



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20436

September 11, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed questionnaire pertains to the United States International Trade Commission's investigation concerning certain ductile iron waterworks fittings from China. The investigation is being conducted under section 421(b) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. § 2451(b)).

In this investigation the Commission must determine whether certain ductile iron waterworks fittings from China are being imported into the United States in such increased quantities or under such conditions as to cause or threaten to cause market disruption to the domestic producers of like or directly competitive products. Because the petition also alleges under section 421(i) of the Act that critical circumstances exist with respect to the subject products, the Commission will also determine whether delay in taking action would cause damage to the relevant domestic industry which would be difficult to repair, and if that determination is affirmative, make a preliminary determination of whether imports of certain ductile iron waterworks fittings from China have caused or threatened to cause market disruption. A copy of the Commission's notice of this investigation is enclosed and will be published in the *Federal Register*.

The confidential business information you supply in this questionnaire or in connection therewith will be so treated by the Commission and will not be disclosed except as may be required by law. Your response will be consolidated with the responses of other firms and will form much of the statistical base for the Commission's determination. The questions in the 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.

Please return the completed questionnaire to the Commission by no later than **September 19, 2003**. However, **please submit by September 15, 2003, via fax (202-205-3205) or E-mail (jbenedetto@usitc.gov)**, your firm's list of customers requested in section IV-C of the producers' questionnaire and section III-C of the importers' questionnaire.

If you have any questions concerning the questionnaires or other matters related to the investigation, please contact Fred Ruggles (fruggles@usitc.gov or 202-205-3187) of the Commission's staff. Correspondence may be sent to the above address or via FAX to 202-205-3205.

Sincerely,

Robert Carpenter
Director

Enclosures