



**GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND  
DEFINITIONS FOR COMMISSION FOREIGN  
PRODUCER/EXPORTER QUESTIONNAIRES**

**CARBON AND ALLOY SEAMLESS STANDARD, LINE, AND PRESSURE  
PIPE FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC, JAPAN, MEXICO, ROMANIA,  
AND SOUTH AFRICA**

**Investigation Nos. 731-TA-846-850 (Review)**

***Further information.--If you have any questions concerning the enclosed  
questionnaire(s) or other matters related to this review, you may contact  
the following members of the Commission's staff (Fax 202-205-3205):***

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## GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

***Background.***—In 2000, the Department of Commerce issued antidumping duty orders on imports of carbon and alloy seamless standard, line, and pressure pipe from the Czech Republic, Japan, Mexico, Romania, and South Africa. On May 2, 2005, the Commission instituted a review pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic industry within a reasonably foreseeable time (70 F.R. 22688). If the Commission makes an affirmative determination, the orders will remain in place. If the Commission makes a negative determination, the Department of Commerce will revoke the orders.

Additional questionnaires will be supplied promptly upon request, or photocopies of the enclosed questionnaire(s) may be used. Address all correspondence to the United States International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired individuals can obtain information regarding this review via the Commission's TDD terminal (202-205-1810).

***Due date of questionnaire(s).***--Return the completed questionnaire(s) to the United States International Trade Commission by no later than January 9, 2006. Although the enclosed postpaid envelope may be used to return the completed questionnaire, use of an overnight mail service may be necessary to ensure that your response actually reaches the Commission by January 9, 2006. If you do not use the enclosed envelope, please make sure the completed questionnaire is sent to the attention of Christopher J. Cassise. **Return only one copy of the completed questionnaire(s), but please keep a copy for your records so that you can refer to it if the Commission staff contacts you with any questions during the course of the review.**

***Service of questionnaire response(s).***--In the event that your firm is a party to this review, you are required to serve a copy of the questionnaire(s), once completed, on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 207.7). A list of such parties is maintained by the Commission's Secretary and may be obtained by calling 202-205-1803. A certificate of service must accompany the copy of the completed questionnaire(s) you submit (see 19 CFR § 207.7).

## GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS--Continued

### GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued

***Confidentiality.***--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to the enclosed questionnaire(s) that reveal the individual operations of your firm will be treated as confidential by the Commission to the extent that such data are not otherwise available to the public and will not be disclosed except as may be required by law (see 19 U.S.C. § 1677f). Such confidential information will not be published in a manner that will reveal the individual operations of your firm; however, nonnumerical characterizations of numerical business proprietary information (such as discussion of trends) will be treated as confidential business information only at the request of the submitter for good cause shown.

***Verification.***--**The information submitted in the enclosed questionnaire(s) is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all your workpapers and supporting documents used in the preparation of the questionnaire response(s).**

***Release of information.***--The information provided by your firm in response to the questionnaire(s), as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with the review, may become subject to, and released under, the administrative protective order provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1677f) and section 207.7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.7). This means that certain lawyers and other authorized individuals may temporarily be given access to the information for use in connection with this review or other import-injury investigations or reviews conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise; those individuals would be subject to severe penalties if the information were divulged to unauthorized individuals.

### INSTRUCTIONS

***Answer all questions.***--Do not leave any question or section blank unless a questionnaire expressly directs you to skip over certain questions or sections. If the answer to any question is "none," write "none." **If information is not readily available from your records in exactly the form requested, furnish carefully prepared estimates--designated as such by the letter "E"--and explain the basis of your estimates.** Answers to questions and any necessary comments or explanations should be supplied in the space provided or on separate sheets attached to the appropriate page of the questionnaire(s). If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire in connection with this review (i.e., a producer, importer, purchaser, and/or foreign producer questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions in the questionnaires.

## GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS--Continued

### INSTRUCTIONS--Continued

**Consolidate all establishments in the Czech Republic, Japan, Mexico, Romania, or South Africa.**--Report the requested data for your establishment(s) located in the Czech Republic, Japan, Mexico, Romania, and South Africa. **Firms operating more than one establishment in any one country should combine the data for all establishments for each individual country into a single report.** Please note that there are currently antidumping duty orders on small diameter pipe from the Czech Republic, Japan, Romania, and South Africa and antidumping duty orders on large diameter pipe from Japan and Mexico (see definitions below). Please report accordingly.

### DEFINITIONS

#### **Carbon and Alloy Seamless Standard, Line, and Pressure (“CASSLP”) Pipe.--**

**Large diameter pipe.**--For purposes of the large diameter seamless pipe reviews, the products covered are large diameter seamless carbon and alloy (other than stainless) steel standard, line, and pressure pipes produced, or equivalent, to the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) A-53, ASTM A-106, ASTM A-333, ASTM A-334, ASTM A-589, ASTM A-795, and the American Petroleum Institute (API) 5L specifications and meeting the physical parameters described below, regardless of application.

The scope of these reviews also includes all other products used in standard, line, or pressure pipe applications and meeting the physical parameters described below, regardless of specification, with the exception of the exclusions discussed below. Specifically included within the scope of these reviews are seamless pipes greater than 4.5 inches (114.3 mm) up to and including 16 inches (406.4 mm) in outside diameter, regardless of wall-thickness, manufacturing process (hot finished or cold-drawn), end finish (plain end, beveled end, upset end, threaded, or threaded and coupled), or surface finish.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The large diameter seamless pipes subject to these reviews are currently reported under statistical reporting numbers 7304.10.1030, 7304.10.1045, 7304.10.1060, 7304.10.5050, 7304.31.6050, 7304.39.0036, 7304.39.0040, 7304.39.0044, 7304.39.0048, 7304.39.0052, 7304.39.0056, 7304.39.0062, 7304.39.0068, 7304.39.0072, 7304.51.5060, 7304.59.6000, 7304.59.8030, 7304.59.8035, 7304.59.8040, 7304.59.8045, 7304.59.8050, 7304.59.8055, 7304.59.8060, 7304.59.8065, and 7304.59.8070 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS). Although the HTS statistical reporting numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under investigation is dispositive.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS--Continued**

### **DEFINITIONS--Continued**

The scope of these reviews includes all seamless pipe meeting the physical parameters described above and produced to one of the specifications listed above, regardless of application, with the exception of the exclusions discussed below, whether or not also certified to a non-covered specification. Standard, line, and pressure applications and the above-listed specifications are defining characteristics of the scope of these reviews. Therefore, seamless pipes meeting the physical description above, but not produced to the ASTM A-53, ASTM A-106, ASTM A-333, ASTM A-334, ASTM A-589, ASTM A-795, and API 5L specifications shall be covered if used in a standard, line, or pressure application, with the exception of the specific exclusions discussed below.<sup>2</sup>

Specifically excluded from the scope of these reviews are:

- A. Boiler tubing and mechanical tubing, if such products are not produced to ASTM A-53, ASTM A-106, ASTM A-333, ASTM A-334, ASTM A-589, ASTM A-795, and API 5L specifications and are not used in standard, line, or pressure pipe applications.
- B. Finished and unfinished oil country tubular goods (OCTG), if covered by the scope of another antidumping duty order from the same country. If not covered by such an OCTG order, finished and unfinished OCTG are included in this scope when used in standard, line or pressure applications.
- C. Products produced to the A-335 specification unless they are used in an application that would normally utilize ASTM A-53, ASTM A-106, ASTM A-333, ASTM A-334, ASTM A-589, ASTM A-795, and API 5L specifications.
- D. Line and riser pipe for deepwater application, *i.e.*, line and riser pipe that is (1) used in a deepwater application, which means for use in water depths of 1,500 feet or more; (2) intended for use in and is actually used for a specific deepwater project; (3) rated for a specified minimum yield strength of not less than 60,000 psi; and (4) not identified or certified

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<sup>2</sup> For example, there are certain other ASTM specifications of pipe which, because of overlapping characteristics, could potentially be used in ASTM A-106 applications. These specifications generally include ASTM A-161, ASTM A-192, ASTM A-210, ASTM A-252, ASTM A-501, ASTM A-523, ASTM A-524, and ASTM A-618. When such pipes are used in a standard, line, or pressure pipe application, such products are covered by the scope of these reviews.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS--Continued**

### **DEFINITIONS--Continued**

through the use of a monogram, stencil, or otherwise marked with an API specification (e.g., “API 5L”).

***Small diameter pipe.***--For purposes of the small diameter seamless pipe reviews, the products covered are seamless carbon and alloy (other than stainless) steel standard, line, and pressure pipes and redraw hollows produced, or equivalent, to the ASTM A-53, ASTM A-106, ASTM A-333, ASTM A-334, ASTM A-335, ASTM A-589, ASTM A-795, and the American Petroleum Institute (API) 5L specifications and meeting the physical parameters described below, regardless of application. The scope of these reviews also includes all products used in standard, line, or pressure pipe applications and meeting the physical parameters described below, regardless of specification. Specifically included within the scope of these reviews are seamless pipes and redraw hollows,<sup>3</sup> less than or equal to 4.5 inches (114.3 mm) in outside diameter, regardless of wall thickness, manufacturing process (hot finished or cold-drawn), end finish (plain end, beveled end, upset end, threaded, or threaded and coupled), or surface finish.<sup>4</sup>

The scope of these reviews includes all seamless pipe meeting the physical parameters described above and produced to one of the specifications listed above, regardless of application, with the exception of the specific exclusions discussed below, and whether or not also certified to a non-covered specification. Standard, line, and pressure applications and the above-listed specifications are defining characteristics of the scope of these reviews. Therefore, seamless pipes meeting the physical description above, but not produced to the ASTM A-53, ASTM A-106, ASTM A-333, ASTM A-334, ASTM A-335, ASTM A-589, ASTM A-795, and API 5L specifications shall be covered if used in a standard, line, or pressure application, with the exception of the specific exclusions discussed below.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Redraw hollows are any unfinished pipe or “hollow profiles” of carbon or alloy steel transformed by hot rolling or cold drawing/hydrostatic testing or other methods to enable the material to be sold under ASTM A-53, ASTM A-106, ASTM A-333, ASTM A-334, ASTM A-335, ASTM A-589, ASTM A-795, and API 5L specifications.

<sup>4</sup> The small diameter seamless pipes subject to these reviews are currently covered by statistical reporting numbers 7304.10.1020, 7304.10.5020, 7304.31.3000, 7304.31.6050, 7304.39.0016, 7304.39.0020, 7304.39.0024, 7304.39.0028, 7304.39.0032, 7304.51.5005, 7304.51.5060, 7304.59.6000, 7304.59.8010, 7304.59.8015, 7304.59.8020, and 7304.59.8025 of the HTS. Although the HTS statistical reporting numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under investigation is dispositive.

<sup>5</sup> For example, there are certain other ASTM specifications of pipe which, because of overlapping characteristics, could potentially be used in ASTM A-106 applications. These specifications generally include ASTM A-161, ASTM A-192, ASTM A-210, ASTM A-252, ASTM A-501, ASTM A-523, ASTM A-524, and ASTM A-618. When such pipes are used in a standard, line, or pressure pipe application, with the exception of the specific exclusions discussed below, such products are covered by the scope of these reviews.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS--Continued**

### **DEFINITIONS--Continued**

Specifically excluded from the scope of these reviews are boiler tubing and mechanical tubing, if such products are not produced to ASTM A-53, ASTM A-106, ASTM A-333, ASTM A-334, ASTM A-335, ASTM A-589, ASTM A-795, and API 5L specifications and are not used in standard, line, or pressure pipe applications. In addition, finished and unfinished OCTG are excluded from the scope of these reviews, if covered by the scope of another antidumping duty order from the same country. If not covered by such an OCTG order, finished and unfinished OCTG are included in this scope when used in standard, line or pressure applications.

**Carbon steel.**—A product of iron and carbon which is malleable as first cast and in which: (1) iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements, (2) the carbon content is 2 percent or less, and (3) none of the elements listed below is equal to or exceeds the quantity, by weight, respectively indicated:

- 0.3 percent of aluminum; or
- 0.0008 percent of boron; or
- 0.3 percent of chromium; or
- 0.3 percent of cobalt; or
- 0.4 percent of copper; or
- 0.4 percent of lead; or
- 1.65 percent of manganese; or
- 0.08 percent of molybdenum; or
- 0.3 percent of nickel; or
- 0.06 percent of niobium; or
- 0.6 percent of silicon; or
- 0.05 percent of titanium; or
- 0.3 percent of tungsten; or
- 0.1 percent of vanadium; or
- 0.05 percent of zirconium; or
- 0.1 percent of other elements (except sulfur, phosphorus, carbon and nitrogen), taken separately

**Alloy steel.**—Steel containing any of the elements listed in the definition of carbon steel equal to or in excess of its specified quantity except stainless steel (which contains by weight 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements). For the purposes of these reviews, heat resisting steel is included as “alloy steel.” Heat-resisting steel is alloy steel which contains by weight less than 0.3 percent of carbon and 4 percent or more but less than 10.5 percent of chromium.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS--Continued**

### **DEFINITIONS--Continued**

***Firm.***--An individual proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation (including any subsidiary corporation), business trust, cooperative, trustee in bankruptcy, or receiver under decree of any court.

***Related firm.***--A firm that your firm solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled; a firm that solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm; and/or a firm that was solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled by a firm that also solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm.

***Establishment.***--Each facility of a firm in the Czech Republic, Japan, Mexico, Romania, or South Africa involved in the production of CASSLP pipe (as defined above), including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

***United States.***--For purposes of these reviews, the 50 States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

***Importer.***--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing CASSLP pipe (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

***Average production capacity.***--The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix).

***Production.***--All production in your establishment(s) in the Czech Republic, Japan, Mexico, Romania, or South Africa, including production consumed internally within your firm.

***Shipments.***--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in the Czech Republic, Japan, Mexico, Romania, or South Africa.

***Shipment quantities.***--Quantities reported should be net of returns.

***Shipment values.***--Values reported should be net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods) in U.S. dollars, f.o.b. your point of shipment in the Czech Republic, Japan, Mexico, Romania, or South Africa.



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**DEFINITIONS--Continued**

**Home market commercial shipments.**--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within the Czech Republic, Japan, Mexico, Romania, or South Africa.

**Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms.**--Shipments made to related firms in the Czech Republic, Japan, Mexico, Romania, or South Africa, including product consumed internally by your firm.

**Export shipments.**--Shipments to destinations outside the Czech Republic, Japan, Mexico, Romania, or South Africa, including shipments to related firms.

**Inventories.**--Finished goods inventory, not raw materials or work-in-progress.