

IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE
CARBON STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM BRAZIL, CHINA, JAPAN,
TAIWAN, AND THAILAND

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 July 11, 2005

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 carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand (inv. No. 731-TA-308-310 and 520-521 (Second 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)).

Name of firm _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

World Wide Web address _____

Has your firm imported carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings (as defined in the instruction booklet) from any country at any time since January 1, 1999?

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 this review 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 this review may be used by the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel who are acting in the capacity of Commission employees, for developing or maintaining the records of this review or related proceedings for which this information is submitted, or in internal audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3. I understand that all contract personnel will sign non-disclosure agreements.

Name and Title of Authorized Official

Date

Signature of Authorized Official

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Phone

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Fax

PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 25 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

I-1a. Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of preparing the reply to this questionnaire and completing the form.

_____ hours _____ dollars

I-1b. We are interested in any comments you may have for improving this questionnaire in general or the clarity of specific questions. Please attach such comments to your response or send them to the above address.

I-2. Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire (see pages 3-4 of the instruction booklet for reporting guidelines). If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

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

No Yes--List the following information.

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

I-4. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in importing carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand into the United States or which are engaged in exporting carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand 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 importing carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from countries other than Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand into the United States or which are engaged in exporting carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from countries other than Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand to the United States?

No Yes--List the following information.

<u>Country/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 the production of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings ?

No Yes--List the following information.

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

I-7. Please indicate the nature of your firm's importing operations on carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings. More than one answer may be applicable.

Importer of record Takes title to the imported product(s)

Consignee of the imported product(s) Customs broker or freight forwarder

I-8. If your firm is an importer of record of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings but is **not** the consignee, please list the consignees below (company name, address, telephone, and individual to contact).

I-9. Please indicate whether your firm enters carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings into, or withdraws such merchandise from, foreign trade zones or bonded warehouses.

Foreign trade zones No Yes--list location(s):

Bonded warehouses No Yes--list location(s):

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

II-3. Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of your operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the importation of carbon 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.

II-4. Would your firm anticipate any changes in the character of your operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the importation of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings in the future if the antidumping duty orders on carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand 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.

II-5. Has your firm imported or arranged for the importation of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand for delivery after June 30, 2005?

- No
- Yes--Indicate when such orders are to be delivered, the country of origin of the imports, and the quantities involved.

Country of origin of imports	Quantity (1,000 pounds)	Date of delivery

II-6. If your firm also produces carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings in the United States, please indicate your reasons for importing this product. If your reasons differ by source, please elaborate.

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

II-7a. **IMPORTS BY SOURCE**--Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings imported by your firm during 1999-2004. (See definitions in the instruction booklet.) **Report separately for each country listed on page 1 of the questionnaire and for all other sources combined. Photocopy as many pages as you need and identify the country for which you are reporting in the space provided.**

Country (specify) _____ All other sources combined¹

(Quantity in 1,000 pounds, value in \$1,000)						
Item	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES (<i>quantity</i>)						
IMPORTS:²						
<i>Quantity</i> of imports						
<i>Value</i> of imports						
U.S. SHIPMENTS:						
Commercial shipments:						
<i>Quantity</i> of commercial shipments						
<i>Value</i> of commercial shipments						
Internal consumption/company transfers:						
<i>Quantity</i> of internal consumption/transfers						
<i>Value</i> ³ of internal consumption/transfers						
EXPORT SHIPMENTS:⁴						
<i>Quantity</i> of export shipments						
<i>Value</i> of export shipments						
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES⁵ (<i>quantity</i>)						
U.S. SHIPMENTS TO DISTRIBUTORS (<i>quantity</i>)						
U.S. SHIPMENTS TO END USERS (<i>quantity</i>)						
¹ Please identify these sources: _____ _____						
² Please identify the foreign producers, if known: _____ _____						
³ Sales to related firms (including internal consumption) must be valued at fair market value. In the event that you use a different basis for valuing these sales within your company, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.) and provide value data using that basis for 1999-2004 below: _____ _____						
⁴ Identify your principal export markets: _____ _____						
⁵ Reconciliation of data --Please note that the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus imports, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No--Please explain: _____ _____						

II-7b. **IMPORTS BY SOURCE**.--Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings imported by your firm during the specified January-June periods. (See definitions in the instruction booklet.) **Report separately for each country listed on page 1 of the questionnaire and for all other sources combined. Photocopy as many pages as you need and identify the country for which you are reporting in the space provided.**

Country (specify) _____ All other sources combined¹

(Quantity in 1,000 pounds, value in \$1,000)		
Item	January-June 2004	January-June 2005
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES (<i>quantity</i>)		
IMPORTS:²		
<i>Quantity</i> of imports		
<i>Value</i> of imports		
U.S. SHIPMENTS:		
Commercial shipments:		
<i>Quantity</i> of commercial shipments		
<i>Value</i> of commercial shipments		
Internal consumption/company transfers:		
<i>Quantity</i> of internal consumption/transfers		
<i>Value</i> ³ of internal consumption/transfers		
EXPORT SHIPMENTS:⁴		
<i>Quantity</i> of export shipments		
<i>Value</i> of export shipments		
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES⁵ (<i>quantity</i>)		
U.S. SHIPMENTS TO DISTRIBUTORS (<i>quantity</i>)		
U.S. SHIPMENTS TO END USERS (<i>quantity</i>)		
¹ Please identify these sources: _____		
² Please identify the foreign producers, if known: _____		
³ Sales to related firms (including internal consumption) must be valued at fair market value. In the event that you use a different basis for valuing these sales within your company, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.) and provide value data using that basis for January-June 2004 and 2005 below:		
⁴ Identify your principal export markets: _____		
⁵ Reconciliation of data .--Please note that the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus imports, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No--Please explain: _____		

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

II-8. Describe the significance of the existing antidumping duty orders covering imports of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand in terms of its effect on your firm's imports, U.S. shipments of imports, and inventories. You may wish to compare your firm's operations before and after the imposition of the order.

II-9. Would your firm anticipate any changes in its imports, U.S. shipments of imports, or inventories of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings in the future if the antidumping duty orders on carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand 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.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Bobby Hughes (202-205-3300; robert.hughes@usitc.gov).

III-1. Who should be contacted regarding the requested pricing and related information?

Company contact: _____

Name and title

Phone No.

E-mail address

Section III-A.--PRICE DATA

This section requests quarterly quantity and value data on your firm's U.S. shipments of the following products during January 1999-June 2005. Values should be for arms-length sales to unrelated U.S. customers, f.o.b. U.S. point of shipment, net of returns, refunds, discounts, and credits.

Product 1.—Elbows: Carbon steel butt-weld, 4-inch nominal, 90 degrees, long radius, standard weight fittings.

Product 2.—Elbows: Carbon steel butt-weld, 6-inch nominal, 90 degrees, long radius, standard weight fittings.

Product 3.—Teas: Carbon steel butt-weld, 4-inch nominal, standard weight fittings.

COPY THE FOLLOWING PAGE AS NECESSARY. Complete a separate page for each of the specified products imported and sold by your firm. Indicate in the space provided the product for which pricing is reported.

Report separately for each supplier from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand from whom you purchased carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings.

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

Section III-A.--PRICE DATA--Continued

Product 1 Product 2 Product 3 Country: _____ Supplier: _____

(Quantity in 1,000 pounds, value in dollars)		
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value ¹
1999:		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
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		

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 III.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section III-B.--PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS

III-B-1. Please describe how your firm determines the prices that it charges for sales of carbon 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.

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

III-B-3. What are your firm's typical sales terms for carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings imported from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand (e.g., 2/10 net 30 days)? _____ On what basis are your prices of such product usually quoted (e.g., f.o.b. port of entry, or delivered)? _____

III-B-4. Approximately what share of your firm's sales of its carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings imported from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand in 2004 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	

III-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 III.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section III-B.--PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS

III-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? _____

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

Source	Share of 2004 sales	Lead time
From inventory		
Produced to order		
Total	100%	

III-B-8. (a) What is the approximate percentage of the total delivered cost of carbon 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.

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

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

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

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

III-B-10. Describe the end uses of the carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings that you import from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand. For each end-use product, what percentage of the total cost is accounted for by carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings?

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

III-B-11. Have there been any changes in the end uses of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings since 1999?

No Yes--Please describe.

III-B-12. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the end uses of carbon 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.

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

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

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

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

III-B-14. Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings since 1999?

No Yes--Please explain.

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

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

III-B-15. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the substitutability of other products for carbon 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.
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III-B-16. To what extent have changes in the prices of raw materials affected your firm's selling prices for carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings during January 1999-June 2005? 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.

III-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 carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings in the U.S. market since 1999?

- 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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III-B-18. (a) Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the availability of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings imported from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand 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 III.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section III-B.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-B-19. Has the availability of NONSUBJECT imported carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings changed since 1999?

No Yes--Please explain.

III-B-20. Describe how easily your firm can shift its sales of carbon 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 carbon 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.

III-B-21. Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix, or marketing (including sales over the internet) of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings since 1999?

No Yes--Please describe and quantify if possible.

III-B-22. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the product range, product mix, or marketing (including sales over the internet) of carbon 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 III.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS--Continued

Section III-B.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-B-23. How has demand within the United States (and outside the United States, if known) for carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings changed since 1999?

Increased Unchanged Decreased

Other (describe) _____

What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

III-B-24. Do you anticipate any future changes in carbon 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.

III-B-25. Please compare market prices of carbon 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.

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

Section III-B.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-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 carbon 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 Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data from 1999 to the present and forecasts for the future.

III-B-27. Are your exports of carbon 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 1999, or that are expected to occur in the future.

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

- No Yes--Please describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total sales of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings in 2004 accounted for by internet sales.

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

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

III-B-30. Are differences other than price (i.e., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, etc.) between carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's sales of the products? Please indicate below, using "A" to indicate that such differences are *always* significant, "F" to indicate that such differences are *frequently* significant, "S" to indicate that such differences are *sometimes* significant, "N" to indicate that such differences are *never* significant, and "0" to indicate *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair.¹

Country-pair	United States	Brazil	China	Japan	Taiwan	Thailand	Other countries
United States							
Brazil							
China							
Japan							
Taiwan							
Thailand							

¹ For any country-pair for which factors other than price *always or frequently* are a significant factor in your firm's sales of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:
