

PRODUCERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

**STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM
ITALY, MALAYSIA, AND THE PHILIPPINES**

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 June 30, 2006

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its antidumping review investigations concerning stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Italy, Malaysia, and the Philippines (inv. Nos. 731-TA-865-867 (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)).

<p>Name of firm _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip code _____</p> <p>World Wide Web address _____</p> <p>Has your firm produced stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings (as defined in the instruction booklet) at any time since January 1, 2000?</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 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.

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 50 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. Do you support or oppose continuation of the antidumping duty orders currently in place for stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Italy, Malaysia, and/or the Philippines? Please explain.

Support Oppose Take no position

I-4. 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>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued

I-5. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in importing stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Italy, Malaysia, and/or the Philippines into the United States or which are engaged in exporting stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Italy, Malaysia, and/or the Philippines to the United States?

No Yes--List the following information.

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

I-6. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in importing stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from countries other than Italy, Malaysia, and the Philippines into the United States or which are engaged in exporting stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from countries other than Italy, Malaysia, and the Philippines to the United States?

No Yes--List the following information.

<u>Country/firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I-7. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in the production of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings?

No Yes--List the following information.

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

I-8. In Parts II and IV 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 butt-weld pipe fittings?

No Yes--Please provide the requested documents. If you are not providing the requested documents, please explain why not.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Nathanael Comly (202-205-3174; E-mail nathanael.comly@USITC.gov). **Supply all data requested on a calendar-year basis.**

II-1. Who should be contacted regarding the requested trade and related information?

Company contact: _____
 Name and title

_____ Phone No. _____ E-mail address

II-2. Has your firm experienced any plant openings, relocations, expansions, acquisitions, consolidations, closures, or prolonged shutdowns because of strikes or equipment failure; curtailment of production because of shortages of materials; or any other change in the character of your operations or organization relating to the production of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings since February 23, 2001 (the date on which the antidumping duty orders under review became effective)?

No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes.

II-3. Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of your operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in the future?

No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue. Include in your response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings (in 1,000 pounds) for 2006 and 2007.

II-4. Would your firm anticipate any changes in the character of your operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in the future if the antidumping duty orders on stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Italy, Malaysia, and/or the Philippines were to be revoked?

No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-5. Has your firm since 2001 (the year the antidumping duty orders under review became effective) produced, or does your firm anticipate producing in the future, other products on the same equipment and machinery used in the production of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings and/or using the same production and related workers employed to produce stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings?

- No Yes--List the following information and report your firm's combined production capacity and production of these products and stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in the periods indicated.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Basis for allocation of capacity and employment data (indicate if different)</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

<i>(Quantity in 1,000 pounds)</i>						
Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY						
PRODUCTION						

II-6. Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your production capacity.

II-7. Is your firm able to switch production between stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings and other products in response to a relative change in the price of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings vis-a-vis the price of other products, using the same equipment and labor?

- No Yes--Please identify the other products, the approximate time and cost involved in switching, and the minimum relative price change required for your firm to switch production to or from stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-8a. Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, inventories, and employment related to the production of **FINISHED** stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in your U.S. establishment(s) during the specified periods. (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

<i>(Quantity in 1,000 pounds, value in \$1,000)</i>						
Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY ¹ (<i>quantity</i>)						
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES (<i>quantity</i>)						
PRODUCTION (<i>quantity</i>)						
U.S. SHIPMENTS:						
Commercial shipments:						
<i>Quantity</i> of commercial shipments						
<i>Value</i> of commercial shipments						
Internal consumption:						
<i>Quantity</i> of internal consumption						
<i>Value</i> ² of internal consumption						
Transfers to related firms:						
<i>Quantity</i> of transfers to related firms						
<i>Value</i> ² of transfers to related firms						
EXPORT SHIPMENTS: ³						
<i>Quantity</i> of export shipments						
<i>Value</i> of export shipments						
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES ⁴ (<i>quantity</i>)						
U.S. SHIPMENTS TO DISTRIBUTORS (<i>quantity</i>)						
U.S. SHIPMENTS TO END USERS (<i>quantity</i>)						
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PRWs						
HOURS WORKED BY PRWs (<i>1,000 hours</i>)						
WAGES PAID TO PRWs (<i>value</i>)						

¹ The production capacity (see definitions in instruction booklet) reported is based on operating _____ hours per week, _____ weeks per year. Please describe the methodology used to calculate production capacity, and explain any changes in reported capacity (use additional pages as necessary).

² Internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. In the event that you use a different basis for valuing these transactions, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.) and provide value data using that basis for 2000-2005 below:

³ Identify your principal export markets: _____

⁴ **Reconciliation of data.**--Please note that the **quantities** reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile?

Yes No--Please explain: _____

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-8b. Report your firm's U.S. commercial shipments related to the production of **WELDED and SEAMLESS** (all sizes under 14 inches in outside diameter) stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in your U.S. establishment(s) during the specified periods.

<i>(Quantity in 1,000 pounds, value in \$1,000)</i>						
Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Welded stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings:						
U.S. Shipments:						
<i>Quantity of commercial shipments</i>						
<i>Value of commercial shipments</i>						
Seamless stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings:						
U.S. Shipments:						
<i>Quantity of commercial shipments</i>						
<i>Value of commercial shipments</i>						

II-8c. Report your firm's U.S. commercial shipments related to the production of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings **UNDER 6 INCHES IN OUTSIDE DIAMETER** and **BETWEEN 6 INCHES AND UNDER 14 INCHES IN OUTSIDE DIAMETER** (both seamless and welded) in your U.S. establishment(s) during the specified periods.

<i>(Quantity in 1,000 pounds, value in \$1,000)</i>						
Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings under 6 inches in outside diameter:						
U.S. Shipments:						
<i>Quantity of commercial shipments</i>						
<i>Value of commercial shipments</i>						
Stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings between 6 inches and under 14 inches in outside diameter:						
U.S. Shipments:						
<i>Quantity of commercial shipments</i>						
<i>Value of commercial shipments</i>						

II-8d. Approximately what percentage of your U.S. production of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in 2005 was from each of the following grades of stainless steel?

Grade of stainless steel	Percentage
304/304L	
316/316L	
Other _____	
Unknown	
Total	100%

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-9. If you reported transfers to related firms in question II-8a, please indicate the nature of the relationship between your firm and the related firms (e.g., joint venture, wholly owned subsidiary), whether the transfers were priced at market value or by a non-market formula, whether your firm retained marketing rights to all transfers, and whether the related firms also processed inputs from sources other than your firm.

II-10. Please report how your firm classified in 2005 and currently classifies stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings that are made from foreign-origin unfinished fittings or blanks.

	<u>Currently</u>	<u>2005</u>
Classified as U.S. origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Classified as foreign origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

II-11. Please report your firm's 2005 quantity and value of U.S. commercial shipments of finished stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings to each of the market segments listed below.

<i>(Quantity in 1,000 pounds, value in \$1,000)</i>		
Market segment	2005 Quantity	2005 Value
Petrochemical		
Nuclear		
Brewery		
Food processing		
Paper mill		
Pharmaceutical		
Textile		
Semiconductor		
Other		

Other		

Total¹		

¹ Reconciliation of data.--Please note that the **quantities** and **values** reported above should reconcile to the U.S. commercial shipments for 2005 reported on Table II-8a. Do the data reported reconcile?

Yes No--Please explain: _____.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-12. Please describe the level of technical expertise required by your firm for the production of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings generally and, if applicable, for the conversion of unfinished stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings into finished stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings specifically.

II-13. If applicable, please describe the nature of the operations performed by your firm in converting unfinished stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings into finished stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings. For each of the products listed below (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY), *identify* the additional production processes (such as forming, sizing, annealing, shot blasting, machining, grinding, die stamping, painting, etc.) performed by your firm.

- Caps _____
- Elbows _____
- Reducers _____
- Tees _____
- Stub ends _____
- Other (please specify) _____

II-14. If applicable, please describe any alterations in the physical characteristics and/or functions of the product resulting from the operations performed by your firm in converting unfinished stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings into finished stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings.

II-15. Report the value added by your firm in converting unfinished stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings into finished stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings, as a percentage of the value of finished stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings. _____ Percent

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-15a. Other than direct imports, has your firm otherwise purchased **FINISHED** stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings since January 1, 2000? (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

No Yes--Report such purchases below for the specified periods.¹

<i>(Quantity in 1,000 pounds, value in \$1,000)</i>						
Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
PURCHASES FROM U.S. IMPORTERS² OF STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM--						
ITALY:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
MALAYSIA:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PHILIPPINES:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
ALL OTHER COUNTRIES:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES FROM DOMESTIC PRODUCERS:²						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES FROM OTHER SOURCES:²						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
¹ Please indicate your reasons for purchasing this product. If your reasons differ by source, please elaborate. <hr/> <hr/>						
² Please list the name of the firm(s) from which you purchased this product. If your suppliers differ by source, please identify the source for each listed supplier. <hr/> <hr/>						

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-15b. Other than direct imports, has your firm otherwise purchased **UNFINISHED** stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings since January 1, 2000? (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

No Yes--Report such purchases below for the specified periods.¹

<i>(Quantity in 1,000 pounds, value in \$1,000)</i>						
Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
PURCHASES FROM U.S. IMPORTERS² OF STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM--						
ITALY:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
MALAYSIA:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PHILIPPINES:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
ALL OTHER COUNTRIES:						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES FROM DOMESTIC PRODUCERS:²						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
PURCHASES FROM OTHER SOURCES:²						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
¹ Please indicate your reasons for purchasing this product. If your reasons differ by source, please elaborate. <hr/> <hr/>						
² Please list the name of the firm(s) from which you purchased this product. If your suppliers differ by source, please identify the source for each listed supplier. <hr/> <hr/>						

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-16. Since January 1, 2000, has your firm been involved in a toll agreement (see definition in the instruction booklet) regarding the production of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings?

No Yes--Name firm(s): _____

II-17. Does your firm produce stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in a foreign trade zone (FTZ)?

No Yes--Identify FTZ(s): _____

II-18. Since January 1, 2000, has your firm imported stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings?

No Yes--**COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE**

II-19. Describe the significance of the existing antidumping duty orders covering imports of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Italy, Malaysia, and/or the Philippines in terms of their effects on your firm's production capacity, production, U.S. shipments, inventories, purchases, employment, revenues, costs, profits, cash flow, capital expenditures, research and development expenditures, and asset values. You may wish to compare your firm's operations before and after the imposition of the orders.

II-20. Would your firm anticipate any changes in its production capacity, production, U.S. shipments, inventories, purchases, employment, revenues, costs, profits, cash flow, capital expenditures, research and development expenditures, or asset values relating to the production of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in the future if the antidumping duty orders on stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Italy, Malaysia, and/or the Philippines were to be revoked?

No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, for any trends or projections you may provide.

PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Address questions on this part of the questionnaire to Justin Jee (202-205-3186 or Justin.Jee@USITC.gov).

III-1. Identify the individual who prepared or has knowledge of the requested financial information.

Company contact: _____
 Name and title _____
 Phone No. _____ Fax No. _____
 E-mail address _____ Company web address _____

III-2. Briefly describe your financial accounting system.

- A. When does your fiscal year end (month and day)? _____
 If your fiscal year changed during the period examined, explain below: _____
- B.1. Describe the lowest level of operations (e.g., plant, division, company-wide) for which financial statements are prepared that include subject merchandise: _____
- 2. Does your firm prepare profit/loss statements for the subject merchandise: Yes ___ No ___
- 3. How often did your firm (or parent company) prepare financial statements (including annual reports, 10Ks)? Please check relevant items below.
 Audited ___ unaudited ___ annual reports ___ 10Ks ___ 10Qs ___
 Monthly ___ quarterly ___ semi-annually ___ annually ___
- 4. Accounting basis: GAAP ___ cash ___ tax ___ other comprehensive (specify) _____

Note: The Commission may request that your company submit copies of its financial statements, including internal profit-and-loss statements for the division or product group that includes stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings, as well as those statements and worksheets used to compile data for your firm's questionnaire response.

III-3. Briefly describe your cost accounting system (e.g., standard cost, job order cost, etc.).

III-4. Briefly describe your allocation basis, if any, for COGS, SG&A, and interest expense and other income and expenses.

III-5. Other products.--Please list any other products you produced in the facilities in which you produced stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings, and provide the share of net sales accounted for by these other products in your most recent fiscal year:

Product(s)	Share of sales
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION--Continued

III-6. Operations on stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings.--Report the revenue and related cost information requested below on the stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings operations of your U.S. establishment(s).¹ Do not report resales of product. Note that internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value and purchases from related firms must be at cost. Provide data for your six most recently completed fiscal years in chronological order from left to right. If your firm was involved in tolling operations (either as the toller or as the tollee) please contact Justin Jee at (202) 205-3186 or Justin.Jee@USITC.gov before completing this section of the questionnaire.

(Quantity in 1,000 pounds, value in \$1,000)						
Item	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Net sales quantities:²						
Commercial sales						
Internal consumption						
Transfers to related firms						
Total net sales quantities						
Net sales values:²						
Commercial sales						
Internal consumption						
Transfers to related firms						
Total net sales values						
Cost of goods sold (including internal consumption and transfers to related firms):						
Raw materials						
Direct labor						
Other factory costs						
Total cost of goods sold						
Gross profit or (loss)						
Selling, general, and administrative (SG&A) expenses:						
Selling expenses						
General and administrative expenses						
Total SG&A expenses						
Operating income or (loss)						
Continued on following page.						

PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION--Continued

III-6. – *continued*

(Quantity in 1,000 pounds, value in \$1,000)						
Item	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other income and expenses:						
Interest expense						
All other expense items						
Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act funds received ³						
All other income items						
All other income or expenses, net						
Net income or (loss) before income taxes						
Depreciation/amortization included above						
¹ Include only sales (whether domestic or export) and costs related to your U.S. manufacturing operations. ² Less discounts, returns, allowances, and prepaid freight. The quantities and values should approximate the corresponding shipment quantities and values reported in Part II of this questionnaire. ³ Please report funds received under this act in the period(s) in which they were received. Do not report these funds as an offset to operating expenses.						
Item	Calendar years					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Quantity of unfinished fittings converted						
Direct labor used to convert unfinished fittings						
Other factory costs used to convert unfinished fittings						

PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION--Continued

III-7. Asset values.--Report the total assets associated with the production, warehousing, and sale of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings. If your firm does not maintain some or all of the specific asset data in the normal course of business, please estimate it based upon some rational method (such as production, sales, or costs) that is consistent with your cost allocations in the previous question. Provide data as of the end of your six most recently completed fiscal years in chronological order from left to right.

(Value in \$1,000)						
Value of	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Assets associated with the production, warehousing, and sale of product:						
1. Current assets:						
A. Cash and equivalents						
B. Accounts receivable, net						
C. Inventories						
D. All other current						
Total current assets (lines 1.A. through 1.D.)						
2. Non-current assets						
A. Property, plant, and equipment (PPE) at cost						
B. Less: Accumulated depreciation						
C. Equals: Book value of PPE						
D. All other non-current (lines 2.C. through 2.D.)						
3. Total assets (total current and non-current)						

III-8. Capital expenditures and research and development expenditures.--Report your firm's capital expenditures and research and development expenditures on stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings. Provide data for your six most recently completed fiscal years in chronological order from left to right.

(Value in \$1,000)						
Item	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital expenditures						
Research and development expenditures						

PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section IV-A.--PRICE DATA--Continued

Product 1
 Product 2
 Product 3
 Product 4

(Quantity in units, value in dollars)		
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value ¹
2000:		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
2001:		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
2002:		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
2003:		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
2004:		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
2005:		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
2006:		
January-March		

¹ Net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your U.S. point of shipment.

Note.--If your product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your product:

PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section IV-B.--PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS

IV-B-1. Please describe how your firm determines the prices that it charges for sales of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings (transaction by transaction negotiation, contracts for multiple shipments, set price lists, etc.). If your firm issues price lists, please include a copy of a recent price list with your submission. If your price list is large, please submit sample pages.

IV-B-2. Please describe your firm's discount policy (quantity discounts, annual total volume discounts, etc.).

IV-B-3. What are your firm's typical sales terms for its U.S.-produced stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings (e.g., 2/10 net 30 days)? _____ On what basis are your prices of domestic stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings usually quoted (e.g., f.o.b. warehouse, or delivered)? _____

IV-B-4. Approximately what share of your firm's sales of its U.S.-produced stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in 2005 were on a (1) long-term contract basis (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months), (2) short-term contract basis (multiple deliveries up to 12 months), and (3) spot sales basis (for a single delivery)?

Type of sale	Share of sales (percent)
Long-term contracts	
Short-term contracts	
Spot sales	

IV-B-5. If you sell on a long-term contract basis, please answer the following questions with respect to provisions of a typical long-term contract.

(a) What is the average duration of a contract? _____

(b) Can prices be renegotiated during the contract period? _____

(c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both? _____

(d) Does the contract have a meet-or-release provision? _____

PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section IV-B.--PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS

IV-B-6. If you sell on a short-term contract basis, please answer the following questions with respect to provisions of a typical short-term contract.

- (a) What is the average duration of a contract? _____
- (b) Can prices be renegotiated during the contract period? _____
- (c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both? _____
- (d) Does the contract have a meet-or-release provision? _____

IV-B-7. What is the average lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of your U.S.-produced stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings?

Source	Share of 2005 sales	Lead time
From inventory		
Produced to order		
Total	100%	

IV-B-8. (a) What is the approximate percentage of the total delivered cost of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs? _____ percent.

(b) Who generally arranges the transportation to your customers' locations? Your firm _____ or purchaser _____ (check one).

(c) What proportion of your sales occur within 100 miles of your storage or production facility? _____ percent. 101 to 1,000 miles? _____ percent. Over 1,000 miles? _____ percent.

IV-B-9. What is the geographic market area in the United States served by your firm's stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings?

- Northeast Mid-Atlantic Midwest Southeast
- Southwest Rocky Mountains West Coast Northwest
- National Other (describe) _____

IV-B-10. Describe the end uses of the stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings that you manufacture. For each end-use product, what percentage of the total cost is accounted for by stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings?

<u>End use</u>	<u>Share of total cost accounted for by stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings (percent)</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section IV-B.--PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS--Continued

IV-B-11. Have there been any changes in the end uses of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings since 2000?

No Yes--Please describe.

IV-B-12. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the end uses of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings 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.

IV-B-13. (a) Please list in order of importance any products that may be substituted for stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings.

(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 butt-weld pipe fittings?

No Yes--To what degree do changes in their prices affect the price for stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings? 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 stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings or final end use?

IV-B-14. Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings since 2000?

No Yes--Please explain.

PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section IV-B.--PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS--Continued

IV-B-15. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the substitutability of other products for stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings 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.

IV-B-16. To what extent have changes in the prices of raw materials affected your firm's selling prices for stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings during January 2000-March 2006? Also discuss any anticipated changes in your raw material costs in the future, identifying the time period(s) involved and the factor(s) that you believe would be responsible for such changes. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

IV-B-17. Have any changes occurred in any other factors affecting supply (e.g., changes in availability or prices of 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 butt-weld pipe fittings in the U.S. market since 2000?

- 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.

IV-B-18. (a) Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the availability of U.S.-produced stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in the U.S. market in the future?

- Increase No Change Decrease

(b) If you anticipate changes in supply, please identify the changes including the time period and the impact of such changes on shipment volumes and prices. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section IV-B.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

IV-B-19. Has the availability of NONSUBJECT imported stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings changed since 2000?

No Yes--Please explain.

IV-B-20. Describe how easily your firm can shift its sales of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings between the U.S. market and alternative country markets. In your discussion, please describe any contracts, other sales arrangements, or other constraints that would prevent or retard your firm from shifting stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings between the U.S. and alternative country markets within a 12-month period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

IV-B-21. Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix, or marketing (including sales over the internet) of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings since 2000?

No Yes--Please describe and quantify if possible.

IV-B-22. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the product range, product mix, or marketing (including sales over the internet) of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in the future? Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

No Yes--Please identify, including the time period.

PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section IV-B.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

IV-B-23. a) How has demand within the United States for stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings changed since 2000?

Increased Unchanged Decreased

Other (describe) _____

What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

b) How has demand outside the United States for stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings changed since 2000?

Increased Unchanged Decreased

Other (describe) _____

What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

IV-B-24. Do you anticipate any future changes in stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings 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.

PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section IV-B.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

IV-B-25. Please compare market prices of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in U.S. and non-U.S. markets, if known. Provide specific information as to time periods and regions for any price comparisons.

IV-B-26. Please provide as a separate attachment to this request any studies, surveys, etc. that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings supply (including production capacity and capacity utilization) and demand in (1) the United States, (2) each of the other major producing/consuming countries, including Italy, Malaysia, and the Philippines, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data from 2000 to the present and forecasts for the future.

IV-B-27. Are your exports of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings subject to any tariff or non-tariff barriers to trade in other countries?

No Yes--Please list the countries and describe any such barriers and any significant changes in such barriers that have occurred since 2000, or that are expected to occur in the future.

IV-B-28. Does your firm sell stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings over the internet?

No Yes--Please describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total sales of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in 2005 accounted for by internet sales.

PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section IV-B.--PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS--Continued

IV-B-29. Are stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (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.¹

Country-pair	United States	Italy	Malaysia	Philippines	Other countries
United States					
Italy					
Malaysia					
Philippines					

¹ For any country-pair producing stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings which is *sometimes* or *never* interchangeable, please explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:
