

PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

**CERTAIN PIPE AND TUBE FROM ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, INDIA,
KOREA, MEXICO, TAIWAN, THAILAND AND TURKEY**

► STANDARD AND STRUCTURAL PIPE AND TUBE ◀

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 March 8, 2006

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its reviews concerning standard and structural pipe and tube from Brazil, India, Korea, Mexico, Thailand, and Turkey (inv. Nos. 701-TA-253 (Second Review) and 731-TA-132, 252, 271, 273, 532-534 and 536 (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)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from Clark Workman (202-205-3248 or clark.workman@usitc.gov).

Name of firm _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

World Wide Web address _____

Has your firm purchased standard and structural pipe and tube (as defined in the instruction booklet) from any source (domestic or foreign) 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 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

Date

Signature of Authorized Official

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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 30 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 standard and structural pipe and tube from the subject countries into the United States or which are engaged in exporting standard and structural pipe and tube from the subject countries to the United States?

No Yes--List the following information.

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

PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued

I-5. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in the production of standard and structural pipe and tube?

No Yes--List the following information.

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

I-6. In Part III of this questionnaire we request a copy of your company's business plan. Does your company or any related firm have a business plan or any internal documents that describe, discuss, or analyze expected future market conditions for standard and structural pipe and tube?

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

PART II.--PURCHASES

II-1. Report, as indicated below, your firm's purchases (either directly or through a sales agent or broker) of standard and structural pipe and tube. Report based on delivery date, not order date.

| <i>(Quantity in short tons, value in \$1,000)</i> | | | | | | | |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Item | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES: | | | | | | | |
| <i>Quantity</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Value</i> | | | | | | | |
| PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN BRAZIL: | | | | | | | |
| <i>Quantity</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Value</i> | | | | | | | |
| PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN INDIA: | | | | | | | |
| <i>Quantity</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Value</i> | | | | | | | |
| PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN KOREA: | | | | | | | |
| <i>Quantity</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Value</i> | | | | | | | |
| table continued on the following page | | | | | | | |

PART II.--PURCHASES--Continued

| <i>(Quantity in short tons, value in \$1,000)</i> | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Item | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN MEXICO: | | | | | | | |
| <i>Quantity</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Value</i> | | | | | | | |
| PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN TAIWAN:¹ | | | | | | | |
| <i>Quantity</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Value</i> | | | | | | | |
| PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN THAILAND: | | | | | | | |
| <i>Quantity</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Value</i> | | | | | | | |
| PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN TURKEY | | | | | | | |
| <i>Quantity</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Value</i> | | | | | | | |
| PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN ALL OTHER COUNTRIES:² | | | | | | | |
| <i>Quantity</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Value</i> | | | | | | | |
| ¹ Please report product meeting either of the definitions for a standard and structural pipe and tube from Taiwan provided in the instructions booklet. ² Please identify these countries: _____ | | | | | | | |

II-2. If the relative levels of your firm's purchases of standard and structural pipe and tube from different sources (both domestic and foreign) have changed since 1999, please list the country, state whether the relative share from that country has increased or decreased, and state the reason.

| Country | Increase/decrease | Reason |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|
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* Please report product meeting either of the definitions for a standard and structural pipe and tube from Taiwan provided in the instructions booklet.

PART II.--PURCHASES--Continued

II-3. (a) Did your firm purchase standard and structural pipe and tube from any or all of the subject countries before 1999?

- No--Skip to (c) Yes
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(b) If yes, has your pattern of purchasing standard and structural pipe and tube from Brazil changed since 1999?

- No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.
 Yes, we discontinued purchases from Brazil because of the order.
 Yes, we reduced purchases from Brazil because of the order.
 Yes, but we changed the pattern of purchases from Brazil for reasons other than the order (please explain below).
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(c) If yes, has your pattern of purchasing standard and structural pipe and tube from India changed since 1999?

- No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.
 Yes, we discontinued purchases from India because of the order.
 Yes, we reduced purchases from India because of the order.
 Yes, but we changed the pattern of purchases from India for reasons other than the order (please explain below).
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(d) If yes, has your pattern of purchasing standard and structural pipe and tube from Korea changed since 1999?

- No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.
 Yes, we discontinued purchases from Korea because of the order.
 Yes, we reduced purchases from Korea because of the order.
 Yes, but we changed the pattern of purchases from Korea for reasons other than the order (please explain below).
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PART II.--PURCHASES--Continued

- (e) If yes, has your pattern of purchasing standard and structural pipe and tube from Mexico changed since 1999?
- No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.
 - Yes, we discontinued purchases from Mexico because of the order.
 - Yes, we reduced purchases from Mexico because of the order.
 - Yes, but we changed the pattern of purchases from Mexico for reasons other than the order (please explain below).
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- (f) If yes, has your pattern of purchasing standard and structural pipe and tube from Taiwan changed since 1999?
- No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.
 - Yes, we discontinued purchases from Taiwan because of the orders.
 - Yes, we reduced purchases from Taiwan because of the orders.
 - Yes, but we changed the pattern of purchases from Taiwan for reasons other than the orders (please explain below).
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- (g) If yes, has your pattern of purchasing standard and structural pipe and tube from Thailand changed since 1999?
- No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.
 - Yes, we discontinued purchases from Thailand because of the order.
 - Yes, we reduced purchases from Thailand because of the order.
 - Yes, but we changed the pattern of purchases from Thailand for reasons other than the order (please explain below).
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- (h) If yes, has your pattern of purchasing standard and structural pipe and tube from Turkey changed since 1999?
- No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.
 - Yes, we discontinued purchases from Turkey because of the orders.
 - Yes, we reduced purchases from Turkey because of the orders.
 - Yes, but we changed the pattern of purchases from Turkey for reasons other than the orders (please explain below).
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PART II.--PURCHASES--Continued

(i) Has your pattern of purchasing standard and structural pipe and tube from nonsubject foreign sources changed since 1999 (please check all that apply).

- We did not purchase from nonsubject foreign sources before or after the orders.
- No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.
- Yes, we increased purchases from nonsubject foreign sources because of the orders.
- Yes, but we changed our pattern of purchases from nonsubject foreign sources for reasons other than the orders (please explain below).

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

III-1. Which of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of standard and structural pipe and tube (check all that apply, noting the specific end uses if known)?

DISTRIBUTOR (_____)

Other (_____)

III-2. (a) If your firm is a distributor or reseller of standard and structural pipe and tube, what are the major types of customers to which you sell standard and structural pipe and tube?

(b) Do you compete for sales to your customers with the manufacturers or importers from which you purchase standard and structural pipe and tube?

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

Product you produce

Percent of cost accounted for

1. _____

1. _____

2. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. _____

III-4. (a) If your firm is an end user of standard and structural pipe and tube, has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating standard and structural pipe and tube changed since 1999?

Increased

Unchanged

Decreased

(b) Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for standard and structural pipe and tube?

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

III-5. Have there been any changes in the end uses of standard and structural pipe and tube since 1999?

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

III-6. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the end uses of standard and structural pipe and tube 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.

III-7. (a) Please list in order of importance any products that may be substituted for standard and structural pipe and tube.

(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 standard and structural pipe and tube?

No Yes--Please explain.

III-8. Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for standard and structural pipe and tube since 1999?

No Yes--Please explain.

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

III-9. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the substitutability of other products for standard and structural pipe and tube 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.

III-10. (a) How has demand within the United States for standard and structural pipe and tube changed since 1999?

- Increased Unchanged Decreased
 Other (describe) _____

What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

III-10. (b) How has demand outside the United States (if known) for standard and structural pipe and tube changed since 1999?

- Increased Unchanged Decreased
 Other (describe) _____

What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

III-11. Do you anticipate any future changes in standard and structural pipe and tube 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 III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-12. Please provide as separate attachments to this request any studies, surveys, etc., that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss standard and structural pipe and tube demand and/or factors affecting standard and structural pipe and tube demand in the (1) United States, (2) each of the major producing/consuming countries, including those subject to these reviews, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data on an annual basis from 1999 to the present and forecasts of these demand data.

III-13. Have any changes occurred in any factors affecting supply (e.g., changes in availability or prices of raw materials, energy or labor; transportation conditions; production capacity and/or methods of production; technology; export markets; or alternative production opportunities) that affected the availability of U.S.-produced standard and structural pipe and tube 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.

III-14. Does the availability of U.S.-produced standard and structural pipe and tube in the U.S. market continue to be affected by the changes described above?

- No Yes--Please discuss.

III-15. Is buying a product that is produced in the United States an important factor in your firm's purchases of standard and structural pipe and tube (please check ALL that apply)?

- No
- Yes--Purchases of domestic product are required by law or regulation (for example, government purchases under "Buy American" provisions). This involves ____ percent of all purchases of standard and structural pipe and tube.
- Yes--Purchases of domestic product are not required by law or regulation, but are by your customers. This involves ____ percent of all purchases of standard and structural pipe and tube.
- Yes--Purchases of domestic product are required for other reasons (please specify these reasons below). This involves ____ percent of all purchases of standard and structural pipe and tube.

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

III-16. (a) Is the standard and structural pipe and tube market subject to business cycles or conditions of competition distinctive to standard and structural pipe and tube?

No Yes--Please explain and provide estimates of the duration of any such cycle.

(b) Has the emergence of new markets for standard and structural pipe and tube since 1999 affected the business cycles or conditions of competition distinctive to standard and structural pipe and tube?

No Yes--Please explain any such changes.

III-17. Who are your major competitors?

III-18. Does your firm, and to the extent that you know, do your customers make purchasing decisions involving standard and structural pipe and tube based on the producer of the standard and structural pipe and tube you purchase?

Your firm: Always Usually Sometimes Never
Your customers: Always Usually Sometimes Never

If at least sometimes, please discuss how your firm or your customers determine the producer and why this information is important.

Your firm: _____

Your customers: _____

III-19. Does your firm, and to the extent that you know, do your customers make purchasing decisions involving standard and structural pipe and tube based on the country of origin of the standard and structural pipe and tube you purchase?

Your firm: Always Usually Sometimes Never
Your customers: Always Usually Sometimes Never

If at least sometimes, please discuss how your firm or your customers determine the source and why this information is important.

Your firm: _____

Your customers: _____

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

III-20. (a) How frequently do you make purchases?

- Daily Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annually
 Other (specify) _____)

(b) Do you expect this purchasing pattern to change in the next two years?

- No Yes--How and why do you expect these changes to occur?
- _____
- _____

III-21. How many suppliers do you generally contact before making a purchase?

III-22. (a) Do purchases of standard and structural pipe and tube usually involve negotiations between supplier and purchaser?

- No Yes--Please describe these negotiations. In your response, please comment on whether purchasers generally quote competing prices as part of the negotiation process.
- _____
- _____

(b) Does your firm tend to vary its purchases from a given supplier within a specified time period based on the price offered for that period?

- No Yes--Specify the time period.
- _____
- _____

III-23. Have you changed suppliers since 1999?

- No Yes--Please list the supplier or suppliers and indicate whether the firm was added or dropped as a supplier. Also give the reasons for the change and how frequently you change suppliers.
- _____
- _____

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

III-24. (a) Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since 1999?

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

(b) Do you expect new standard and structural pipe and tube suppliers to enter the market in the future?

- No Yes--Please provide details, noting the specific future time period in your response.

III-25. Do you require your suppliers to become certified or prequalified with respect to the quality, chemistry, strength, or other performance characteristic of the standard and structural pipe and tube they sell to your firm?

- No Yes-- ____ percent of purchases in 2005 Yes--all purchases

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

III-26. Briefly describe the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.) and estimate the time it takes to certify or qualify a new supplier.

III-27. Since 1999, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their standard and structural pipe and tube with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?

- No Yes--Please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification process.
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PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-28. (a) For the factors listed below, please rate each in terms of its importance in your purchase decision for standard and structural pipe and tube.

| | VERY IMPORTANT | SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT | NOT IMPORTANT |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Availability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delivery terms | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delivery time | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Discounts offered | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Extension of credit | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Price | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Minimum qty requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Packaging | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Product consistency | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quality meets industry standards | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quality exceeds industry standards | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Product range | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reliability of supply | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Technical support/service | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| U.S. transportation costs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (specify): | | | |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

III-29. Please list, in order of their importance, the three major factors generally considered by your firm in deciding from whom to purchase standard and structural pipe and tube for any one order (examples include current availability, extension of credit, prearranged contracts, price, quality exceeding specifications or industry standards, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Other factors or comments: _____

III-30. What characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of standard and structural pipe and tube?

III-31. How often does your firm purchase the standard and structural pipe and tube that is offered at the lowest price?

Always

Usually

Sometimes

Never

III-32. Please detail any instances where your firm paid a higher price for merchandise based upon factors other than price, indicating whether the competing merchandise was required to meet ASTM or other designated specifications.

III-33. Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the standard and structural pipe and tube market since 1999. A price leader is defined as (1) one or more firms that initiate a price change, either upward or downward, that is followed by other firms, or (2) one or more firms that have a significant impact on prices. A price leader does not necessarily have to be the lowest priced supplier. For those firms identified as a price leader, please specify the time period in which a price change was communicated, whether the price change was upward or downward, and whether it covered a specific geographic region or a specific product type.

III-34. Please describe how the above firm(s) exhibited price leadership.

III-35. How frequently does the price of the standard and structural pipe and tube you are purchasing change?

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

III-36. Does your firm purchase standard and structural pipe and tube market over the internet?

No

Yes--Please describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total purchases of standard and structural pipe and tube in 2005 accounted for by internet purchases.

III-37. (a) As an attachment to this questionnaire, please identify and discuss any improvements/changes in the U.S. standard and structural pipe and tube industry since 1999 and explain fully, to the extent possible, the factor(s), including the order(s) under review, that was/(were) responsible for each improvement/change.

(b) Please also discuss fully, to the extent possible, any improvements/changes that you anticipate in the future in the U.S. standard and structural pipe and tube industry. Identify the specific future time period covered in your response, and discuss the factors that you believe would be responsible for each improvement/change.

III-38. What do you think will be the likely effects of any revocation of the countervailing duty order/antidumping duty orders for imports of standard and structural pipe and tube from the subject countries? As appropriate, please discuss any potential effects of revocation of the countervailing duty order/antidumping duty orders on (1) the future activities of your firm and (2) the U.S. market as a whole. Please note the future time period to which you are referring. Attach additional pages if necessary.

(1) Activities of your firm: _____

(2) Entire U.S. market: _____

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

IV-1. Please indicate the countries of origin for standard and structural pipe and tube for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.

- United States
- Brazil
- India
- Korea
- Mexico
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Turkey
- Other countries (Please specify _____)

IV-2. Is standard and structural pipe and tube 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 "O" to indicate *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair.¹

| Country-pair | United States | Brazil | India | Korea | Mexico | Taiwan | Thailand | Turkey | Other countries |
|---------------|---------------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|----------|--------|-----------------|
| United States | | | | | | | | | |
| Brazil | | | | | | | | | |
| India | | | | | | | | | |
| Korea | | | | | | | | | |
| Mexico | | | | | | | | | |
| Taiwan | | | | | | | | | |
| Thailand | | | | | | | | | |
| Turkey | | | | | | | | | |

¹ For any country-pair producing standard and structural pipe and tube which is *sometimes* or *never* interchangeable, please explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

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

IV-3. Do you or your customers ever specifically order standard and structural pipe and tube market from one country in particular over other possible sources of supply?

- No Yes--Please identify all relevant countries (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries) from which you or your customers prefer to order, and indicate why standard and structural pipe and tube from these countries is preferred over product from other countries (please note the specific product in your response).

IV-4. Are certain grades/types/sizes of standard and structural pipe and tube available from only a single source (domestic or foreign, including both subject and nonsubject countries)?

- No Yes--Please identify the source and the grade/type/size.

IV-5. If you purchased standard and structural pipe and tube from one source although a comparable product was available from another source at a lower price, please explain your reasons for doing so (please specify by country, including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries). Possibilities might include transaction characteristics such as length of time to fill orders, minimum order size, reliability of supply, etc.

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

IV-6. For the factors listed below, please rate how standard and structural pipe and tube produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with standard and structural pipe and tube produced in each of the other countries you identified (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries). Copy this page as necessary to cover all possible country combinations and please attach any comments you care to make concerning your responses, especially in comparisons where you rate product from one country superior or inferior to product from another.

| | compared to | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | (specify country) | (specify country) | |
| | SUPERIOR | COMPARABLE | INFERIOR |
| Availability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delivery terms | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delivery time | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Discounts offered | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Extension of credit | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lower price | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Minimum qty requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Packaging | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Product consistency | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quality meets industry standards | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quality exceeds industry standards | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Product range | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reliability of supply | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Technical support/service | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lower U.S. transportation costs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (specify): | | | |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

IV-7. (a) How often does domestically produced standard and structural pipe and tube meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

- Always
- Usually
- Sometimes
- Rarely or never

(b) How often does imported subject standard and structural pipe and tube (i.e. from Brazil, India, Korea, Mexico, Thailand, Turkey or Taiwan) meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

- Always
- Usually
- Sometimes
- Rarely or never

Does your response to this question differ among the separate subject countries? No__ Yes__

If the answer is yes, please describe how the countries differ in meeting minimum specifications in the space provided.

(c) How often does imported nonsubject standard and structural pipe and tube meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

Country _____ Always Usually Sometimes Rarely or never

Country _____ Always Usually Sometimes Rarely or never

Country _____ Always Usually Sometimes Rarely or never

IV-8. (a) Since 1999, has there been a change in the price of standard and structural pipe and tube? If so, has the price of U.S.-produced standard and structural pipe and tube changed more or less than the price of imported standard and structural pipe and tube from the subject countries?

- No change in price
- Prices have changed by the same amount
- Price of U.S.-produced standard and structural pipe and tube has changed relative to the price of standard pipe and tube from the subject countries

(b) If the price of U.S.-produced standard and structural pipe and tube has changed relative to the price of standard and structural pipe and tube from the subject countries, the price of U.S.-produced standard and structural pipe and tube is now relatively

- Higher
- Lower

PART V.--SUPPLIER IDENTIFICATION

Please list the suppliers from which you have purchased standard and structural pipe and tube since 1999 and approximate the percentage of your standard and structural pipe and tube purchases each accounted for in 2005.

| No. | Firm name | Percentage of purchases | No. | Firm name | Percentage of purchases |
|-----|-----------|-------------------------|-----|-----------|-------------------------|
| 1 | | | 6 | | |
| 2 | | | 7 | | |
| 3 | | | 8 | | |
| 4 | | | 9 | | |
| 5 | | | 10 | | |