



**GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR
PURCHASER QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE
SECTION 204 INVESTIGATION ON**

STEEL

Investigation No. TA-204-9

***Further information.**—If you have any questions concerning the enclosed questionnaire(s) or other matters related to this investigation, you may contact the following member of the Commission's staff:*

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Background.—In 2001, the U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission) conducted an investigation on steel (Investigation No. TA-201-73) under section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. § 2252) (the Act).¹ Following receipt of a report from the Commission in December 2001 containing determinations and remedy recommendations by the Commission,² the President, pursuant to section 203 of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 2253),³ imposed import relief in the form of tariffs and tariff-rate quotas on imports of certain steel products for a period of 3 years and 1 day effective March 20, 2002.⁴

Section 204 (a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 2254(a)(1)) requires that the Commission,⁵ so long as any action under section 203 of the Act remains in effect, monitor developments with respect to the domestic industry, including the progress and specific efforts made by workers and firms in the domestic industry to make a positive adjustment to import competition. Section 204 (a)(2) of the Act requires that whenever the initial period of an action under section 203 exceeds 3 years, the Commission shall submit a report on the results of the monitoring under section 204(a)(1) to the President and the Congress not later than the mid-point of the initial period of relief, or in this case by September 19, 2003. The purpose of this questionnaire is to provide the Commission with first-hand industry data for use in the monitoring report to be submitted to the President and the Congress.

Due date of questionnaire(s).—Return the completed questionnaire(s) to the United States International Trade Commission by no later than **June 4, 2003**. Use of an overnight mail service may be necessary to ensure that your response actually reaches the Commission by **June 4, 2003**. Please make sure the completed questionnaire is sent to the attention of **Cindy Cohen** at the Office of Investigations, Room 603-E, United States International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436.

Firms should submit one copy of the completed questionnaire(s), keeping a copy for your records so that you can refer to it if the Commission staff contacts you with any questions during the course of the investigation.

Additional questionnaires will be supplied promptly upon request, or photocopies of the enclosed questionnaire(s) may be used. Address all correspondence to the United States International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired individuals can obtain information regarding this investigation via the Commission's TDD terminal (202-205-1810).

¹ See, <http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/uscmmain.html>.

² For additional information on the Commission's section 201 investigation, report, and remedy recommendations, see <http://www.usitc.gov/steel/>.

³ See, <http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/uscmmain.html>.

⁴ Product groups included in investigation No. TA-201-73 determined not to be increasing or not to be a substantial cause of serious injury (or the threat of serious injury) to a domestic industry, and therefore not covered in the remedy or included in the current investigation are: (1) grain oriented silicon electrical steel (GOES), (2) carbon and alloy steel ingots, billets, and blooms, (3) carbon and alloy steel rails and railway products, (4) carbon and alloy steel wire, carbon and alloy steel strand, rope, cable, and cordage, (5) carbon and alloy steel nails, staples, and woven cloth, (6) carbon and alloy steel heavy structural shapes and sheet piling, (7) carbon and alloy steel fabricated structural units, (8) carbon and alloy steel seamless products (9) welded oil country tubular goods (OCTG), (10) tool steel, all forms, (11) stainless steel ingots, billets, and blooms, (12) stainless steel cut-to-length plate, (13) stainless steel woven cloth, (14) stainless steel rope, (15) stainless steel tubular products, and (16) stainless steel flanges and fittings.

⁵ See, <http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/uscmmain.html>.

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Service of questionnaire response(s).--In the event that your firm is a party to this investigation, you are required to serve a copy of the questionnaire(s), once completed, on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 206.17).⁶ A list of such parties is maintained by the Commission's Secretary and may be obtained by calling 202-205-1803. A certificate of service must accompany the copy of the completed questionnaire(s) you submit (see 19 CFR § 206.17).

Confidentiality.--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to the enclosed questionnaire(s) 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. Such confidential information will not be published in a manner that will reveal the individual operations of your firm; however, nonnumerical 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. In addition, confidential business information that you submit may be released under an administrative protective order issued by the Commission pursuant to section 206.17 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 206.17), and may be included in a confidential version of the report that the Commission transmits to the President, should the Commission transmit a confidential version. Any such confidential business information will be deleted from the version of the report that the Commission releases to the public.

In addition, by signing the certification on the cover page of each questionnaire(s), the signing official authorizes the Commission to use the information you provide in the questionnaire(s) and throughout the investigation in any other investigations conducted by the Commission under part 1 of Title II of the Act arising out of the relief action taken by the President as a result of the Commission's determination in investigation No. TA-201-73 on steel products. Further, by signing the certification on the cover page of each questionnaire(s), the signing official authorizes the Commission to use the information submitted to the Commission in investigation No. TA-201-73 in this investigation and in any other investigation arising out of the relief action taken by the President as a result of the Commission's determination in investigation No. TA-201-73.

Verification.--**The information submitted in the enclosed questionnaire(s) is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all your workpapers and supporting documents used in the preparation of the questionnaire response(s).**

⁶ See, http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_02/19cfrv3_02.html.

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INSTRUCTIONS

Answer all questions.—Do not leave any question or section blank unless a questionnaire expressly directs you to skip over certain questions or sections. If the answer to any question is “none,” write “none.” **If information is not readily available from your records in exactly the form requested, furnish carefully prepared estimates--designated as such by the letter “E”--and explain the basis of your estimates.** Answers to questions and any necessary comments or explanations should be supplied in the space provided or on separate sheets attached to the appropriate page of the questionnaire(s). If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire in connection with this investigation (i.e., a producer, importer, and/or purchaser questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions in the questionnaires.

Consolidate all U.S. establishments.—Report the requested data for your establishment(s) located in the United States. **Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.**