PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE CARBON AND CERTAIN ALLOY STEEL WIRE ROD FROM BRAZIL, CANADA, INDONESIA, MEXICO, MOLDOVA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, AND UKRAINE

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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its reviews of countervailing duty and antidumping orders concerning wire rod from Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine (inv. Nos. 701-TA-417 and 731-TA-953-954, 957-959, 961, and 962 (Review)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from Cindy Cohen (202-205-3230).

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	m purchased certain steel wire rod (as definy time since January 1, 2002?	ned in the instruction booklet)	from <u>any</u> source (domestic	or
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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 25 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.

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	d in any comments you may have for impro- cific questions. Please attach such commer- is.		
the instruction be	e and address of establishment(s) covered booklet for reporting guidelines). If your fire ge and trading symbol.		
Is your firm own	ed, in whole or in part, by any other firm?		
\square_{No}	YesList the following information.		
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importing wire re Ukraine into the	nave any related firms, either domestic or fo od from Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, United States or which are engaged in expo co, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, or Ukra	, Moldova, Trinidad an orting wire rod from B	nd Tobago, or razil, Canada,
No	YesList the following information.		
Firm name	<u>Address</u>	<u>Affiliatio</u>	<u>on</u>

PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued

Firm name	<u>Address</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
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company or any relate	tionnaire we request a copy of your ed firm have a business plan or any pected future market conditions for	internal documents that describ
company or any related discuss, or analyze ex	ed firm have a business plan or any	internal documents that describ wire rod?

NOTE FOR PARTS II-IV OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE:

When providing information regarding <u>imported</u> wire rod, please exclude wire rod produced by Stelco of Canada as well as 1080 grade tire cord quality wire rod and 1080 grade tire bead quality wire rod (as defined in the instructions).

PART II.--PURCHASES

II-1. Report, as indicated below, your firm's purchases (either directly or through a sales agent or broker) of wire rod. Report based on delivery date, not order date.

(<i>Quantity</i> in sh	ort tons, va	alue in \$1,0	00)			
Item	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
PURCHASES OF WIRE ROD PRODUCED IN THE UNI	TED STATE	ES:				
Quantity						
Value						
PURCHASES OF WIRE ROD PRODUCED IN BRAZIL:						
Quantity						
Value						
PURCHASES OF WIRE ROD PRODUCED IN CANADA	\: ¹					
Quantity						
Value				<u></u>	<u></u>	
PURCHASES OF WIRE ROD PRODUCED IN INDONE	SIA:					
Quantity						
Value				<u></u>	<u></u>	
PURCHASES OF WIRE ROD PRODUCED IN MEXICO	:					
Quantity						
Value				<u></u>	<u></u>	
PURCHASES OF WIRE ROD PRODUCED IN MOLDON	/A:					
Quantity						
Value						
PURCHASES OF WIRE ROD PRODUCED IN TRINIDA	D AND TOP	BAGO:				
Quantity						
Value						
PURCHASES OF WIRE ROD PRODUCED IN UKRAINI	E:	<u> </u>		•	•	
Quantity						
Value						
PURCHASES OF WIRE ROD PRODUCED IN ALL OTH	IER COUN	ΓRIES: ²				
Quantity						
Value						
¹ Please indicate, by checking the appropriate box(e	s), your sou	rce(s) of wi	re rod prod	luced in Ca	nada.	
Stelco Other Candian producers						
² Please identify these countries:						

PART II.--PURCHASES--Continued

II-2. If the relative levels of your firm's purchases of wire rod from different sources (both domestic and foreign) have changed since 2002 (the year the countervailing duty and antidumping duty orders under review became effective), please list the country, state whether the relative share from that country has increased or decreased, and state the reason.

	Country	Increase/decrease	Reason
3. (a)		m purchase wire rod fro I Tobago, or Ukraine be	m Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, efore 2002?
	☐ NoSkij	p to (c)	Yes
(b)			ng wire rod from Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Ukraine changed since 2002?
	No, our	pattern of purchasing is	essentially unchanged.
			from Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, cause of the order(s) (list applicable countries
			n Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, ecause of the order(s) (list applicable countries
	Mexico, Mo		of purchases from Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, bago, or Ukraine for reasons other than the order(s)

PART II.--PURCHASES--Continued

II-3.	(c)	Has your pattern of purchasing wire rod from nonsubject foreign sources c 2002 (please check all that apply).	hanged since
		We did not purchase from nonsubject foreign sources before or after the	e order(s).
		No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.	
		Yes, we increased purchases from nonsubject countries because of the	order(s).
		Yes, but we changed our pattern of purchases from nonsubject countries other than the order(s) (please explain below).	es for reasons
II-4		e indicate which type of wire rod (as defined in the instruction booklet) your tassed since 2002. Check all boxes that apply.	firm has
		Low and medium-low carbon industrial and standard quality rods	
		High and medium-high carbon industrial and standard quality rods	
		Tire cord and tire bead quality rods	
		Welding quality rods	
		Cold heading quality (CHQ) rods	
		Other specialty carbon and alloy quality rods	

III-1.	Which of the following best of noting the specific end uses it	describes your firm as a purchaser of wire rod (check all that apply, f known)?
	End user ()
	Distributor ()
	Other ()
III-2.	(a) If your firm is a distribute which you sell wire rod?	or or reseller of wire rod, what are the major types of consumers to
	(b) Do you compete for sales you purchase wire rod?	to your customers with the manufacturers or importers from which
	you purchase wire rod?	
III-3.	products for which your firm	wire rod, list in order of quantity of wire rod consumed, the top 3 purchases wire rod as a component part or input. Please indicate cost is accounted for by wire rod.
	Product you produce	Percent of cost accounted for by wire rod
	1	
	2	
	3	3
III-4.	(a) If your firm is an end user incorporating wire rod chang	of wire rod, has the demand for your firm's final products ed since 2002?
	Increased	Unchanged Decreased
	(b) Has this had any effect or	your firm's demand for wire rod?

	een any changes in the end uses of wire rod since 2002?
∐ No	YesDiscuss the changes, noting the time period in which they occur
Do you antio	cipate any changes in terms of the end uses of wire rod in the future?
No	YesPlease describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.
(a) Please lis	t in order of importance any products that may be substituted for wire rod.
(1)	(2)(3)
	possible substitute product, please give examples of applications and end users substitutes.
which they a	
which they a	re substitutes.
(c) Have cha	inges in the prices of these products affected the price for wire rod?
(c) Have cha	Inges in the prices of these products affected the price for wire rod? Yes-Please explain.
which they a (c) Have cha No Have there b	Inges in the prices of these products affected the price for wire rod? Yes-Please explain.

III-9.	Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the substitutability of other products for wire rod in the future?
	No YesPlease describe. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.
III-10.	How has demand within the United States for wire rod changed since 2002?
	Increased Unchanged Decreased
	Other (describe)
	What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?
	How has demand <u>outside</u> the United States for wire rod changed since 2002?
	Increased Unchanged Decreased
	Other (describe)
	What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?
III-11.	Do you anticipate any future changes in wire rod demand in the United States and, if known, the rest of the world?
	No YesPlease 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-12.	Please provide as separate attachments to this request any studies, surveys, etc., that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss wire rod demand and/or factors affecting wire rod demand in the (1) United States, (2) each of the major producing/consuming countries, including those subject to this review, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data on an

annual basis from 2002 to the present and forecasts of these demand data.

III-13.	Have any changes occurred in any factors affecting supply (e.g., changes in availability or prices of raw materials, energy or labor; transportation conditions; production capacity and/or methods of production; technology; export markets; or alternative production opportunities) that affected the availability of U.Sproduced wire rod in the U.S. market since 2002?
	No YesPlease 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.
II-14.	Have any suppliers (U.S. or foreign) refused, declined, or been unable to supply wire rod since 2002? (Examples include being placed on allocation or "controlled order entry," suppliers declining to accept new customers or to renew existing customers, delivering less than the quantity promised, being unable to meet timely shipment commitments, etc.)
	No YesPlease note and document the time period(s) (i.e. month and year) and duration, country of origin, and supplier involved; amount and type of product involved; and the effect on your operations (including whether your firm was able to obtain wire rod from another firm).
III-15.	Is buying a product that is produced in the United States an important factor in your firm's purchases of wire rod (please check ALL that apply)?
	\square_{No}
	YesPurchases of domestic product are required by law or regulation (for example, government purchases under "Buy American" provisions). This involves percent of all purchases of wire rod.
	YesPurchases of domestic product are not required by law or regulation, but are by your customers. This involves percent of all purchases of wire rod.
	YesPurchases of domestic product are required for other reasons (please specify these reasons below). This involves percent of all purchases of wire rod.

111-16.	(a) Is the wire r wire rod?	and market subject to business cycles or conditions of competition distinctive to
	No	YesPlease explain and provide estimates of the duration of any such cycle.
		rgence of new markets for wire rod since 2002 affected the business cycles or empetition distinctive to wire rod?
	No	YesPlease explain any such changes.
III-17.	Who are your n	najor competitors?
III-18.		and to the extent that you know, do your customers make purchasing decisions rod based on the producer of the wire rod you purchase?
	Your firm:	Always Usually Sometimes Never
	Your customers	:
		imes, please discuss how your firm or your customers determine the producer and ation is important.
	Your firm:	
	Your customers	<u> </u>
III-19a.		and to the extent that you know, do your customers make purchasing decisions od based on the country of origin of the wire rod you purchase?
	Your firm:	Always Usually Sometimes Never
	Your customers	:

III-19b	If at least sometimes, please discuss how your firm or your customers determine the source and why this information is important.
	Your firm:
	Your customers:
III-20.	(a) How frequently do you make purchases? Daily
	(b) Do you expect this purchasing pattern to change in the next two years? No YesHow and why do you expect these changes to occur?
III-21.	How many suppliers do you generally contact before making a purchase?
III-22.	(a) Do purchases of wire rod usually involve negotiations between supplier and purchaser? No YesPlease describe these negotiations. In your response, please comment on whether purchasers generally quote competing prices as part of the negotiation process.
	(b) Does your firm tend to vary its purchases from a given supplier within a specified time period based on the price offered for that period? No YesSpecify the time period.

$PART~III.--\underline{MARKET~CHARACTERISTICS~AND~PURCHASING~PRACTICES}--Continued$

III-23.	Have you changed suppliers since 2002?
	YesPlease list the supplier or suppliers and indicate whether the firm was added or dropped as a supplier. Also give the reasons for the change and how frequently you change suppliers.
III-24.	(a) Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since 2002?
	No YesPlease identify the firms and indicate how you become aware of them.
	(b) Do you expect new wire rod suppliers to enter the market in the future?
	No YesPlease provide details, noting the specific future time period in your response.
III-25.	Do you require your suppliers to become certified or prequalified with respect to the quality, chemistry, strength, or other performance characteristic of the wire rod they sell to your firm?
	No Yes percent of purchases in 2007 Yes-all purchases
	Please provide a general description of the certification or qualification process and the time required.
III-26.	Briefly describe the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.) and estimate the time it takes to certify or qualify a new supplier.

III-27.	Since 2002, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their wire rod with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?
	No YesPlease identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification process.
III-28	a) Do the firms from which your firm purchases wire rod provide technical services/support to your firm? Yes No If yes, please describe these services, noting the specific type of wire rod for which technical services are provided and the suppliers that provide them.
	b) Is the availability of technical services/support provided by the supplier an important factor in your firm's purchases of wire rod? Yes No Please discuss.

III-29. (a) For the factors listed below, please rate each in terms of its importance in your purchase decision for wire rod.

	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Availability			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Extension of credit			
Price			
Minimum qty requirements			
Packaging			
Product consistency			
Quality meets industry standar	ds 🔲		
Quality exceeds industry stand	ards □		
Product range			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs			
Other (specify):			
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III- <i>2</i> 9.	(b) Please list, in order of their importance, the three major factors generally considered by your firm in deciding from whom to purchase wire rod for any one order (examples include current availability, extension of credit, prearranged contracts, price, quality exceeding specifications or industry standards, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).
	1.
	2
	3
	Other factors or comments:
III-30.	What characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of wire rod?
III-31.	Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the wire rod market since 2002. A price leader is defined as (1) one or more firms that initiate a price change, either upward or downward, that is followed by other firms, or (2) one or more firms that have a significant impact on prices. A price leader does not necessarily have to be the lowest priced supplier. For those firms identified as a price leader, please specify the time period in which a price change was communicated, whether the price change was upward or downward, and whether it covered a specific geographic region or a specific product type.
III-32.	Please describe how the above firm(s) exhibited price leadership.
III-33.	How frequently does the price of the wire rod you are purchasing change?

$PART~III.--\underline{MARKET~CHARACTERISTICS~AND~PURCHASING~PRACTICES}--Continued$

III-34.	Does your firm purchase wire rod over the internet?
	No YesPlease describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total purchases of wire rod in 2007 accounted for by internet purchases.
III-35.	(a) As an attachment to this questionnaire, please identify and discuss any improvements/changes in the U.S. wire rod industry since 2002 and explain fully, to the extent possible, the factor(s), including the order(s) under review, that was/(were) responsible for each improvement/change.
	(b) Please also discuss fully, to the extent possible, any improvements/changes that you anticipate in the future in the U.S. wire rod industry. Identify the specific future time period covered in your response, and discuss the factors that you believe would be responsible for each improvement/change.
III-36.	What do you think will be the likely effects of any revocation of the countervailing duty order/antidumping duty order(s) for imports of wire rod from Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine? As appropriate, please discuss any potential effects of revocation of the countervailing duty order/antidumping duty order(s) on (1) the future activities of your firm and (2) the U.S. market as a whole. Please note the future time period to which you are referring. Attach additional pages if necessary. Indicate if your response differs for particular orders.
	(1) Activities of your firm:
	(2) Entire U.S. market:

	w-1. Please indicate the countries of origin for wire rod for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.								
JΓ	Jnited Sta	ites	Brazi	il 🗆 (Canada			Indonesia	ι
\square_{N}	☐ Mexico ☐ Moldova ☐ Trinidad and Tobago ☐ Ukraine								
	Other countries (Please specify)								
physically be a specified co interchangeal	IV-2. Is wire rod produced in the United States and in other countries used interchangeably (i.e., can they physically be used in the same applications)? Please indicate below, using "A" to indicate that the products from a specified country-pair are <i>always</i> interchangeable, "F" to indicate that the products are <i>frequently</i> interchangeable, "S" to indicate that the products are <i>sometimes</i> interchangeable, "N" to indicate that the products are <i>never</i> interchangeable, and "0" to indicate <i>no familiarity</i> with products from a specified country-pair. ¹								
Country-pair	United States	Brazil	Canada*	Indonesia	Mexico	Moldova	Trinidad and Tobago	Ukraine	Other countries
United States									
Brazil									
Canada									
Indonesia									
Mexico									
Moldova									
Trinidad and Tobago									
Ukraine									
¹ For any country-pair producing wire rod which is <i>sometimes or never</i> used interchangeably, please explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:									

*Excludes Stelco.

IV-3.	by you or your customers ever specifically order wire rod from one country in particular over her possible sources of supply?	
	YesPlease identify all relevant countries (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries) from which you or yo customers prefer to order, and indicate why wire rod from these countries is preferred over product from other countries (please note specific product in your response).	ur
IV-4.	re certain grades/types/sizes of wire rod available from only a single source (domestic or reign, including both subject and nonsubject countries)? No YesPlease identify the source and the grade/type/size.	
IV-5.	ow often does your firm purchase the wire rod that is offered at the lowest price?	
	Always Usually Sometimes Never	
IV-6.	you purchased wire rod from one source although a comparable product was available from other source at a lower price, please explain your reasons for doing so (please specify by untry, including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries). essibilities might include transaction characteristics such as length of time to fill orders, inimum order size, reliability of supply, etc.	

IV-7. For the factors listed below, please rate how wire rod produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with wire rod produced in each of the other countries you identified (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries). Copy this page as necessary to cover all possible country combinations and please attach any comments you care to make concerning your responses, especially in comparisons where you rate product from one country superior or inferior to product from another.

	compared to _.		
(specify country)	•	(specify country)	_
S	UPERIOR	COMPARABLE	INFERIOR
Availability			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Extension of credit			
Lower price ¹			
Minimum qty requirements			
Packaging			
Product consistency			
Quality meets industry standards			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Product range	🗆		
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
Lower U.S. transportation costs ¹	🔲		
Other (specify):			

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

IV-8.	(a) How often uses or your cu	does domestically produced wire rod meet minimum quality specifications for your stomers' uses?						
	Always	Usually		metimes	[Rarely or no	ever	
	(b) How often or your custom		bject wire	rod meet	miniı	num quality sp	ecifica	ations for your uses
	Brazil	Always	Usu	ally		ometimes	□ Ra	arely or never
	Canada (excluding Stelc	Always	Usu	ally		ometimes	□ Ra	arely or never
	Indonesia	Always	☐ Usu	ally		ometimes	\square R	arely or never
	Mexico	Always	☐ Usu	ally		ometimes	\square R	arely or never
	Moldova	Always	☐ Usu	ally	\square So	ometimes	\square R	arely or never
	Trinidad and Tobago	Always	Usu	ally		ometimes	□ Ra	arely or never
	Ukraine	Always	Usu	ally		ometimes	☐ R	arely or never
		does imported no istomers' uses?	nsubject v	vire rod n	neet m	ninimum qualit	y speci	ifications for your
	Country	D	Always	Usu	ally	Sometin	nes	Rarely or never
	Country	D A	Always	Usu	ally	Sometim	nes	Rarely or never
	Country		Always	Usu	ally	☐ Sometin	nes	Rarely or never

IV-9.	(a) Since 2002, has there been a change in the price of wire rod? It so, has the price of U.Sproduced wire rod changed more or less than the price of imported wire rod from Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, or Ukraine?
	No change in price
	Prices have changed by the same amount (list applicable subject countries
	Price of U.Sproduced wire rod has changed relative to the price of wire rod from Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, or Ukraine (list applicable subject countries)
	(b) If the price of U.Sproduced wire rod has changed relative to the price of wire rod from Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, or Ukraine, the price of U.Sproduced wire rod is now relatively
	Higher (list applicable subject countries)
	Lower (list applicable subject countries)

PART V.--SUPPLIER IDENTIFICATION

Please list the leading suppliers from which you have purchased wire rod since 2002 and estimate the share of your wire rod purchases each accounted for in 2007 (in percent).

No.	Firm name	Percentage of 2007 purchases	No.	Firm name	Percentage of 2007 purchases
1			6		
2			7		
3			8		
4			9		
5			10		