



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

**Oil Country Tubular Goods from Argentina, Italy, Japan, Korea, and Mexico
Investigations Nos. 731-TA-711 and 713-716 (Second 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

Background.---On August 11, 1995, the Department of Commerce issued antidumping duty orders on imports of oil country tubular goods (OCTG) from Argentina, Italy, Japan, Korea, and Mexico (60 F.R. 41055).¹ Following five-year reviews by Commerce and the Commission, effective July 25, 2001, Commerce issued a continuation of the antidumping duty orders on imports of OCTG from Argentina, Italy, Japan, Korea, and Mexico (66 F.R. 38630).² On September 5, 2006, the Commission instituted full 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 subject orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to a domestic industry within a reasonably foreseeable time (71 F.R. 54520).³ If the Commission makes an affirmative determination on an order, and the Department of Commerce finds a likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping, the order will remain in place. If the Commission makes a negative determination on an order, the Department of Commerce will revoke the order.

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 9, 2007. 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 February 9, 2007. If you do not use the enclosed envelope, 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 review.**

Zip codes.--If you intend to use overnight express the zip code to use is 20024 (that is the physical location of the Commission's building location). For US Postal Service use 20436 as this the Commission's individual postal code.

¹ With respect to Italy and Korea, the subject orders covered OCTG other than drill pipe.

² With respect to Argentina, Italy, Korea, and Mexico, the subject orders cover OCTG other than drill pipe. The order concerning Japan covers OCTG including drill pipe.

³ On December 26, 2006, the Department of Commerce ("Commerce") published notice in the Federal Register of its determination that revocation of the countervailing duty ("CVD") order on oil country tubular goods ("OCTG") from Italy would not be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy. Accordingly, the Commission has terminated its review of this order.

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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.

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 this review 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.

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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 review (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 the country for which you are reporting.--Report the requested data for your establishment(s) located in your country. **Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report. If you have establishments in more than one country (Argentina, Italy, Japan, Korea, or Mexico) answer a separate questionnaire for each country.**

DEFINITIONS

Oil country tubular goods (OCTG).--For the purposes of these reviews, OCTG are hollow steel products of circular cross-section, including oil well casing, tubing, and drill pipe, of iron (other than cast iron) or steel (both carbon and alloy), whether seamless⁴ or welded,⁵ whether or not conforming to American Petroleum Institute (API) or non-API specifications, whether finished or unfinished (including green tubes and limited service OCTG products). This scope does not cover casing, tubing, or drill pipe containing 10.5 percent or more of chromium, by weight. The subject merchandise is classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) subheadings 7304.21, 7304.29, 7305.20, and 7306.20. OCTG should be reported in two different groups:

OCTG other than drill pipe.--Finished and unfinished casing and tubing. Casing is the structural retainer for the walls of oil and gas wells, while tubing is used within casing to convey oil or gas to ground level. Casing and tubing may be either seamless or welded.

⁴ Tubular products that have no joint, whether welded or not, along the longitudinal axis of the product.

⁵ Tubular products that are produced by bending flat-rolled steel products to form the hollow product with overlapping or abutting seams.

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Drill pipe.--Finished (with tool joints) and unfinished drill pipe. A seamless pipe used to drill an oil or gas well. Drill pipe is the conduit between the wellhead motor and the drill bit.⁶

Please note that although casing, tubing, and drill pipe containing 10.5 percent or more (by weight) of chromium are not included within the scope and are **NOT** to be included in your responses to most of the questions in the Commissions' questionnaires, there is one exception. Specifically, question III-18 on page 9 of the foreign producers' questionnaire pertains to casing, tubing, and drill pipe containing 10.5 percent or more (by weight) of chromium.

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 your country involved in the production of OCTG (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 OCTG (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

⁶ Drill pipe includes *heavy weight drill pipe* (HWDP), a type of drill pipe whose walls are thicker and collars are longer than conventional drill pipe. HWDP is characterized by the absence of an internal upset and the presence of an external upset about midway in the tube. HWDP attributes are not covered in API standards. HWDP is intended primarily for directional drilling.

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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 your country, including production consumed internally within your firm.

Shipments.--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in your country. Quantities reported should be net of returns.

Home market commercial shipments.--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within your country.

Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms.--Shipments made to related firms in your country, including product consumed internally by your firm.

Export shipments.--Shipments to destinations outside your country, including shipments to related firms.

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