



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

**CERTAIN STAINLESS STEEL PLATE FROM BELGIUM, CANADA,  
ITALY, KOREA, SOUTH AFRICA, AND TAIWAN  
Investigations Nos. 701-TA-376, 377, & 379 and 731-TA-788-793 (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):***

***Debra Baker, investigator (202-205-3180; E-mail [Debra.Baker@USITC.GOV](mailto:Debra.Baker@USITC.GOV)) regarding general questions and trade and related information; and***

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## GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

***Background.***--On May 11, 1999, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) issued countervailing duty orders on imports of certain stainless steel plate from Belgium, Italy, and South Africa (64 F.R. 25288). On May 21, 1999, Commerce also issued antidumping duty orders on imports of certain stainless steel plate from Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and Taiwan (64 F.R. 27756). On April 1, 2004, 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 (69 F.R. 17235). If the Commission makes affirmative determinations, the orders will remain in place. If the Commission makes a negative determination, the Department of Commerce will revoke the orders.

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 **February 14, 2005**. Please make sure the completed questionnaire is sent to the attention of Debra Baker. **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).

***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.

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***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 review, 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.

***Consolidate all establishments in each subject country.***--Report the requested data for your establishment(s) located in Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan. **Firms operating more than one establishment in a specified country should combine the data for all establishments in that country into a single report but should provide a separate report for each country.**

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### **DEFINITIONS**

***Certain stainless steel plate in coils (“certain stainless steel plate”)***:--Stainless steel is an alloy steel containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements. Certain stainless steel plate in coils are stainless steel flat-rolled products, 254 mm or over in width and 4.75 mm or more in thickness, in coils, and annealed or otherwise heat-treated and pickled or otherwise descaled. Stainless steel plate in coils may also be further processed (e.g., cold-rolled, polished, or “re-rolled” etc.) provided that it maintains the specified dimensions of plate following such processing. Excluded from the scope of these reviews are the following: (1) plate not in coils, (2) plate that is not annealed or otherwise heat-treated and pickled or otherwise descaled, (3) sheet and strip, and (4) flat bars. The subject plate products, if imported, are currently classified in or reported under subheadings/statistical reporting numbers of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) as follows: 7219.11.0030, 7219.11.0060, 7219.12.0006, 7219.12.0021, 7219.12.0026, 7219.12.0051, 7219.12.0056, 7219.12.0066, 7219.12.0071, 7219.12.0081, 7219.31.0010, 7219.90.0010, 7219.90.0020, 7219.90.0025, 7219.90.0060, 7219.90.0080, 7220.11.0000, 7220.20.1010, 7220.20.1015, 7220.20.1060, 7220.20.1080, 7220.20.6005, 7220.20.6010, 7220.20.6015, 7220.20.6060, 7220.20.6080, 7220.90.0010, 7220.90.0015, 7220.90.0060, and 7220.90.0080. (U.S. imports were also entered under the following HTS statistical reporting numbers between 1998 and 2000: 7219.12.0005, 7219.12.0020, 7219.12.0025, 7219.12.0050, 7219.12.0055, 7219.12.0065, 7219.12.0070, and 7219.12.0080.)

***Certain hot-rolled stainless steel plate in coils (“HRAP in coils”)***:--All certain stainless steel plate in coils except for certain cold-rolled stainless steel plate in coils as defined below.

***Certain cold-rolled stainless steel plate in coils (“cold-rolled in coils”)***:--All certain stainless steel plate in coils that has undergone a cold-reduction process that reduces the thickness of the steel by 25 percent or more, and has been annealed and pickled after cold reduction.

***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.

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**Establishment**--Each facility of a firm in Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan involved in the production of certain stainless steel plate (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 certain stainless steel plate (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 cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix).

**Production**--All production in your establishment(s) in Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan, including production consumed internally within your firm.

**Shipments**--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan.

**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 Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan.

**Home market commercial shipments**--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan.

**Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms**--Shipments made to related firms in Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan, including product consumed internally by your firm.

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***Export shipments***--Shipments to destinations outside Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan, including shipments to related firms.

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