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

# SEAMLESS CARBON AND ALLOY STEEL STANDARD, LINE, AND PRESSURE PIPE ("SSLP PIPE") FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC ("CZECHIA"), KOREA, RUSSIA, AND UKRAINE

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>January 4, 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 SSLP pipe from Czechia, Korea, Russia, and Ukraine (inv. No. 701-TA-654-655 and 731-TA-1529-1532 (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, <a href="mailto:tana.vonkessler@usitc.gov">tana.vonkessler@usitc.gov</a>).

Name of firm \_\_\_\_\_

	City	State	Zip Code	_
	Website			_
		ed, or imported for its own use, SSLP pipe at any time since January 1, 2018?	(as defined on next page) from any source	
	NO (Sign th	ne certification below and promptly return only	this page of the questionnaire to the Commission	1)
	YES (Compl	ete all parts of the questionnaire, and return th	ne entire questionnaire to the Commission)	
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Name of	Authorized Official	Title of Authorized Official	Date	_
Signature	<u> </u>	 Phone	Email address	

#### PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

<u>Background</u>.-- This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed July 8, 2020, by Vallourec Star, LP, Houston, Texas. Countervailing and/or antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these proceedings if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce ("Commerce") makes an affirmative determination of subsidization and/or dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2020/seamless\_standard\_line\_and\_pressure\_pipe\_czechi a/final.htm.

**SSLP pipe** covered by these investigations is seamless carbon and alloy steel (other than stainless steel) pipes and redraw hollows, less than or equal to 16 inches (406.4 mm) in outside diameter, regardless of wall-thickness, manufacturing process (e.g., hot-finished or cold-drawn), end finish (e.g., plain end, beveled end, upset end, threaded, or threaded and coupled), or surface finish (e.g., bare, lacquered or coated). Redraw hollows are any unfinished carbon or alloy steel (other than stainless steel) pipe or "hollow profiles" suitable for cold finishing operations, such as cold drawing, to meet the American Society for Testing and Materials ("ASTM") or American Petroleum Institute ("API") specifications referenced below, or comparable specifications. Specifically included within the scope are seamless carbon and alloy steel (other than stainless steel) standard, line, and pressure pipes produced to the ASTM A-53, ASTM A-106, ASTM A-333, ASTM A-334, ASTM A-589, ASTM A-795, ASTM A-1024, and the API 5L specifications, or comparable specifications, and meeting the physical parameters described above, regardless of application, with the exception of the exclusions discussed below.

Specifically excluded from the scope of the investigations are: (1) all pipes meeting aerospace, hydraulic, and bearing tubing specifications; (2) all pipes meeting the chemical requirements of ASTM A-335, whether finished or unfinished; and (3) unattached couplings. Also excluded from the scope of the investigation are all mechanical, boiler, condenser and heat exchange tubing, except when such products conform to the dimensional requirements, i.e., outside diameter and wall thickness, of ASTM A-53, ASTM A-106 or API 5L specifications.

SSLP pipe is currently imported under statistical reporting numbers 7304.19.1020, 7304.19.1030, 7304.19.1045, 7304.19.1060, 7304.19.5020, 7304.19.5050, 7304.31.6050, 7304.39.0016, 7304.39.0020, 7304.39.0024, 7304.39.0028, 7304.39.0032, 7304.39.0036, 7304.39.0040, 7304.39.0044, 7304.39.0048, 7304.39.0052, 7304.39.0056, 7304.39.0062, 7304.39.0068, 7304.39.0072, 7304.51.5005, 7304.51.5060, 7304.59.6000, 7304.59.8010, 7304.59.8015, 7304.59.8020, 7304.59.8025, 7304.59.8030, 7304.59.8035, 7304.59.8040, 7304.59.8045, 7304.59.8050, 7304.59.8055, 7304.59.8060, 7304.59.8065, and 7304.59.8070 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>Purchaser</u>.--Any firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in purchasing SSLP pipe from another firm that produces, imports, or otherwise distributes SSLP pipe.

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

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

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

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

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facilities operated in co	njunction with (whether or not p	hysically separate from) such faci
Stock symbol informati	on If your firm or parent firm i	s publicly traded, please specify t
stock exchange and trac	ding symbol:	
External counsel If yo	ur firm or parent firm is represe	nted by external counsel in relation
this proceeding, please	specify the name of the law firm	and the lead attorney(s).
Law firm:		
Lead attorney(s):		
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4.	<u>Related producers.</u> Does your firm have any related firms or joint ventures, either domestic or foreign, which produce SSLP pipe?						
	☐ No ☐ YesList the following information.						
	Firm name		Country	Affiliation			

#### **PART II.--PURCHASES**

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

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

II-1. <u>Purchases and imports.--</u>Report <u>separately</u> your firm's domestic purchases and imports of SSLP pipe.

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

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

	2018	2018	2020		
Item	Quantity (in short tons)				
Purchases of SSLP pipe produced in—					
United States					
Czechia					
Korea					
Russia					
Ukraine					
All other countries <sup>1</sup>					
Sources unknown <sup>2</sup>					
Total purchases	0	0	0		
Imports of SSLP pipe from— Czechia					
Korea					
Russia					
Ukraine					
All other countries <sup>1</sup>					
Total imports <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0		
<sup>1</sup> Please identify these countries:					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please identify these countries: \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Please indicate the firm(s) from which you purchased this merchandise: \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If your firm imported SSLP pipe at any time since January 1, 2018, please also complete and return a U.S. importers' questionnaire in this proceeding.

II-2. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns.</u>--Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of SSLP pipe from different sources have changed since January 1, 2018.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States						
Czechia						
Korea						
Russia						
Ukraine						
All other countries						
Sources unknown						

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

United States	Czechia	Korea	Russia	Ukraine	Other countries	Other countries (specify)

II-4. <u>Supplier identification</u>.--Please list your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for SSLP pipe since January 1, 2018. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of SSLP pipe that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2020.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2020 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

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

III-1.	Firm typeWhich of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of SSLP pipe (check
	all that apply)?

ĺ	End user	Distributor	Other	Describe other

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

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

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-3.	Types of customersWhat are the major types of consumers to which your firm sells SSLP pip						

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

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

	Share of total cost in each of the product(s) your firm produces accounted for by				<b>Total</b> (should	
Product(s) your firm					sum to 100.0%	
produces	SSLP pipe		Other inputs		across)	
	%	+	%	11	0.0 %	
	%	+	%	II	0.0 %	
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %	

III-5.	<b>Demand</b>	for	end-use	products.
III-J.	Demanu	101	enu-use	products.

(a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating SSLP pipe changed since January 1, 2018?

Increased	No change	Decreased	Fluctuated

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

No	Yes	Explain

		No		YesPle	ease fill out	the tab	ole.	
			Fı	nd use in w	thich this	ı		changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for SSLP pipe?
	Substitute	е	End use in which this substitute is used			No	Yes	Explanation
1.								
2.								
3.								
III-7.	States (if I	known) f	or SSL	P pipe has	changed sin	d these	uary 1 e char	States and outside of the United ., 2018. Explain any trends and nges in demand.
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III-9.	Importance of purchasing domestic productPlease fill out the table below, estimating the
	percentage of your firm's total 2020 purchases of SSLP pipe that required SSLP pipe produced in
	the United States.

	Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2020 purchases of SSLP pipe
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 SSLP pipe market subject to business cycles and/or other conditions of competition distinctive to SSLP pipe?

Check a	ıll that apply.	Please describe.		
	No	Skip to question III-11.		
	Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)			
	Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition			

(b) Have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for SSLP pipe since January 1, 2018?

No	Yes	If yes, describe.

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

Item	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, explain.			
Decision based on producer								
Your firm								
Your customers								
		Decis	ion based on c	ountry of	origin			
Your firm								
Your customers								

III-12. **Availability of supply.--**Has the availability of SSLP pipe in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2018?

Availability in the U.S.			Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the
market	No	Yes	changes.
U.Sproduced product			
Imports from Czechia			
Imports from Korea			
Imports from Russia			
Imports from Ukraine			
Imports from other countries			

III-13. <u>Supply constraints.</u>--Has any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with SSLP pipe since January 1, 2018 (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.)?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

No Yes If yes, please identify the countries and the grade/type/size.	U.S. Pu	rchasers	' Questic	nnaire	- SS	SLP pipe (Fin	al)			Page 13
	III-14.		-							
(a) How frequently does your firm make purchases of SSLP pipe (check one)?    Daily   Weekly   Monthly   Quarterly   Annually   Other   If other, specify		No	Yes	If ye	es, p	lease identi	fy the countr	ies and the a	grade/ty <sub>l</sub>	pe/size.
(a) How frequently does your firm make purchases of SSLP pipe (check one)?    Daily   Weekly   Monthly   Quarterly   Annually   Other   If other, specify										
Daily Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annually Other If other, specify	III-15.	<u>Purchas</u>	sing freq	uency.						
(b) Has this purchasing frequency changed since January 1, 2018?    No   Yes   If yes, please describe.		(a)	How fre	quentl	y do	es your firm	make purch	ases of SSLP	pipe (che	ck one)?
No Yes If yes, please describe.			Daily	Week	dy	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify
No Yes If yes, please describe.										
Comparison of the production of SSLP		(b)	Has this	purcha	asinį	g frequency	changed sinc	e January 1,	2018?	
(a) Is your firm familiar with the prices for raw materials used in the production of SSLP pipe?  No Yes – please answer (b)  U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U			No	Yes	If	yes, please	describe.			
(a) Is your firm familiar with the prices for raw materials used in the production of SSLP pipe?  No Yes – please answer (b)  U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U										
No Yes – please answer (b)  Has information on raw material prices affected your firm's negotiations or contracts to purchase SSLP pipe since 2018?	III-16.	Raw ma	aterial pi	ices.—	-					
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purchase SSLP pipe since 2018?			N	0	١	<b>res</b> – please	answer (b)	]		
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between supplier and purchaser?

Yes

No

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actor	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 SSLP pipe market in the United States.
ly of U.S ed SSLP pipe					
of imported LP pipe					
or SSLP pipe					
U.S. demand SSLP pipe					
	Factor  ly of U.S ed SSLP pipe of imported LP pipe or SSLP pipe U.S. demand	Overall increase  ly of U.S ed SSLP pipe  of imported LP pipe  or SSLP pipe  U.S. demand	increase change  ly of U.S ed SSLP pipe  of imported LP pipe  or SSLP pipe  U.S. demand	Overall increase change decrease  ly of U.S ed SSLP pipe	Overall increase change decrease trend  If y of U.S ed SSLP pipe of imported LP pipe or SSLP pipe U.S. demand

If yes, explain the factors your firm generally negotiates and note whether

your firm quotes competing prices during negotiations.

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III-20.	Change i	n supplie	<u>rs</u> Has yo	our firm changed suppliers since January 1, 2018?				
	No	Yes		ease list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or dropped, easons for the change.				
III-21.	-	-	-	are of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have nuary 1, 2018?				
	No	Yes	If yes, ple	ase identify the firms.				
III-22.	<ul> <li>Supplier qualificationDo you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell SSLP pipe to your firm?</li> <li>If yes, provide the following information.</li> <li>The number of days to qualify a new supplier.</li> <li>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.).</li> </ul>							
	No	Yes	Number of days	Process and factors				
III-23.	<u>Failure to certify</u> Since January 1, 2018, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their SSLP pipe with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?							
	No	Yes		ease identify these firms, the countries where they are located, easons why they failed the certification/qualification.				

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Please list any other factors that are v	ery important in	your purchase de	cisions:
Purchasing factorsPlease rate the impurchasing decisions for SSLP pipe.		- T	
Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Approved manufacturers' list			
Availability			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
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			
Quality characteristicsWhat charact quality of SSLP pipe?	eristics does you	r firm consider wh	en determining

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III-27.	Minimum qualityHow often does SSLP pipe 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					
Czechia					
Korea					
Russia					
Ukraine					
Other:					

III-28. <u>Frequency of decisions based on price</u>.--How often does your firm purchase the SSLP pipe that is offered at the lowest price?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never

III-29. **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 SSLP pipe market since January 1, 2018.

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

## III-30. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.—

(a)	Since January 2018, did your firm import and/or purchase imports of SSLP pipe from
	Czechia, Korea, Russia, and Ukraine instead of purchasing U.Sproduced SSLP pipe?
	Respond for each subject country.

Source	Yes (also respond to parts (b) and (c))	No (If "No" for all countries, skip to next question)
Czechia		
Korea		
Russia		
Ukraine		

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

Source	Yes	No
Czechia		
Korea		
Russia		
Ukraine		

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

Source	Yes	If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports purchased and/or imported instead of domestic product since January 2018 (in short tons)	No	If No, please indicate the reason your firm imported and/or purchased imports instead of domestic product
Czechia				
Korea				
Russia				
Ukraine				

#### III-31. U.S. producers and import competition.—

(a) Since January 1, 2018, in connection with a sale or offer to sell SSLP pipe to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced SSLP pipe in order to compete with lower-priced imports of SSLP pipe from the subject countries? Respond for each subject country.

Source	Yes (also respond to question part (b))	No (If "No" for all countries, skip to next question)	Don't know
Czechia			
Korea			
Russia			
Ukraine			

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

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

#### PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1. <u>Interchangeability.--</u>Is SSLP pipe 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	Czechia	Korea	Russia	Ukraine	Other countries
United States					
Czechia					
Korea					
Russia					
Ukraine				$\nearrow$	

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

IV-2. <u>Factors other than price.</u>--Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between SSLP pipe 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	Czechia	Korea	Russia	Ukraine	Other countries
United States					
Czechia					
Korea					
Russia					
Ukraine				$\nearrow$	

For any country-pair for which factors other than price *always* or *frequently* are a significant factor in your firm's purchases of SSLP pipe, 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 SSLP pipe produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with SSLP pipe produced in each of the other countries you identified. *If you are unfamiliar with the product from a particular country, please leave the boxes for those country comparisons blank.* 

	<u>Un</u> compa	oduct fr ited Sta red to p from Czechia	tes product	<u>Uni</u> coi	duct fr ited Sta npared duct fr Korea	ites I to	<u>Un</u>	om a <u>tes</u> I to om	
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Approved manufacturers' list									
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
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. Factor country comparisons--Continued.

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

	<u>Un</u> compa	oduct from ted Sta red to p from Ukraine	tes product	<u>Uni</u> cor pro	duct fr ted Sta npared duct fr	ites I to om	Product fro <u>Czechia</u> comp to product f <u>Other count</u>		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Approved manufacturers' list									
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
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>									

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## IV-3. Factor country comparisons--Continued.

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

	Product from <u>Korea</u> compared to  product from <u>Other countries</u>				<u>Russi</u> to pr	duct fr a comp oduct er coun	oared from	Product from <u>Ukraine</u> compared to product from <u>Other countries</u>		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Approved manufacturers' list										
Availability										
Delivery terms										
Delivery time										
Discounts offered										
Minimum quantity requirements										
Packaging										
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Price <sup>1</sup>										
Product consistency										
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Quality meets industry standards										
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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.

#### PART V.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

V-2. **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.

## **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/seamless standard line and press ure pipe czechia/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: <a href="https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/">https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/</a> Pin: PIPE

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to <a href="mail.on-encrypt">tana.vonkessler@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.

<u>Parties to this proceeding</u>.—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.