



**GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND  
DEFINITIONS FOR COMMISSION FOREIGN  
PRODUCER/EXPORTER QUESTIONNAIRES**

**Stainless Steel Wire Rod from  
Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, Sweden, and Taiwan**

**Investigations Nos. 701-TA-373 (Review) and 731-TA-770-775 (Review)**

***Further information.--If you have any questions concerning the enclosed questionnaire(s) or other matters related to these reviews, you may contact the following members of the Commission's staff (Fax 202-205-3205):***

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## GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

***Background.***--On September 15, 1998, the Department of Commerce issued a countervailing duty order on imports of stainless steel wire rod from Italy and antidumping duty orders on imports of stainless steel wire rod from Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, Sweden, and Taiwan (63 F.R. 49327-49335). On August 1, 2003, 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 order(s) would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic industry within a reasonably foreseeable time (68 F.R. 45277). If the Commission makes an affirmative determination, the order(s) will remain in place. If the Commission makes a negative determination, the Department of Commerce will revoke the order(s).

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 these reviews via the Commission's TDD terminal (202-205-1810).

***Due date of questionnaire(s).***--Return the completed questionnaire(s) to the United States International Trade Commission by no later than March 31, 2004. Although the enclosed postpaid envelope may be used to return the completed questionnaire, use of an overnight mail service may be necessary to ensure that your response actually reaches the Commission by March 31, 2004. If you do not use the enclosed envelope, please make sure the completed questionnaire is sent to the attention of D.J. Na. **Return only one copy of the completed questionnaire(s), but please keep 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 review.**

***Service of questionnaire response(s).***--In the event that your firm is a party to these reviews, 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 § 207.7). 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 § 207.7).

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### GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued

***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 (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, 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.

***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).**

***Release of information.***--The information provided by your firm in response to the questionnaire(s), as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with the reviews, 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 these reviews or other import-injury investigations or reviews 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.

### 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 these reviews (i.e., a producer, importer, purchaser, and/or foreign producer questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions in the questionnaires.

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**INSTRUCTIONS--Continued**

***Consolidate all establishments in the country for which you are reporting.***--Report the requested data for your establishment(s) located in the country for which you are reporting. **Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.**

**DEFINITIONS**

***Stainless steel wire rod.***--Products of stainless steel that are hot-rolled or hot-rolled annealed and/or pickled and/or descaled rounds, squares, octagons, hexagons or other shapes, in coils, that may also be coated with a lubricant containing copper, lime or oxalate. Stainless steel wire rod is made of alloy steels containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements. These products are manufactured only by hot-rolling or hot-rolling, annealing, and/or pickling and/or descaling, are normally sold in coiled form, and are of solid cross-section. The majority of stainless steel wire rod sold in the United States is round in cross-sectional shape, annealed and pickled, and later cold-finished into stainless steel wire or small-diameter bar.

The most common size for such products is 5.5 millimeters or (0.217 inch) in diameter, which represents the smallest size that normally is produced on a rolling mill and is the size that most wire-drawing machines are set up to draw. The range of stainless steel wire rod sizes normally sold in the United States is between 0.20 inch and 1.312 inch diameter. Two stainless steel grades, SF20T and K-M35FL, are excluded from the scope of these reviews. The chemical makeup (in percent by weights) for the excluded grades is as follows:

SF20T

Carbon--0.05 max  
Manganese--2.00 max  
Phosphorus--0.05 max  
Sulfur--0.15 max  
Silicon--1.00 max  
Chromium--19.00/21.00  
Molybdenum--1.50/2.50  
Lead--added (0.10/0.30)  
Tellurium--added (0.03 min)

K-M35FL

Carbon--0.015 max  
Silicon--0.70/1.00  
Manganese--0.40 max  
Phosphorus--0.04 max  
Sulfur--0.03 max

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Nickel--0.30 max  
Chromium--12.50/14.00  
Lead--0.10/0.30  
Aluminum--0.20-0.35

With respect to products of Sweden, the following proprietary grades of Kanthal AB are also excluded: Kanthal A-1, Kanthal AF, Kanthal A, Kanthal D, Kanthal DT, Alkrothal 14, Alkrothal 720, and Nikrothal 40.

The products subject to these orders are currently covered by statistical reporting numbers 7221.00.0005, 7221.00.0015, 7221.00.0030, 7221.00.0045, and 7221.00.0075 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS). Although the HTS statistical reporting numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

***Firm***--An individual proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation (including any subsidiary corporation), business trust, cooperative, trustee in bankruptcy, or receiver under decree of any court.

***Related firm***--A firm that your firm solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled; a firm that solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm; and/or a firm that was solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled by a firm that also solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm.

***Establishment***--Each facility of a firm in the country for which you are reporting involved in the production of stainless steel wire rod (as defined above), including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

***United States***--For purposes of these reviews, the 50 States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

***Importer***--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing stainless steel wire rod (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

***Average production capacity***--The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods. 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

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cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix). Report capacity net of any losses to your hot rolling capacity due to yield losses, such as losses in processing or finishing operations.

***Production.***--All production in your establishment(s) in the country for which you are reporting, including production consumed internally within your firm.

***Shipments.***--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in the country for which you are reporting. Quantities reported should be net of returns.

***Shipment quantities.***--Quantities reported should be net of returns.

***Shipment values.***--Values reported should be net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods) in U.S. dollars, f.o.b. your point of shipment in the country for which you are reporting.

***Home market commercial shipments.***--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within the country for which you are reporting.

***Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms.***--Shipments made to related firms in the country for which you are reporting, including product consumed internally by your firm.

***Export shipments.***--Shipments to destinations outside the country for which you are reporting, including shipments to related firms.

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