



**U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security
Section 232 Investigation on the Effect of Imports of
Neodymium-Iron-Boron (NdFeB) Permanent Magnets on
U.S. National Security**



**Overview: Section 232 Investigation on the Effect of Imports of
NdFeB Permanent Magnets on U.S. National Security**

The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Office of Technology Evaluation, is conducting a survey and assessment of the U.S. NdFeB magnet industry. The resulting data will be used to support an ongoing investigation on the effect of imports of NdFeB magnets on the national security under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended. The investigation was self-initiated by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The principal goal of this survey is to assist BIS in determining whether NdFeB magnets are being imported into the United States in such quantities or under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security. The survey will also assist in determining the overall health and competitiveness of the U.S. NdFeB magnet industry and the corresponding value chain, including rare earth mining, separation, reduction, alloying, and magnet manufacturing, and production issues faced by NdFeB magnet end-users. Information collected will include organizational data, facility information, current and prospective production, purchases and suppliers, sales and customers, employment, capital expenditures, R&D, intellectual property, recycling, and competition and challenges. The resulting data will provide BIS with information that is otherwise not available and needed to conduct its investigation.

Your organization has been identified as a manufacturer and/or distributor of NdFeB magnets, a producer of components used in the production of NdFeB magnets, or an end-user of NdFeB magnets with one or more facilities in the United States. Your participation in this survey is vital to ensure a comprehensive dataset for the assessment. BIS has worked in successful partnership with other U.S. industry sectors and we anticipate similar cooperation from your organization on this effort.

Legal Protections and Requirements

The information collected from survey respondents may be used publicly only in aggregated form, meaning at no time will such reporting identify your specific organization by name nor disclose proprietary information. All information submitted to BIS is protected as confidential under provisions of the Defense Production Act (DPA) of 1950, as amended. Survey response information, including your participation in the data collection, is exempt from Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

BIS Industrial Base Assessment Program

Since 1986, BIS has completed over 60 industrial base surveys and assessments covering a broad number of critical technologies and industry sectors. To view previous BIS reports and surveys, please visit our website at <http://www.bis.doc.gov/dib>.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to working with you.