### **U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE**

# NON-ORIENTED ELECTRICAL STEEL FROM CHINA, GERMANY, JAPAN, KOREA, SWEDEN, AND TAIWAN

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by August 10, 2020 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 review of the countervailing duty orders concerning non-oriented electrical steel ("NOES") from China and Taiwan and the antidumping duty orders concerning NOES from China, Germany, Japan, Korea, Sweden, and Taiwan (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-506 and 508 and 731-TA-1238-1243 (Review)). 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 Andrew Knipe (202-205-2390, andrew.knipe@usitc.gov).

Name of firm

Address \_

	City		Sta	<u></u>	zip code	
	Website					
	Has your firm since January		ES (as defined on the next	page) <u>from</u>	n any source (domestic or foreign) at any time	
	■ NO	(Sign the certifi	ication below and promptly r	eturn only t	this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)	
	YES	(Complete all p	parts of the questionnaire, an	d return the	e entire questionnaire to the Commission)	
			the Commission <i>Drop B</i> 'oinv/ (PIN: NOES)	ox by clic	king on the following link:	
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Name of	f Authorized Offi	cial 1	Title of Authorized Officia	ı	Date	
Signatur	re		Phone		Email address	

#### PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

**Background.**--On December 3, 2014, the Department of Commerce ("Commerce") issued countervailing duty orders on imports of NOES from China and Taiwan. Also on December 3, 2014 Commerce issued antidumping duty orders on imports of NOES from China, Germany, Japan, Korea, Sweden, and Taiwan. On November 1, 2019, the Commission instituted reviews pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic industry within a reasonably foreseeable time. If both the Commission and Commerce make an affirmative determination, the orders will remain in place. If either the Commission or Commerce makes a negative determination, Commerce will revoke the orders. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2019/non oriented electrical steel china germany jap an/first review full.htm.

**NOES** covered by these investigations includes cold-rolled, flat-rolled, alloy steel products, whether or not in coils, regardless of width, having an actual thickness of 0.20 mm or more, in which the core loss is substantially equal in any direction of magnetization in the plane of the material. The term "substantially equal" means that the cross grain direction of core loss is no more than 1.5 times the straight grain direction (*i.e.*, the rolling direction) of core loss. NOES has a magnetic permeability that does not exceed 1.65 Tesla when tested at a field of 800 A/m (equivalent to 10 Oersteds) along (i.e., parallel to) the rolling direction of the sheet (i.e., B800 value). NOES contains by weight more than 1.00 percent of silicon but less than 3.5 percent of silicon, not more than 0.08 percent of carbon, and not more than 1.5 percent of aluminum. NOES has a surface oxide coating, to which an insulation coating may be applied.

NOES is subject to the Order whether it is fully processed (i.e., fully annealed to develop final magnetic properties) or semi-processed (i.e., finished to final thickness and physical form but not fully annealed to develop final magnetic properties). Fully processed NOES is typically made to the requirements of ASTM specification A 677, Japanese Industrial Standards (JIS) specification C 2552, and/or International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) specification 60404–8–4. Semi-processed NOES is typically made to the requirements of ASTM specification A 683. However, the scope of the Order is not limited to merchandise meeting the ASTM, JIS, and IEC specifications noted immediately above.

NOES is sometimes referred to as cold-rolled non-oriented (CRNO), nongrain oriented (NGO), non-oriented (NO), or cold-rolled non-grain oriented (CRNGO) electrical steel. These terms are interchangeable.

Excluded from the scope of the Order are flat-rolled products not in coils that, prior to importation into the United States, have been cut to a shape and undergone all punching, coating, or other operations necessary for classification in Chapter 85 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) as a part (i.e., lamination) for use in a device such as a motor, generator, or transformer.

NOES is currently imported under statistical reporting numbers 7225.19.0000, 7226.19.1000, and 7226.19.9000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). It may also be entered under HTSUS statistical reporting numbers 7225.50.8085, 7225.99.0090, 7226.92.5000, 7226.92.7050, 7226.92.8050, 7226.99.0180 of the HTSUS. The HTSUS provisions are for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope is dispositive.

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

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

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Law firm:		
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Lead attorney(s):  DwnershipIs you  No  Firm name  Related importers	Country  ExportersDoes your firm have any r	Extent of ownersh (percent)  elated firms, either domestic of

Related p		<b>s</b> Does your	firm have any related firms, o	either domestic or foreign, tha
☐ No		YesList the	following information.	
Firm nam	ne and co	untry	Country	Affiliation
			pany or any related firm have ss, or analyze expected mark	e a business plan or any interna et conditions for NOES?
No	Yes		provide these documents. I ocuments, please explain wh	

#### 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.--

(a) Please estimate your firm's total U.S. purchases of NOES in 2019. (Do not include imports for which your firm was the importer of record; such imports should be reported in your U.S. importer's questionnaire.)

Quantity (short tons)	
' ' ' '	

(b) Estimate the percentage of the quantity of your firm's purchases of NOES in 2019 that were produced in each of the specified countries.

NOES produced in:	Share of quantity of 2019 purchases
United States	%
China	%
Germany	%
Japan	%
Korea	%
Sweden	%
Taiwan	%
All other countries:1	%
Sources unknown	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %
<sup>1</sup> Please identify these countries:	

•	ur firm purchase NOES from China, Germany, Japan, Korea, Sweden, and/or n before 2014?
☐ No	skip to (c) Yes
-	has your pattern of purchasing NOES from China, Germany, Japan, Korea, n, and/or Taiwan changed since 2014?
	No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.
	Yes, we discontinued purchases from China, Germany, Japan, Korea, Sweden, and/or Taiwan because of the order.
	Yes, we reduced purchases from China, Germany, Japan, Korea, Sweden, and/or Taiwan because of the order.
	Yes, but we changed the pattern of purchases from China, Germany, Japan, Korea, Sweden, and/or Taiwan for reasons other than the order (please explain below).
-	our pattern of purchasing NOES from nonsubject foreign sources (i.e., countries than China, Germany, Japan, Korea, Sweden, and/or Taiwan) changed since 2014?  We did not purchase from nonsubject foreign sources before or after the
	order.
	No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.
	Yes, we increased purchases from nonsubject foreign sources because of the order.
	Taiwar  No  If yes, Swede

II-3. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns.</u>--Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of NOES 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						
Japan						
Korea						
Sweden						
Taiwan						
All other countries						
Sources unknown						

II-4. <u>Country knowledge.</u>--Please indicate the countries of origin with which your firm has experience or information in the NOES market.

								Other
United							Other	countries
States	China	Germany	Japan	Korea	Sweden	Taiwan	countries	(specify)
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II-5. <u>Supplier identification</u>.--Please list your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for NOES since January 1, 2014. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of NOES that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2019.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2019 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

## PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

				Other	(Describe other)
			firm that stan efore selling i		laminates NOES and does not er firm.
rm is a c	distribu	tor of NOES,	please answ	er question	ns III-2 and III-3.
No	Yes	, . T	urchase NOES ase describe.		

I-4.	End us		re been	any chang	-		of NOES since January 1	, 2014? Do you
	Chan	ges in end use	es No	Yes			Explain	
		ges since ry 1, 2014						
	Antici	pated change	s					
I-5.	Dema	nd for end-us	e produ	<u>cts</u>				
	(a)	Has the den January 1, 2		your firm	's final p	roducts inc	orporating NOES chang	ed since
		Increased	N	o change	De	ecreased	Fluctuated	
	(b)	Has this had	any eff	ect on you	ır firm's	demand for	NOES?	•
		No	Yes				Explain	
-6.				•	•		r or types of products the cipate any future chang	
	С	hanges in sub	stitutes	No	Yes		Explain	
	Chang	ges since Janu	ary 1, 20	014				

III-7. <u>Demand trends.</u>--Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for NOES has changed since January 1, 2014, and how you anticipate demand will change in the future. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected, and that you anticipate will affect, these changes in demand.

Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explanation and factors		
		l	Demand si	nce January 1	l, 2014		
Within the U.S.							
Outside the U.S.							
	Anticipated future demand						
Within the U.S.							
Outside the U.S.							

- III-8. Market studies.--Please provide as a separate attachment to this request any studies, surveys, etc. that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss NOES supply (including production capacity and capacity utilization) and demand in (1) the United States, (2) each of the other major producing/consuming countries, including China, Germany, Japan, Korea, Sweden, and/or Taiwan, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data from 2014 to the present and forecasts for the future.
- III-9. <u>Country preferences.</u>--Do you or your customers ever specifically order NOES from one country in particular over other possible sources of supply?

No	Yes	If yes, identify the countries and explain.

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III-10.	Importance of purchasing domestic productPlease fill out the table below, estimating the
	percentage of your firm's total 2019 purchases of NOES that required NOES produced in the
	United States.

	Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2019 purchases of NOES
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 NOES market subject to business cycles (other than general economy-wide conditions)
	and/or other conditions of competition distinctive to NOES?

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

(b) If yes, have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for NOES since January 1, 2014?

No	Yes	If yes, describe.

III-12. Trends and developments in e-mobility sectorPlease identify trend developments in the United States with respect to NOES products rel motors for electric vehicles (i.e. the e-mobility sector). In addition, pleability to purchase NOES for these applications (in particular NOES with content, thickness range between 0.20mm and 0.35mm, magnetic characteristics and yield strength (Ys) above 390mpa).						ducts related to the production of dition, please indicate your firm's NOES with a minimum of 3% Si gnetic characteristics measured and		
III-13.	<b>Decisions bas</b>	ed on prod	ucer and co	ountry-of-origin	<u>າ</u> How o	ften does your firm, and if you		
	know, do you	customers	s, make pur	chasing decisio	ns involvi	ng NOES based on its producer or		
	country of original	gin?						
		Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, explain.		
	Decision based on producer							
	Your firm							
	Your							
	customers							
			Decisio	n based on cou	intry of o	rigin		
	Your firm							
	Your							

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III-14.	Availability of supplyHas the availability of NOES in the U.S. market changed since January 1,
	2014? Do you anticipate any future changes?

	Availabi	ility in the	e U.S. market	No	Yes	Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the changes.		
		<b>,</b>			anges since January 1, 2014:			
	U.Sproduced product							
	Imports from China, Germany, Japan, Korea, Sweden, and/or Taiwan							
	Imports f	rom all ot	ther countries					
				An	ticipa	ted changes:		
	U.Sprod	uced pro	duct					
	Imports from China, Germany, Japan, Korea, Sweden, and/or Taiwan							
	Imports f	rom all ot	ther countries					
III-15.	III-15. Availability of specific product ty from certain country sources?			<u>pes</u> /	Are ce	rtain grades/types/sizes of NOES only available		
	No	Yes	If yes, please i	dentif	y the o	countries and the grade/type/size.		
III-16. Supply constraintsHas any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your fir NOES since January 1, 2014 (examples include placing customers on allocation or "colorder entry," declining to accept new customers or renew existing customers, deliver than the quantity promised, being unable to meet timely shipment commitments, etc.				e placing customers on allocation or "controlled ers or renew existing customers, delivering less				
	No	Yes	If yes, please o	describ	oe.			
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III-17.	Purchasing	frequency

(a)	How frequently do	you make purchase	es of NOES (check one)?
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Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify

(b) Do you expect this purchasing frequency to change in the next two years?

No	Yes	If yes, explain.

## III-18. Raw material prices.--

(a) Is your firm familiar with the prices for raw materials used in the production of NOES?

No	Yes – please answer (b)

(b) Has information on raw material prices affected your firm's negotiations or contracts to purchase NOES since 2014?

No	Yes	Explain

III-19.	Impact of the section 232 tariffs Did the imposition of tariffs on imported steel/aluminum
	products under section 232 have an impact on the NOES market in the United States?

<b>Yes</b> — Please indicate the impact in the table below.	No	Don't know

Factor	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explain, noting how the imposition of tariffs under section 232 affected each factor of the NOES market in the United States.
Supply of U.S produced NOES					
Supply of imported NOES					
Prices for NOES					
Overall U.S. demand for NOES					
Raw material costs for NOES					

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I		-				•	on of tariffs o	on Chinese-origin products under ed States?
				indicate th table belo	_	No		Don't know
		Factor		Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explain, noting how the imposition of tariffs under section 301 affected each factor of the NOES market in the United States.
		pply of U.S duced NO						
		oply of NO ted from (						
	impor	oply of NO ted from o countries						
	Pric	ces for NO	ES					
		ıll U.S. den for NOES	nand					
		material c for NOES	osts					
	II-22.	purchase	? Betw negoti	een ationsDo	_ and	firms.		ou generally contact before making a sually involve negotiations between
		No	Yes		•	•	u generally r s during neg	negotiate and note whether your otiations.

III-23. Change in suppliersHas your firm changed suppliers since January 1,	, 2014:
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No	Yes	If yes, please list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or dropped, and the reasons for the change.

#### III-24. New suppliers.--

(a)	Are 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.

(b) Do you expect new NOES suppliers to enter the U.S. market?

No	Yes	If yes, please explain.

III-25. <u>Supplier qualification</u>.--Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell NOES 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	

III-26.	Failure to certifySince January 1, 2014, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their
	attempts to certify or qualify their NOES 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-27.	Major purchasing factorsPlease list, in order of their importance, the three major factors your
	firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase NOES (examples include availability,
	extension of credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier,
	etc.).

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

III-28. <u>Purchasing factors.</u>--Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for NOES.

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability (overall)			
Availability of NOES for e-mobility applications			
Cut-to-length for customer			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Inventory management			
Minimum quantity requirements			
Packaging			
Payment terms			
Price			
Product consistency			
Product range			
Quality meets industry standards			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs			

III-30.	Minimum qualityHow often does NOES 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					
Japan					
Korea					
Sweden					
Taiwan					
Other:					

III-31. <u>Frequency of decisions based on price.--</u>How often does your firm purchase the NOES 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 NOES market since January 1, 2014.

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

III-33.	Change	es in U.S. ir	ndustry
	(a)	January 1	entify and discuss any improvements/changes in the U.S. NOES industry since ., 2014 and explain the factors, including the order(s) under review, that were ble for each improvement/change.
	(b)		scuss any improvements/changes that you anticipate in the future in the U.S. ustry. Identify the time period and causes for these improvements/changes.
III-34.	Effect o	of revocati	ion of orders
	(a)	orders co Taiwan in You may	the significance of the existing antidumping duty and countervailing duty overing imports of NOES from China, Germany, Japan, Korea, Sweden, and a terms of their effect on your firm's purchasing operations/sourcing patterns. wish to compare your firm's purchasing operations/sourcing patterns before the imposition of the orders.
	(b)	sourcing antidump	our firm anticipate any changes in the character of its purchasing operations/patterns relating to your firm's procurement of NOES in the future if the bing duty and countervailing duty orders on NOES from China, Germany, Japan, weden and Taiwan were to be revoked?
	No	Yes	If yes, describe.

#### PART IV.--PRODUCT COMPARISIONS

IV-1. <u>Interchangeability</u>.--Is NOES 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	Japan	Korea	Sweden	Taiwan	Other countries
United States							
China							
Germany							
Japan			$\times$				
Korea				$\times$			
Sweden					><		
Taiwan							

For any country-pair producing NOES which is *sometimes* or *never* 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 NOES 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	Japan	Korea	Sweden	Taiwan	Other countries
United States							
China	$\times$						
Germany							
Japan			>				
Korea				$\times$			
Sweden					$\times$		
Taiwan							

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

IV-3. <u>Factor country comparisons.</u>--For the factors listed below, please rate how NOES produced in each country you identified in your response to question II-4 compares with NOES produced in each of the other countries you identified.

	Product from the United States compared to product from China			Product from the <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Germany</u>			Product from the United States compared to product from Japan		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Availability of NOES for e-mobility applications									
Cut-to-length for customer									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Inventory management									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Payment terms									
Price <sup>1</sup>									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>									

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.**

	<u>Uni</u>	Product from the United States compared to product from Korea			Product from the <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Sweden</u>			Product from the United States compared to product from Taiwan		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	
Availability										
Availability of NOES for e-mobility applications										
Cut-to-length for customer										
Delivery terms										
Delivery time										
Discounts offered										
Inventory management										
Minimum quantity requirements										
Packaging										
Payment terms										
Price <sup>1</sup>										
Product consistency										
Product range										
Quality meets industry standards										
Quality exceeds industry standards										
Reliability of supply										
Technical support/service										
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>										

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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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Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability												
Availability of NOES for e-mobility applications												
Cut-to-length for customer												
Delivery terms												
Delivery time												
Discounts offered												
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	Product from Korea compared to product from nonsubject countries			cor pro	Product from <u>Sweden</u> compared to  product from <u>nonsubject</u> <u>countries</u>			Product from Taiwan compared to product from nonsubject countries		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	
Availability										
Availability of NOES for e-mobility applications										
Cut-to-length for customer										
Delivery terms										
Delivery time										
Discounts offered										
Inventory management										
Minimum quantity requirements										
Packaging										
Payment terms										
Price <sup>1</sup>										
Product consistency										
Product range										
Quality meets industry standards										
Quality exceeds industry standards										
Reliability of supply										
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U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>										
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## IV-4. Change in price.--

(a) Since January 1, 2014, has there been a change in the price of NOES from any the following countries?

Country	Yes (also respond to question part (b))	No (If "No" for all countries, skip to next question)
United States		
China		
Germany		
Japan		
Korea		
Sweden		
Taiwan		

(b) If your firm responded "yes" to any of the above countries, please describe how the price of U.S.-produced NOES has changed relative to the price of imported NOES from China, Germany, Japan, Korea, Sweden, and/or Taiwan.

	Prices changed	Price of U.S	Price of U.S
	by the same	produced NOES is	produced NOES is
Country	percent	now relatively higher	now relatively lower
China			
Germany			
Japan			
Korea			
Sweden			
Taiwan			

#### PART V.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

V-1.	<u>Other explanations</u> If your firm would like to further explain a response to any question that for which a narrative response box was not provided, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below.

V-2. <u>OMB statistics.</u>--Please report the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this questionnaire.

Hours	Dollars

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 40 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire.

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

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• <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: NOES

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to <a href="mailto:andrew.knipe@usitc.gov">andrew.knipe@usitc.gov</a>; 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** <u>does not </u>**purchase this product**, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.

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