



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

**CARBON STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS
FROM BRAZIL, CHINA, JAPAN, TAIWAN, AND THAILAND**

Investigations Nos. 731-TA-308-310, 520, and 521 (Second 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):

Christopher J. Cassise, investigator (202-708-5408; E-mail chris.cassise@USITC.GOV) regarding general questions and trade and related information;

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GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.—In 1986 and 1987, the Department of Commerce issued antidumping duty orders on imports of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Brazil, Japan, and Taiwan. In 1992, the Department of Commerce issued antidumping duty orders on imports of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from China and Thailand. On December 1, 2004, 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 (69 F.R. 69952). 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 July 11, 2005. 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 July 11, 2005. 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).

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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.

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INSTRUCTIONS--Continued

Consolidate all establishments in Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand.--Report the requested data for your establishment(s) located in Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand. **Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.**

DEFINITIONS

Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings.

From Brazil, Japan, and Taiwan.--carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings, other than couplings, under 14 inches (356 mm) in diameter, whether finished or unfinished, that have been formed in the shape of elbows, tees, reducers, caps, etc., and, if forged, have been advanced after forging. These advancements may include any one of the following: coining, heat treatment, shot blasting, grinding, die stamping, or painting.

Induction pipe bends which have at one or both ends tangents that equal or exceed 12 inches in length are excluded from the scope of the review on imports from Japan.

This merchandise is classifiable under subheading 7307.93.30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTS").

From China and Thailand.--carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings, having an inside diameter of less than 14 inches (356 mm), imported in either finished or unfinished form. These formed or forged pipe fittings are used to join sections in piping systems where conditions require permanent, welded connections, as distinguished from fittings based on other fastening methods (e.g., threaded, grooved, or bolted fittings).

This merchandise is classifiable under subheading 7307.93.30 of the HTS.

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 Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand involved in the production of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings (as defined above), including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

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DEFINITIONS--Continued

United States--For purposes of this review, 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 carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings (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 Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand, including production consumed internally within your firm.

Shipments--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand.

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 Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand.

Home market commercial shipments--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand.

Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms--Shipments made to related firms in Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand, including product consumed internally by your firm.

Export shipments--Shipments to destinations outside Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, or Thailand, including shipments to related firms.

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