



## **GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS FOR COMMISSION QUESTIONNAIRES**

### **Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from Mexico and Turkey Investigations Nos. 731-TA-1054 and 1055 (Final)**

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

***Fred Ruggles, investigator (202-205-3187 E-mail; fred.ruggles@USITC.GOV) regarding general questions and trade and related information;***

***Charles Yost, auditor (202-205-3432; E-mail charles.yost@USITC.GOV) regarding financial information; and***

***Robert Hughes, economist (202-205-3296; E-mail robert.hughes@USITC.GOV) regarding pricing, market, and related information.***

## GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

***Background.***--These investigations were instituted in response to a petition filed on September 9, 2003 by California Steel and Tube, City of Industry, CA; Hannibal Industries, Los Angeles, CA; Leavitt Tube Co., Chicago, IL; Maruichi American Corp., Santa Fe Springs, CA; Northwest Pipe, Portland, OR; Searing Industries, Rancho Cucamonga, CA; Vest, Inc., Los Angeles, CA; and Western Tube and Conduit, Long Beach, CA. Antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these investigations if the Commission makes affirmative determinations of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce makes affirmative determinations of dumping.

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 investigations 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 **July 14, 2004**. (Note: Financial data requested in the U.S. producers' questionnaire for the interim periods January-June 2003 and January-June 2004 are due by no later than July 28, 2004). Use of an overnight mail service may be necessary to ensure that your response actually reaches the Commission by **July 14, 2004**. Please make sure the completed questionnaire is sent to the attention of Fred Ruggles. **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 investigations.**

***Service of questionnaire response(s).***--In the event that your firm is a party to these investigations, 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 investigations, 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 investigations or other import-injury investigations 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 investigations (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.**

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

***Light-walled rectangular (“LWR”) pipe and tube.***—The products covered by these investigations

are LWR pipe and tube which are welded carbon-quality pipe and tube of rectangular (including square) cross-section, having a wall thickness of less than 4 millimeters (0.156 inch). These LWR pipe and tube have rectangular cross-sections ranging from 0.375 x 0.625 inches to 2 x 6 inches, or square cross-sections ranging from 0.375 to 4 inches, regardless of specification. LWR pipe and tube are covered by subheading 7306.60.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS). The subject products are commonly produced to ASTM A-500 or A-513 specifications. Commonly referred to as “ornamental” or “mechanical” tubing, LWR pipe and tube are principally used for fencing, window guards and railing for the construction industry. LWR pipe and tube are not used for the conveyance of liquid or gas. The written description of the product under investigation is dispositive.

The term “carbon-quality” applies to products in which (i) iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements, (ii) the carbon content is 2 percent or less, by weight, and (iii) none of the elements listed below exceeds the quantity, by weight, respectively indicated: 1.80 percent of manganese, or 2.25 percent of silicon, or 1.00 percent of copper, or 0.50 percent of aluminum, or 1.25 percent of chromium, or 0.30 percent of cobalt, or 0.40 percent of lead, or 1.25 percent of nickel, or 0.30 percent of tungsten, or 0.10 percent of molybdenum, or 0.10 percent of niobium (also called columbium), or 0.15 percent of vanadium, or 0.15 percent of zirconium.

Questionnaires seek separate information for the following types of LWR pipe and tube:

***Corrosion-resistant LWR pipe and tube.***—LWR pipe and tube produced from hot-rolled and cold-rolled sheet that is either clad, plated, or coated with corrosion-resistant metals such as zinc, aluminum, or zinc-, aluminum-, nickel-, or iron-based alloys, whether or not painted, varnished or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances in addition to the metallic coating.

***Black LWR pipe and tube.***—LWR pipe and tube products that are blackened, pickled, and/or coated with a thin layer of oil or lacquer for weather and rust protection; and do not meet the description of the corrosion-resistant products presented above.

***Pre-Primered LWR pipe and tube.***—LWR pipe and tube produced from hot-rolled and cold-rolled sheet that is completely coated (including the weld) with paint or primer that prevents oxidation and/or serves as a base for the application of paint.

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### **DEFINITIONS--Continued**

***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 United States involved in the production, importation, and/or purchase of LWR pipe and tube (as defined above), including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

***United States.***--For purposes of these investigations, 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 LWR pipe and tube (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

***Imports.***--Those products identified for Customs purposes as imports for consumption for which your firm was the importer of record (i.e., was responsible for paying any import duty) or consignee (i.e., to which the merchandise was first delivered).

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

***Import values.***--Values reported should be landed, duty-paid values at the U.S. port of entry, including ocean freight and insurance costs, brokerage charges, and import duties (i.e., all charges except inland freight in the United States).

***Purchaser.***--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in purchasing LWR pipe and tube (as defined above) from another firm that produces, imports, or otherwise distributes LWR pipe and tube .

***Purchases.***--Purchases from all sources, NOT including direct imports from foreign producers (which should be reported in an importer questionnaire).

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

***Purchase values.***--Values reported should be net values (i.e., gross purchase values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, and the value of returned goods), delivered to your U.S. receiving point.

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### **DEFINITIONS--Continued**

**Shipments**--Shipments of products produced in or imported by your U.S. establishment(s). Include shipments to the contracting firm of product produced by your firm under a toll agreement.

**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), f.o.b. your U.S. point of shipment. The value of domestic shipments to the contracting firm under a toll agreement is the conversion fee (including profit).

#### **Types of shipments:**

**U.S. shipments**--Commercial shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms within the United States.

**Commercial shipments**--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within the United States.

**Internal consumption**--Product consumed internally by your firm.

**Transfers to related firms**--Shipments made to related domestic firms.

**Export shipments**--Shipments to destinations outside the United States, including shipments to related firms.

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

#### **The following definitions apply only to the PRODUCER QUESTIONNAIRE.**

**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).

**Toll agreement**--Agreement between two firms whereby the first firm furnishes the raw materials and the second firm uses the raw materials to produce a product that it then returns to the first firm with a charge for processing costs, overhead, etc.

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***Production.***--All production in your U.S. establishment(s), including production consumed internally within your firm and production for another firm under a toll agreement.

***PRWs.***--Production and related workers, including working supervisors and all nonsupervisory workers (including group leaders and trainees) engaged in fabricating, processing, assembling, inspecting, receiving, storage, handling, packing, warehousing, shipping, trucking, hauling, maintenance, repair, janitorial and guard services, product development, auxiliary production for plant's own use (e.g., power plant), recordkeeping, and other services closely associated with the above production operations.

***Average number employed.***--Add the number of employees, both full-time and part-time, for the 12 pay periods ending closest to the 15th of the month and divide that total by 12. For the January-June periods, calculate similarly and divide by 6.

***Hours worked.***--Include time paid for sick leave, holidays, and vacation time. Include overtime hours actually worked; do not convert overtime pay to its equivalent in straight-time hours.

***Wages paid.***--Total wages paid before deductions of any kind (e.g., withholding taxes, old-age and unemployment insurance, group insurance, union dues, bonds, etc.). Include wages paid directly by your firm for overtime, holidays, vacations, and sick leave.

***Fiscal year.***--The 12-month period between settlement of your firm's financial accounts.

***Purchases other than direct imports.***--Purchases from U.S. producers, U.S. importers, and other U.S. sources.