

**PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**CERTAIN SEAMLESS CARBON AND ALLOY STEEL STANDARD, LINE,**  
**AND PRESSURE PIPE FROM ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, AND GERMANY**

*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 November 17, 2006**

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its antidumping review investigation concerning seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe from Argentina, Brazil, or Germany (inv. No. 731-TA-707-709 (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 Amelia Preece (202-205-3250 or amelia.preece@usitc.gov).

Name of firm \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

World Wide Web address \_\_\_\_\_

Has your firm purchased seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe (as defined in the instruction booklet) from any source (domestic or foreign) at any time since January 1, 1998?

**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.*

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*Name and Title of Authorized Official*

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*Date*

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*Signature of Authorized Official*

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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 20 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.

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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 seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe from Argentina, Brazil, or Germany into the United States or which are engaged in exporting seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe from Argentina, Brazil, or Germany 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 seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe?

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 seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe?

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 seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe. Report based on delivery date, not order date. Estimates are acceptable, but please indicate estimates with an (E).

<b>(Quantity in short tons, value in \$1,000)</b>						
<b>Item</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Jan.-Sept. 2006</b>
<b>PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES:</b>						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
<b>PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN ARGENTINA:</b>						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
<b>PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN BRAZIL:</b>						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
<b>PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN GERMANY:</b>						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
<b>PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN ALL OTHER COUNTRIES:<sup>1</sup></b>						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
<sup>1</sup> Please identify these countries: _____						

**PART II.--PURCHASES--Continued**

II-2. If the relative levels of your firm's purchases of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe from different sources (both domestic and foreign) have changed since 2001, please list the country, state whether the relative share from that country has increased or decreased, and state the reason.

Country	Increase/decrease	Reason

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

III-1. Which of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe (check all that apply, noting the specific end uses if known)?

- ENERGY PRODUCER (\_\_\_\_\_)
- OTHER END USER (\_\_\_\_\_)
- DISTRIBUTOR (\_\_\_\_\_)
- Other (\_\_\_\_\_)

III-2. (a) If your firm is a distributor or reseller of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe, what are the major types of consumers to which you sell seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe?

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(b) Do you compete for sales to your customers with the manufacturers or importers from which you purchase seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe?

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

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

<u>Product you produce</u>	<u>Percent of cost accounted for by seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe</u>
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____

III-4. (a) If your firm is an end user of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe, has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe changed since 2001?

- Increased     
 Unchanged     
 Decreased

(b) Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe?

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III-5. Have there been any changes in the end uses of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe since 2001?

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

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III-6. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the end uses of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe 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.

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

III-7. (a) Please list in order of importance any products that may be substituted for seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe.

**Carbon**

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Alloy**

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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(c) Have changes in the prices of these products affected the price for seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe?

No       Yes--To what degree do changes in their prices affect the price for seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe? Does this effect have a time lag? If so, how long is the time lag for each substitute product? Does this vary by type of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe or final end use?

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III-8. Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe since 2001?

No       Yes--Please explain.

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III-9. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the substitutability of other products for seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe 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.

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

III-10. How has demand within the United States for seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe changed since 2001?

Increased                       Unchanged                       Decreased

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How has demand outside the United States for seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe changed since 2001?

Increased                       Unchanged                       Decreased

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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III-11. Do you anticipate any future changes in seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe 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.

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

III-11. (Cont.) Do you anticipate any future changes in seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe demand in countries other than the United States? (If known)

- 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.

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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 seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe demand and/or factors affecting seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe 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 2001 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.S.-produced seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe in the U.S. market since 2001?

- 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.

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

III-14. Is buying a product that is produced in the United States an important factor in your firm's purchases of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe (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 all purchases of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe.

Yes--Purchases of domestic product are not required by law or regulation, but are by your customers. This involves \_\_\_\_ percent of all purchases of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe.

Yes--Purchases of domestic product are required for other reasons (please specify these reasons below). This involves \_\_\_\_ percent of all purchases of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe.

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III-15. (a) Is the seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe market subject to business cycles or conditions of competition distinctive to seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe?

No

Yes--Please explain and provide estimates of the duration of any such cycle.

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(b) Has the emergence of new markets for seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe since 2001 affected the business cycles or conditions of competition distinctive to seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe?

No

Yes--Please explain any such changes.

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

III-16. Who are your major competitors?

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III-17. Does your firm, and to the extent that you know, do your customers make purchasing decisions involving seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe based on the producer of the seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your customers: \_\_\_\_\_

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III-18. Does your firm, and to the extent that you know, do your customers make purchasing decisions involving seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe based on the country of origin of the seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your customers: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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?  
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\_\_\_\_\_

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

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\_\_\_\_\_

III-21. (a) Do purchases of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe 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.

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(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.  
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\_\_\_\_\_

III-22. Have you changed suppliers since 2001?

- 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.

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**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 since 2001?

- No             Yes--Please identify the firms and indicate how you become aware of them.

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(b) Do you expect new seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe 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 seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe they sell to your firm?

- No             Yes-- \_\_\_\_ percent of purchases in 2006             Yes--all purchases

Please provide a general description of the certification or qualification process and the time required.

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III-25. 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.

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III-26. Since 2001, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe 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. (a) For the factors listed below, please rate each in terms of its importance in your purchase decision for seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe.

	<b>VERY IMPORTANT</b>	<b>SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>NOT IMPORTANT</b>
Availability .....	<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"/>
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"/>
U.S. transportation costs .....	<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"/>
_____ .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

III-27. (b) Please list, in order of their importance, the three major factors generally considered by your firm in deciding from whom to purchase seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe 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-28. What characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe?

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III-29. How often does your firm purchase the seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe that is offered at the lowest price?

- Always       Usually       Sometimes       Never

III-30. Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe market since 2001. 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.

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\_\_\_\_\_

III-31. Please describe how the above firm(s) exhibited price leadership.

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III-32. How frequently does the price of the seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe you are purchasing change?

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\_\_\_\_\_

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

III-33. (a) As an attachment to this questionnaire, please identify and discuss any improvements/changes in the U.S. seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe industry since 2001 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. seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe 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-34. What do you think will be the likely effects of any revocation of the antidumping duty order for imports of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe from Argentina, Brazil, or Germany? As appropriate, please discuss any potential effects of revocation of the antidumping duty order 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 seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.

- United States
- Argentina                       Brazil                       Germany
- Other countries (Please specify \_\_\_\_\_)

IV-2. Is seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe 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 *always* interchangeable, "F" to indicate that the products are *frequently* interchangeable, "S" to indicate that the products are *sometimes* interchangeable, "N" to indicate that the products are *never* interchangeable, and "0" to indicate *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair.<sup>1</sup>

Country-pair	United States	Argentina	Brazil	Germany	Other countries
United States					
Argentina					
Brazil					
Germany					

<sup>1</sup> For any country-pair producing seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe which is *sometimes or never* used interchangeably, please explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

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

IV-3. Do you or your customers maintain or use "approved manufacturer lists" ("AMLs") when considering different sources of supply of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe?

- No             Yes--Please attach the relevant AMLs, describe below their importance in sourcing decisions, and indicate what share (in percent) of your firm's 2005 purchases of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe were made pursuant to AMLs.

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IV-4. Do you or your customers ever specifically order seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe 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 seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe from these countries is preferred over product from other countries (please note the specific product in your response).

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IV-5. Are certain grades/types/sizes of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe 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.

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IV-6. If you purchased seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe 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.

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

IV-7. For the factors listed below, please rate how seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe 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.

	<b>compared to</b>		
_____			
(specify country)		(specify country)	
	<b>SUPERIOR</b>	<b>COMPARABLE</b>	<b>INFERIOR</b>
Availability .....	<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"/>
Lower 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"/>
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"/>
Lower U.S. transportation costs .....	<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 IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED PRODUCT--Continued**

IV-8. (a) How often does domestically produced seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

- Always       Usually       Sometimes       Rarely or never

(b) How often does imported seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe from Argentina meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

- Always       Usually       Sometimes       Rarely or never

How often does imported seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe from Brazil meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

- Always       Usually       Sometimes       Rarely or never

How often does imported seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe from Germany meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

- Always       Usually       Sometimes       Rarely or never

(c) How often does imported nonsubject seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe 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

IV-9. (a) Since 2001, has there been a change in the price of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe? If so, has the price of U.S.-produced seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe changed more or less than the price of imported seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe from Argentina, Brazil, or Germany?

- No change in price
- Prices have changed by the same amount
- Price of U.S.-produced seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe has changed relative to the price of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe from Argentina
- Price of U.S.-produced seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe has changed relative to the price of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe from Brazil
- Price of U.S.-produced seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe has changed relative to the price of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe from Germany

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

(b) If the price of U.S.-produced seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe has changed relative to the price of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe from Argentina, the price of U.S.-produced seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe is now relatively

Higher                       Lower

If the price of U.S.-produced seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe has changed relative to the price of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe from Brazil, the price of U.S.-produced seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe is now relatively

Higher                       Lower

If the price of U.S.-produced seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe has changed relative to the price of seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe from Germany, the price of U.S.-produced seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe is now relatively

Higher                       Lower

**PART V.--SUPPLIER IDENTIFICATION**

Please list the top ten suppliers from which you have purchased seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe since 2001 and approximate the percentage of your seamless carbon and alloy steel SLP pipe 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		