up the document). In the United States commas (,) delineate multiples of 1000 and periods (.) delineate fractions less than one. Many EU countries use the reverse where multiples of 1000 are delineated with periods (.) and fractions less than one are delineated with commas (,). The U.S. International Trade Commission's questionnaires are setup in the United States with the U.S. number formatting. When this formatting interacts with a computer set to EU number formatting, we believe this may cause this issue.

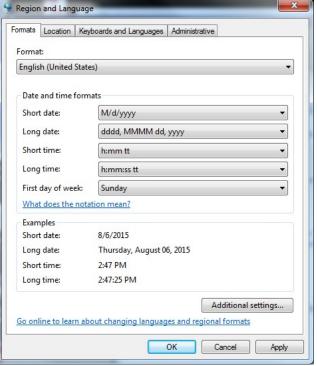
The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete the questionnaire.

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

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

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





HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

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

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2020/standard_steel_welded_wire_mesh_mexico/final.htm

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

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

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

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

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

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