



INSTRUCTION BOOKLET

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

Welded Large Diameter Line Pipe from Japan Investigation No. 731-TA-919 (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 member of the Commission=s staff (Fax 202-205-3205):

*Mary Messer, investigator (202-205-3193; Email mary.messer@usitc.gov)
regarding general questions and trade and related information;*

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regarding pricing, market, and related information.*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.-- On December 6, 2001, the Department of Commerce issued an antidumping duty order on imports of certain welded large diameter line pipe from Japan (66 FR 63368). On November 5, 2007, Commerce issued a continuation of the antidumping duty order on imports of certain welded large diameter line pipe from Japan (72 FR 62435). On October 1, 2012, the Commission instituted this proceeding 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 order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic industry within a reasonably foreseeable time (77 FR 59973). If the Commission makes an affirmative determination on a particular order, that order will remain in place. If the Commission makes a negative determination on a particular order, the Department of Commerce will revoke that order.

Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this review are available at http://www.usitc.gov/trade_remedy/731_ad_701_cvd/investigations/2013/welded_large_diameter/reviewphase.htm. 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).--Please submit the completed questionnaire(s) to the United States International Trade Commission so as to be received by no later than **May 31, 2013**. Because Commission staff might contact you with questions during the course of the proceeding, save the final version of the document(s) and retain all files and worksheets associated with the completed questionnaire(s). Please also retain a copy of any paper original document that you submit.

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).

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.

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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 proceedings 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 zero or "none", enter the number zero or "none". **If information is not readily available from your records in exactly the form requested, furnish carefully prepared estimates.** Answers to questions and any necessary comments or explanations should be entered in the space provided or in a separate MS Word document submitted along with the questionnaire(s). If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire in connection with this proceeding (i.e., a producer, importer, purchaser, and/or foreign producer questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions in the questionnaires.

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

Electronic completion.-- Please electronically enter your responses into the Commission provided MS Word document. The MS Word versions of all the questionnaires in this proceeding are available online at the ITC web page or may be obtained directly from the Commission's Investigator, Mary Messer (mary.messer@usitc.gov).

Electronic submission.-- Responding firms should submit their questionnaire responses electronically in MS Word format. The submission of questionnaire responses in the MS Word format allows the Commission to electronically extract data from questionnaires and thus, compile, assess, and analyze submitted data more efficiently and promptly. Furthermore, the electronic submission of questionnaires completed in MS Word facilitates the Commission's ability to produce documents that comply with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. There are three electronic submissions options detailed below.

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OPTIONS FOR FILING

This questionnaire is available as a “fillable” form in MS Word format on the Commission’s website at http://www.usitc.gov/trade_remedy/731_ad_701_cvd/investigations/2013/wel_ded_large_diameter/reviewphase.htm. *Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the questionnaire document.* Please complete the questionnaire and submit it electronically using one of the methods noted below. If your firm is unable to complete the MS Word questionnaire or cannot use one of the electronic methods of submission, please contact the Commission for further instructions.

- **Upload via Secure Drop Box.**—Upload the completed questionnaire in MS Word format along with a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1) through the Commission’s secure upload facility:

Web address: <https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/> **Pin:** LINE

- **E-mail.**—E-mail your questionnaire to the investigator identified on page 1 of the Instruction Booklet; include a scanned PDF of the signed certification page (page 1). Type the following in the e-mail subject line: **BPI Questionnaire, INV. NO. 919**. *Please note that submitting your questionnaire by e-mail may subject your firm’s business proprietary information to transmission over an unsecure environment and to possible disclosure. If you choose this option, the Commission warns you that any risk involving possible disclosure of such information is assumed by the submitter and not by the Commission.*

- **Compact disc (CD).**—Copy your questionnaire onto a CD, include a signed certification page (page 1) (either in paper form or scanned PDF copied onto CD), and mail to the address above. *It is strongly recommended that you use an **overnight mail service**. U.S. mail sent to government offices undergoes additional processing which not only results in substantial delays in delivery but may also damage CDs.*

Note: If you are a party to the proceeding, and service of the questionnaire is required, such service should be made in paper form.

DEFINITIONS

Certain welded large diameter line pipe.-- Welded carbon and alloy line pipe, of circular cross section and with an outside diameter (“OD”) greater than 16 inches (406.4 mm), but less than 64 inches (1,625.6 mm), in diameter, whether or not stenciled. These products are normally produced according to American Petroleum Institute (“API”) specifications, including grades A25, A, and B, and X grades ranging from X42 to X80, but can also be produced to other specifications. Under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTS”), the products are currently classified under statistical reporting numbers 7305.11.1030, 7305.11.1060, 7305.11.5000, 7305.12.1030, 7305.12.1060, 7305.12.5000, 7305.19.1030, 7305.19.1060, and 7305.19.5000.

Excluded from the scope of this review is American Water Works Association (“AWWA”) specification water and sewage pipe. Also excluded are the following size/grade combinations of line pipe with an outside diameter of over 16 inches and less than 64 inches:

- 1) Having an outside diameter greater than or equal to 18 inches and less than or equal to 22 inches, with a wall thickness measuring 0.750 inch or greater, regardless of grade.
- 2) Having an outside diameter greater than or equal to 24 inches and less than 30 inches, with wall thickness measuring greater than 0.875 inches in grades A, B, and X42, with wall thickness measuring greater than 0.750 inches in grades X52 through X56, and with wall thickness measuring greater than 0.688 inches in grades X60 or greater.
- 3) Having an outside diameter greater than or equal to 30 inches and less than 36 inches, with wall thickness measuring greater than 1.250 inches in grades A, B, and X42, with wall thickness measuring greater than 1.000 inches in grades X52 through X56, and with wall thickness measuring greater than 0.875 inches in grades X60 or greater.
- 4) Having an outside diameter greater than or equal to 36 inches and less than 42 inches, with wall thickness measuring greater than 1.375 inches in grades A, B, and X42, with wall thickness measuring greater than 1.250 inches in grades X52 through X56, and with wall thickness measuring greater than 1.125 inches in grades X60 or greater.
- 5) Having an outside diameter greater than or equal to 42 inches and less than 64 inches, with a wall thickness measuring greater than 1.500 inches in grades A, B, and X42, with wall thickness measuring greater than 1.375 inches in grades X52 through X56, and with wall thickness measuring greater than 1.250 inches in grades X60 or greater.
- 6) Having an outside diameter equal to 48 inches, with a wall thickness measuring 1.0 inch or greater, in grades X80 or greater.
- 7) API grades X80 or above, having an outside diameter of 48 inches to and including 52 inches, and with a wall thickness of 0.90 inch or more.

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- 8) API grades X100 or above, having an outside diameter of 48 inches to and including 52 inches, and with a wall thickness of 0.54 inch or more.
- 9) API grade X80 having an outside diameter of 21 inches and wall thickness of 0.625 inch or more.

Electric Resistance Welded Line Pipe (“ERW”).--ERW pipe is formed from hot-rolled coils through the application of pressure and without the use of filler metal.

Submerged Arc Welded Line Pipe (“SAW”).--SAW pipe is formed from hot-rolled coils or cut-to-length plate through the use of filler metal and without the application of pressure and includes longitudinal SAW pipe; double seam SAW pipe; and spiral weld (helical) SAW pipe.

- **Helical Welded Line Pipe (“HSAW”)**.--Spiral pipe is formed by coiling hot-rolled coils or cut-to-length plate into a helix and riveting the overlapping edges together. Spiral pipe made by the electric-fusion-welded process may have a butt joint, a lap joint, or a lock-seam joint.
- **Longitudinal SAW Pipe (“LSAW”)**.--Pipe that has one or more longitudinal seams produced from cut-to-length plate by the automatic SAW process. At least one pass shall be on the inside and at least one pass shall be on the outside.

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 Japan involved in the production of certain welded large diameter line pipe (as defined above), including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

United States.--For purposes of this review, the 50 States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

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

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

Production.--All production in your establishment(s) in Japan, including production consumed internally within your firm.

Shipments.--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in Japan.

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 Japan.

Home market commercial shipments.--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within Japan.

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

Export shipments.--Shipments to destinations outside Japan, including shipments to related firms.

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