

PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE
STAINLESS STEEL BAR FROM
FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, KOREA, AND UNITED KINGDOM

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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 countervailing duty and antidumping review investigations concerning stainless steel bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, and the United Kingdom (inv. Nos. 701-TA-413, 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. 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 Clark Workman (202-205-3248).

<p>Name of firm _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip code _____</p> <p>World Wide Web address _____</p> <p>Has your firm purchased stainless steel bar (as defined in the instruction booklet) from <u>any</u> source (domestic or foreign) at any time since January 1, 2001?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES (Read the instruction booklet carefully, complete all parts of the questionnaire, sign the certification, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)</p>

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 this review 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

Signature of Authorized Official

Email address

Date

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Phone Fax

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.

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 pages 3-4 of the instruction booklet for reporting guidelines). If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

I-3. Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

No Yes--List the following information.

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Extent of ownership</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I-4. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in importing stainless steel bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, or the United Kingdom into the United States or which are engaged in exporting stainless steel bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, or the United Kingdom to the United States?

No Yes--List the following information.

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued

I-5. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in the production of stainless steel bar?

No Yes--List the following information.

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I-6. In Part 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 II.--PURCHASES

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

<i>(Quantity in short tons, value in \$1,000)</i>						
Item	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN FRANCE:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN GERMANY:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN ITALY:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN KOREA:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN ALL OTHER COUNTRIES:¹						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
¹ Please identify these countries: _____						

PART II.--PURCHASES--Continued

II-2. If the relative levels of your firm's purchases of stainless steel bar from different sources (both domestic and foreign) have changed since 2002 (the year the countervailing duty and antidumping duty orders were in acted), please list the country, state whether the relative share from that country has increased or decreased, and state the reason.

Country	Increase/decrease	Reason

II-3. (a) Did your firm purchase stainless steel bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, or the United Kingdom before 2002?
 No--Skip to (c) Yes, from (country): _____

(b) If yes, has your pattern of purchasing stainless steel bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, or the United Kingdom changed since 2002?
 No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.
 Yes, we discontinued purchases from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, or the United Kingdom because of the order. (Circle applicable country).
 Yes, we reduced purchases from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, or the United Kingdom because of the order. (Circle applicable country).
 Yes, but we changed the pattern of purchases from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, or the United Kingdom for reasons other than the order (please explain below).

(c) Has your pattern of purchasing stainless steel bar from nonsubject foreign sources changed since 2002 (please check all that apply).
 We did not purchase from nonsubject foreign sources before or after the order.
 No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.
 Yes, we increased purchases from nonsubject countries because of the order.
 Yes, but we changed our pattern of purchases from nonsubject countries for reasons other than the order (please explain below).

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

III-1. Which of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of stainless steel bar (check all that apply, noting the specific end uses if known)?

- National distributor operated by domestic producer (_____)
- National distributor not operated by domestic producer (_____)
- Regional distributor (_____)
- Cold finisher (_____)
- End user (_____)
- Other (_____)

III-2. (a) If your firm is a distributor or reseller of stainless steel bar, what are the major types of customers to which you sell stainless steel bar?

(b) Do you compete for sales to your customers with the manufacturers or importers from which you purchase stainless steel bar?

III-3. If your firm is an end user of stainless steel bar, list in order of quantity of stainless steel bar consumed, the top 3 products for which your firm purchases stainless steel bar as a component part or input. Please indicate what percentage of the total cost is accounted for by stainless steel bar.

<u>Product you produce</u>	<u>Percent of cost of this named product that is accounted for by stainless steel bar</u>
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____

III-4. (a) If your firm is an end user of stainless steel bar, has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating stainless steel bar changed since 2002?

- Increased Unchanged Decreased
- Other (describe) _____

(b) Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for stainless steel bar?

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-5. Have there been any changes in the end uses of stainless steel bar since 2002?

No Yes--Discuss the changes, noting the time period in which they occurred.

III-6. 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-7. (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.

(c) Have changes in the prices of these products affected the price for stainless steel bar?

No Yes--Please explain.

III-8. 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.

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-9. 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-10. How has demand within the United States for stainless steel bar changed since 2002?

- Increased
- Unchanged
- Decreased
- Other (describe) _____

What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

How has demand outside the United States for stainless steel bar 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 stainless steel bar demand in the United States and, if known, the rest of the world?

- 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-12. Please provide as separate attachments to this request any studies, surveys, etc., that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss stainless steel bar demand and/or factors affecting stainless steel bar 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.

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

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.S.-produced 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-14. Is buying a product that is produced in the United States an important factor in your firm's purchases of stainless steel bar (please check ALL that apply)?

- No
- Yes--Purchases of domestic product are required by law or regulation (for example, government purchases under "Buy American" provisions). This involves ____ percent of your purchases of stainless steel bar.
- Yes--Purchases of domestic product are not required by law or regulation, but are by your customers. This involves ____ percent of your purchases of stainless steel bar.
- Yes--Purchases of domestic product are required for other reasons (please specify these reasons below). This involves ____ percent of your purchases of stainless steel bar.

III-15. (a) Is the stainless steel bar market subject to business cycles or conditions of competition distinctive to stainless steel bar?

- No Yes--Please explain and provide estimates of the duration of any such cycle.

(b) Has the emergence of new markets for stainless steel bar since 2002 affected the business cycles or conditions of competition distinctive to stainless steel bar?

- No Yes--Please explain any such changes.

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-16. Who are your major competitors?

III-17. Does your firm, and to the extent that you know, do your customers make purchasing decisions involving stainless steel bar based on the producer of the stainless steel bar you purchase?

Your firm: Always Usually Sometimes Never
Your customers: Always Usually Sometimes Never

If at least sometimes, please discuss how your firm or your customers determine the producer and why this information is important.

Your firm: _____

Your customers: _____

III-18. Does your firm, and to the extent that you know, do your customers make purchasing decisions involving stainless steel bar based on the country of origin of the stainless steel bar you purchase?

Your firm: Always Usually Sometimes Never
Your customers: Always Usually Sometimes Never

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: _____

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-19. (a) How frequently do you make purchases?

- Daily Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annually
 Other (specify) _____)

(b) Do you expect this purchasing pattern to change in the next two years?

- No Yes--How and why do you expect these changes to occur?

III-20. How many suppliers do you generally contact before making a purchase?

III-21. (a) Do purchases of stainless steel bar usually involve negotiations between supplier and purchaser?

- No Yes--Please 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 Yes--Specify the time period.

III-22. Have you changed suppliers in the last 5 years?

- No Yes--Please 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.

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-23. (a) Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market in the last 3 years?

- No Yes--Please identify the firms and indicate how you become aware of them.
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(b) Do you expect new stainless steel bar suppliers to enter the market in the future?

- No Yes--Please provide details, noting the specific future time period in your response.
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III-24. Do you require your suppliers to become certified or prequalified with respect to the quality, chemistry, strength, or other performance characteristic of the stainless steel bar they sell to your firm?

- No Yes-- ____ percent of purchases in 2006 Yes--all purchases

III-25. Briefly describe the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.).

Please estimate the time it takes to certify or qualify a new supplier. _____ days.

III-26. Since 2002, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their stainless steel bar with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?

- No Yes--Please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification process.
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PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-27. Since 2002, were any U.S. producers or importers of stainless steel bar unable to fulfill your request for stainless steel bar because they did not produce or supply the specific grade/type/size requested?

No Yes--provide information requested below.

Name of producer or importer (and if importer, country)	Specific grades /types/sizes	Time period(s)	Quantity (<i>short tons</i>)	Other details

III-28. Since 2002, did your firm purchase grades/types/sizes of stainless steel bar from France, Germany, Korea or the United Kingdom that were not available from U.S. producer?

No Yes--provide information requested below.

Name of producer or importer (and if importer, country)	Specific grades /types/sizes	Time period(s)	Quantity (<i>short tons</i>)	Other details

III-29. Have your suppliers refused, declined, or been unable to supply stainless steel bar at any time since 2002? (Examples include placing customers on allocation, declining to accept new customers or renew existing customers, delivering less than the quantity promised, unable to meet timely shipment commitments, etc.)

No Yes--provide information requested below.

Name of producer or importer (and if importer, country)	Specific grades/ types/sizes	Time period(s) (if deliveries were late, how late)	Quantity requested (and received) (<i>short tons</i>)	Were you (1) placed on allocation, (2) not accepted as a new customer, (3) not renewed as an existing customer, (4) delivered less than promised quantity, (5) delivered shipments later than committed, (6) other (please explain).

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-30. For the factors listed below, please rate each in terms of its importance in your purchase decision for stainless steel bar.

	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of specialty grades	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discounts offered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extension of credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum qty requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product consistency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consistently meet specifications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality meets industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality exceeds industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical support/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation network	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. transportation costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Worldwide supply network	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Investment by producers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):			
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-31. Please list, in order of their importance, the three major factors generally considered by your firm in deciding from whom to purchase stainless steel bar 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-32. What characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of stainless steel bar?

III-33. How often does your firm purchase the stainless steel bar that is offered at the lowest price?

Always

Usually

Sometimes

Never

III-34. Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the stainless steel bar 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.

III-35. Please describe how the above firm(s) exhibited price leadership.

III-36. How frequently does the price of the stainless steel bar you are purchasing change?

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-37. If your firm purchased stainless steel bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, the United Kingdom, or the United States since 2002, indicate the general practice for quoting and invoicing changes in raw material costs.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Price includes base and raw material costs</u>	<u>Raw material surcharges applicable at time of shipment</u>
France	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Germany	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Italy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Korea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
United Kingdom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

III-38. (a) As an attachment to this questionnaire, please identify and discuss any improvements/changes in the U.S. stainless steel bar 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. stainless steel bar 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-39. What do you think will be the likely effects of any revocation of the countervailing duty order and antidumping duty orders for imports of stainless steel bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, and the United Kingdom? As appropriate, please discuss any potential effects of revocation of the countervailing duty order and antidumping duty orders 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.

(1) Activities of your firm: _____

(2) Entire U.S. market: _____

PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED PRODUCT

IV-1. Please indicate the countries of origin for stainless steel bar for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.

- United States France Germany
 Italy Korea The United Kingdom
 Other countries (Please specify _____)

IV-2. Is stainless steel bar 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	France	Germany	Italy	Korea	United Kingdom	Other countries
United States							
France							
Germany							
Italy							
Korea							
United Kingdom							
¹ For any country-pair producing stainless steel bar which is <i>sometimes or never</i> used interchangeably, please explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use: 							

**PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED
PRODUCT--Continued**

IV-3. Do you or your customers ever specifically order stainless steel bar from one country in particular over other possible sources of supply?

- No Yes--Please identify all relevant countries (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries) from which you or your customers prefer to order, and indicate why stainless steel bar from these countries is preferred over product from other countries (please note the specific product in your response).

IV-4. Are certain grades/types/sizes of stainless steel bar available from only a single source (domestic or foreign, including both subject and nonsubject countries)?

- No Yes--Please identify the source and the grade/type/size.

IV-5. If you purchased stainless steel bar from one source although a comparable product was available from another source at a lower price, please explain your reasons for doing so (please specify by country, including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries). Possibilities might include transaction characteristics such as length of time to fill orders, minimum order size, reliability of supply, etc.

**PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED
PRODUCT--Continued**

IV-6. For the factors listed below, please rate how stainless steel bar produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with stainless steel bar 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)	
	SUPERIOR	COMPARABLE	INFERIOR
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of specialty grades	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discounts offered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extension of credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum qty requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product consistency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consistently meet specifications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality meets industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality exceeds industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical support/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation network	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. transportation costs ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Worldwide supply network	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Investment by producers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED PRODUCT--Continued

IV-7. (a) How often does domestically produced stainless steel bar meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

- Always
- Usually
- Sometimes
- Rarely or never

(b) How often does imported subject stainless steel bar meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

From France:

- Always
- Usually
- Sometimes
- Rarely or never

From Germany:

- Always
- Usually
- Sometimes
- Rarely or never

From Italy:

- Always
- Usually
- Sometimes
- Rarely or never

From Korea:

- Always
- Usually
- Sometimes
- Rarely or never

From the United Kingdom:

- Always
- Usually
- Sometimes
- Rarely or never

(c) How often does imported nonsubject stainless steel bar meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

Country _____ Always Usually Sometimes Rarely or never

Country _____ Always Usually Sometimes Rarely or never

Country _____ Always Usually Sometimes Rarely or never

IV-8. (a) Since 2002, has there been a change in the price of stainless steel bar? If so, has the price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar changed more or less than the price of imported stainless steel bar from France?

- No change in price
- Prices have changed by the same amount

Price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar has changed relative to the price of stainless steel bar from France

(b) If the price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar has changed relative to the price of stainless steel bar from France, the price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar is now relatively

- Higher
- Lower

PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED PRODUCT--Continued

IV-9. (a) Since 2002, has there been a change in the price of stainless steel bar? If so, has the price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar changed more or less than the price of imported stainless steel bar from Germany?

- No change in price
- Prices have changed by the same amount
- Price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar has changed relative to the price of stainless steel bar from Germany

(b) If the price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar has changed relative to the price of stainless steel bar from Germany, the price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar is now relatively

- Higher
- Lower

IV-10. (a) Since 2002, has there been a change in the price of stainless steel bar? If so, has the price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar changed more or less than the price of imported stainless steel bar from Italy?

- No change in price
- Prices have changed by the same amount
- Price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar has changed relative to the price of stainless steel bar from Italy

(b) If the price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar has changed relative to the price of stainless steel bar from Italy, the price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar is now relatively

- Higher
- Lower

IV-11. (a) Since 2002, has there been a change in the price of stainless steel bar? If so, has the price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar changed more or less than the price of imported stainless steel bar from Korea?

- No change in price
- Prices have changed by the same amount
- Price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar has changed relative to the price of stainless steel bar from Korea

(b) If the price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar has changed relative to the price of stainless steel bar from Korea, the price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar is now relatively

- Higher
- Lower

PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED PRODUCT--Continued

IV-12. (a) Since 2002, has there been a change in the price of stainless steel bar? If so, has the price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar changed more or less than the price of imported stainless steel bar from the United Kingdom?

- No change in price
- Prices have changed by the same amount
- Price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar has changed relative to the price of stainless steel bar from the United Kingdom

(b) If the price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar has changed relative to the price of stainless steel bar from the United Kingdom, the price of U.S.-produced stainless steel bar is now relatively

- Higher
- Lower

PART V.--SUPPLIER IDENTIFICATION

Please list the suppliers from which you have purchased stainless steel bar since 2002 and approximate the percentage of your stainless steel bar purchases each accounted for in 2006.

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