

FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE
STAINLESS STEEL BAR FROM
FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, KOREA, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM

Return completed questionnaire to:

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Office of Investigations, Room 615
500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436

So as to be received by the Commission by no later than August 30, 2007

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing duty order on stainless steel bar from Italy and antidumping duty orders on stainless steel bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, and the United Kingdom (inv. Nos. 701-TA-413 (Review) and 731-TA-913-916 and 918 (Review)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

Name of firm _____

Address _____

World Wide Web address _____

Has your firm produced or exported stainless steel bar (as defined in the instruction booklet) at any time since January 1, 2001?

NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)

YES (Read the instruction booklet carefully, complete all parts of the questionnaire, sign the certification, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Commission.

By signing this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this questionnaire and throughout these reviews in any other import-injury investigations or reviews conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise. (If you do not consent to such use, please note the certification accordingly.)

I acknowledge that information submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout these reviews may be used by the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel who are acting in the capacity of Commission employees, for developing or maintaining the records of these reviews or related proceedings for which this information is submitted, or in internal audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3. I understand that all contract personnel will sign non-disclosure agreements.

Name and Title of Authorized Official

Date

Signature of Authorized Official

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Phone

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Fax

E-mail address

PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 30 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

I-1a. Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of preparing the reply to this questionnaire and completing the form.

_____ hours _____ dollars

I-1b. We are interested in any comments you may have for improving this questionnaire in general or the clarity of specific questions. Please attach such comments to your response or send them to the above address.

I-2. Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire (see page 3 of the instruction booklet for reporting guidelines). If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

I-3. Please provide the names, street addresses (not P.O. boxes), contacts, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the **FIVE** largest U.S. importers of your firm's stainless steel bar in 2006.

I-4. In Parts II and III of this questionnaire we request a copy of your company's business plan. Does your company or any related firm have a business plan or any internal documents that describe, discuss, or analyze expected future market conditions for stainless steel bar?

No Yes--Please provide the requested documents. If you are not providing the requested documents, please explain why not.

PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued

I-5. Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce stainless steel bar in the United States or other countries?

- No Yes--Please name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnaire (contact Joanna Lo for copies of that questionnaire).

I-6. Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import stainless steel bar into the United States?

- No Yes--Please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire (contact Joanna Lo for copies of that questionnaire).

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

II-1. Has your firm experienced any plant openings, relocations, expansions, acquisitions, consolidations, closures, or prolonged shutdowns because of strikes or equipment failure; curtailment of production because of shortages of materials; or any other change in the character of your operations or organization relating to the production of stainless steel bar since March 8, 2002 (the date on which the countervailing duty order under review became effective) and/or March 7, 2002 (the date on which the antidumping duty orders under review became effective)?

- No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-2. Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of your operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of stainless steel bar in the future?

- No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue. **Include in your response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce stainless steel bar (in short tons) for 2007 and 2008.**

II-3. Would your firm anticipate any changes in the character of your operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of stainless steel bar in the future if the countervailing duty order on stainless steel bar from Italy and the antidumping duty orders on stainless steel bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, and the United Kingdom were to be revoked?

- No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

II-4. Does your firm have any plans to add, expand, curtail, or shut down production capacity and/or production of stainless steel bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, or the United Kingdom in the future?

- No Yes--Please describe those plans, including planned dates and capacity/production quantities involved, and the reason(s) for such change(s). If the plans are to add or expand capacity or production, list (in descending order of importance) the markets (countries) to which such additional capacity or production would be directed. Provide relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that addresses this issue.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-5. Describe the production technology used in your production of stainless steel bar and identify major production inputs. Also discuss any significant changes in production technology since 2002 (the year the countervailing duty order under review became effective) and/or 2002 (the year the antidumping duty orders under review became effective).

II-6. Has your firm since 2002 (the year the countervailing and antidumping duty orders under review became effective) produced, or does your firm anticipate producing in the future, other products on the same equipment and machinery used in the production of stainless steel bar?

No Yes--List the following information and report your firm's combined production capacity and production of these products and stainless steel bar in the periods indicated.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Basis for allocation of capacity data</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Quantity in short tons)						
Item	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Average production capacity:						
Stainless steel bar						
Other: _____						
Total						
Production:						
Stainless steel bar						
Other: _____						
Total						

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-7. Has your firm since 2002 (the year the countervailing and antidumping duty orders under review became effective) produced, or does your firm anticipate producing in the future, other products using the same production and related workers employed to produce stainless steel bar?

No Yes--List the following information.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Basis for allocation of employment data</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

II-8a. Please indicate below whether your firm performs the following steps in the production process for stainless steel bar.

- Melting & pouring No Yes
- Casting No Yes
- Hot-finishing No Yes
- Cold-finishing No Yes
- Grinding & polishing No Yes

II-8b. Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your firm's production capacity at the following stages.

Melting stage, constraints: _____

Casting stage, constraints: _____

Hot-finishing stage, constraints: _____

Cold-finishing stage, constraints: _____

Grinding & polishing stage, constraints: _____

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

(b) Are your firm's exports of stainless steel bar subject to current investigations in any countries other than the United States that might result in tariff or non-tariff barriers to trade?

No Yes--List the products(s), country(ies), and type of investigation.

Product	Country	Type of investigation
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

II-13. Identify export markets (other than the United States) that you have developed or where you have increased your sales of stainless steel bar as a result of the countervailing duty order on stainless steel bar from Italy and/or antidumping duty orders on steel bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, and the United Kingdom. Please identify and discuss below.

II-14. Describe the significance of the existing countervailing duty order on stainless steel bar from Italy and/or antidumping duty orders on steel bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, and the United Kingdom in terms of their effect on your firm's production capacity, production, home market shipments, exports to the United States and other markets, and inventories. You may wish to compare your firm's operations before and after the imposition of the order.

II-15. Would your firm anticipate any changes in its production capacity, production, home market shipments, exports to the United States and other markets, or inventories relating to the production of stainless steel bar in the future if the countervailing duty order on stainless steel bar from Italy and/or antidumping duty orders on steel bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, and the United Kingdom were to be revoked?

No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, for any trends or projections you may provide.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-16a. Please report production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories of stainless steel bar produced by your firm in France, Germany, Italy, Korea, or the United Kingdom 2001-2006. **Report FINAL product only--do not double-count hot-finished stainless steel bar that your firm consumed to produce cold-finished stainless steel bar.** (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

Country: _____

<i>(Quantity in short tons, value in 1,000 U.S. dollars)</i>						
Item	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY¹ (quantity)						
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES² (quantity)						
PRODUCTION³ (quantity)						
SHIPMENTS:						
Home market:						
Internal consumption/transfers (quantity)						
Commercial shipments: Quantity						
Value						
Exports to--						
United States:⁴ Quantity						
Value						
All other export markets: European Union:⁵ Quantity						
Value						
Asia:⁶ Quantity						
Value						
Other:⁷ Quantity						
Value						
Subtotal, all other export markets: Quantity						
Value						
Total exports (quantity)						
Total shipments (quantity)						
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES (quantity)						

¹ The production capacity (see definitions in instructions booklet) reported is based on operating _____ hours per week, _____ weeks per year. Please describe the methodology used to calculate production capacity, and explain any changes in reported capacity (use additional pages as necessary).

² **Reconciliation of data.**--Please note that the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile?

Yes No--Please explain: _____

³ Please estimate the percentage of total production of stainless steel bar in France, Germany, Italy, Korea, or the United Kingdom accounted for by your firm's production in 2006: _____ Percent

⁴ Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of stainless steel bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, or the United Kingdom accounted for by your firm's exports in 2006: _____ Percent

⁵ Identify principal *European Union* export markets. _____

⁶ Identify principal *Asian* export markets. _____

⁷ Identify principal *other* export markets. _____

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-16b. Please report production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories of stainless steel bar produced by your firm in France, Germany, Italy, Korea, or the United Kingdom in January-June 2006 and January-June 2007.

Country: _____

<i>(Quantity in short tons, value in 1,000 U.S. dollars)</i>		
Item	January-June 2006	January-June 2007
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY <i>(quantity)</i>		
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES¹ <i>(quantity)</i>		
PRODUCTION <i>(quantity)</i>		
SHIPMENTS:		
Home market:		
Internal consumption/transfers <i>(quantity)</i>		
Commercial shipments: <i>Quantity</i>		
<i>Value</i>		
Exports to--		
United States: <i>Quantity</i>		
<i>Value</i>		
All other export markets:		
European Union: <i>Quantity</i>		
<i>Value</i>		
Asia: <i>Quantity</i>		
<i>Value</i>		
Other: <i>Quantity</i>		
<i>Value</i>		
Subtotal, all other export markets: <i>Quantity</i>		
<i>Value</i>		
Total exports <i>(quantity)</i>		
Total shipments <i>(quantity)</i>		
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES <i>(quantity)</i>		

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-16c. Please report projected production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories of stainless steel bar produced by your firm in France, Germany, Italy, Korea, or the United Kingdom for full year 2007 and 2008 if the orders remain in effect.

Country: _____

<i>(Quantity in short tons, value in 1,000 U.S. dollars)</i>		
Item	If the orders remain in effect:	
	2007	2008
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY (<i>quantity</i>)		
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES¹ (<i>quantity</i>)		
PRODUCTION (<i>quantity</i>)		
SHIPMENTS:		
Home market:		
Internal consumption/transfers (<i>quantity</i>)		
Commercial shipments: <i>Quantity</i>		
<i>Value</i>		
Exports to--		
United States: <i>Quantity</i>		
<i>Value</i>		
All other export markets: European Union: <i>Quantity</i>		
<i>Value</i>		
Asia: <i>Quantity</i>		
<i>Value</i>		
Other: <i>Quantity</i>		
<i>Value</i>		
Subtotal, all other export markets: <i>Quantity</i>		
<i>Value</i>		
Total exports (<i>quantity</i>)		
Total shipments (<i>quantity</i>)		
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES (<i>quantity</i>)		

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS

III-1. Approximately what shares of your firm's sales of stainless steel bar to U.S. customers in 2006 were on a (1) long-term contract basis (multiple deliveries for 12 months or more), (2) short-term contract basis (multiple deliveries up to 12 months), and (3) spot sales basis (for a single delivery)?

Type of sale	Share of sales (percent)
Long-term contracts	
Short-term contracts	
Spot sales	

III-2. If you sell on a long-term contract basis, please answer the following questions with respect to provisions of a typical long-term contract.

(a) What is the average duration of a contract? _____

(b) Can prices be renegotiated during the contract period? Yes No

(c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both? Quantity Price Both

(d) Does the contract have a meet-or-release provision? Yes No

(e) If contracts have a meet-or-release clause, has your firm actually changed prices during the period in which the contract was in place?

No

Yes—Please estimate the percentage of your firm's contract sales during the period of investigation in which a price change took place while the contract was in place.

_____ percent.

III-3. If you sell on a short-term contract basis, please answer the following questions with respect to provisions of a typical short-term contract.

(a) What is the average duration of a contract? _____

(b) Can prices be renegotiated during the contract period? Yes No

(c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both? Quantity Price Both

(d) Does the contract have a meet-or-release provision? Yes No

(e) If contracts have a meet-or-release clause, has your firm actually changed prices during the period in which the contract was in place?

No

Yes—Please estimate the percentage of your firm's contract sales during the period of investigation in which a price change took place while the contract was in place.

_____ percent.

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-4. What is the average lead time between a U.S. customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of stainless steel bar?

Source	Share of 2006 sales	Lead time
From inventory		
Produced to order		
Total	100%	

III-5. To what extent have changes in the prices of raw materials affected your firm's selling prices for stainless steel bar during January 2001-June 2007? Also discuss any anticipated changes in your raw material costs in the future, identifying the time period(s) involved and the factor(s) that you believe would be responsible for such changes. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

III-6. Have any changes occurred in any other factors affecting supply (e.g., changes in availability or prices of energy or labor; transportation conditions; production capacity and/or methods of production; technology; export markets; or alternative production opportunities) that affected the availability of your country's stainless steel bar in the U.S. market since 2002?

No Yes--Please note the time period(s) of any such changes, the factors(s) involved, and the impact such changes had on your shipment volumes and prices.

III-7. (a) Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the availability of your country's stainless steel bar in the U.S. market in the future?

Increase No Change Decrease

(b) If you anticipate changes in supply, please identify the changes including the time period and the impact of such changes on shipment volumes and prices. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-8. Describe how easily your firm can shift its sales of stainless steel bar between the U.S. market and alternative country markets. In your discussion, please describe any contracts, other sales arrangements, or other constraints (including any third-country trade barriers such as tariffs, quotas, or other non-tariff barriers) that would prevent or retard your firm from shifting stainless steel bar between the U.S. and alternative country markets within a 12-month period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

III-9. Is the product range, product mix, or marketing of stainless steel bar in your home market significantly different from the product range, product mix, or marketing of stainless steel bar for export to the United States or to third-country markets? Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix, or marketing of stainless steel bar in your home market, for export to the United States, or for export to third-country markets since 2002?

No Yes--Please describe and quantify if possible.

III-10. Please discuss any anticipated changes in terms of the product range, product mix, or marketing of stainless steel bar in your home market, for export to the United States, or for export to third-country markets in the future, identifying the time period(s) involved and the factor(s) that you believe would be responsible for such changes. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

III-11. (a) Please list in order of importance any products that may be substituted for stainless steel bar.

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

(b) For each possible substitute product, please give examples of applications and end uses for which they are substitutes.

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-11. (c) Have changes in the prices of these substitute products affected the price for stainless steel bar?

- No Yes

III-12. Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for stainless steel bar since 2002?

- No Yes--Please explain.

III-13. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the substitutability of other products for stainless steel bar in the future?

- No Yes--Please describe. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

III-14. Is the stainless steel bar produced by your firm and sold in its home market interchangeable (i.e., can be used in the same applications) with your firm's stainless steel bar sold to the United States and/or to third-country markets?

- Yes No--Identify the market(s) and any differences in the products.

III-15. Describe the end uses of the stainless steel bar that you manufacture and sell to your home market. If these end uses differ from those of the stainless steel bar you sell to the U.S. market or to third-country markets, explain.

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-16. Have there been any changes in the end uses of stainless steel bar since 2002?

No Yes--Please describe.

III-17. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the end uses of stainless steel bar in the future?

No Yes--Please describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

III-18. a) How has demand within your home market for stainless steel bar changed since 2002?

Increased Unchanged Decreased
 Other (describe) _____

b) What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

c) How has demand within United States for stainless steel bar changed since 2002?

Increased Unchanged Decreased
 Other (describe) _____

d) What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

e) How has demand outside your home market and the United States for stainless steel bar changed since 2002?

Increased Unchanged Decreased
 Other (describe) _____

f) What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-19. a) Do you anticipate any future changes in stainless steel bar demand in your home market?

No

Yes--Please describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

b) Do you anticipate any future changes in stainless steel bar demand in the United States?

No

Yes--Please describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

c) Do you anticipate any future changes in stainless steel bar demand outside of your home market and the United States?

No

Yes--Please describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

III-20. Please compare market prices of stainless steel bar in your home market, the United States, and third-country markets, if known. Provide specific information as to time periods and regions for any price comparisons.

III-21. Describe briefly your home market for stainless steel bar, including the number of, and competition between, producers.

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-22. Do you face competition from imports of stainless steel bar in your home market?

No

Yes--Please identify the country sources of any imports of stainless steel bar into your home market.

III-23. Please provide as a separate attachment to this request any studies, surveys, etc. that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss stainless steel bar supply (including production capacity and capacity utilization) and demand in (1) the United States, (2) each of the other major producing/consuming countries, including France, Germany, Italy, Korea, or the United Kingdom, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data from 2002 to the present and forecasts for the future.