

FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE
CERTAIN STAINLESS STEEL PLATE FROM BELGIUM, CANADA, ITALY, KOREA,
SOUTH AFRICA, AND TAIWAN

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 February 14, 2005

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its reviews concerning certain stainless steel plate from Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and Taiwan (invs. Nos. 701-TA-376, 377, & 379 and 731-TA-788-793 (Review)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

Name of firm _____

Address _____

World Wide Web address _____

Has your firm produced or exported **certain stainless steel plate** (as defined in the instruction booklet) since January 1, 1998?

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NO

(Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)

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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

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E-mail address

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 40 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 page 3 of the instruction booklet for reporting guidelines). If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

- I-3. Please provide the names and addresses in 2004 of the **10** largest U.S. importers of your firm's HRAP stainless steel plate in coils and the **10** largest U.S. importers of your firm's cold-rolled stainless steel plate in coils.

<u>HRAP stainless steel plate in coils</u>	<u>Cold-rolled stainless steel plate in coils</u>
(1) _____	(1) _____
(2) _____	(2) _____
(3) _____	(3) _____
(4) _____	(4) _____
(5) _____	(5) _____
(6) _____	(6) _____
(7) _____	(7) _____
(8) _____	(8) _____
(9) _____	(9) _____
(10) _____	(10) _____

PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued

- I-4. Please indicate the nature of your firm's operations on certain stainless steel plate. More than one answer may be applicable.

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Manufacturer

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Exporter

If your firm is the exporter but not the manufacturer please list the manufacturer(s) below (company name, address, telephone, and fax number).

- I-5. In Parts II and 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 certain stainless steel plate?

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No

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Yes--Please provide the requested documents. If you are not providing the requested documents, please explain why not.

- I-6. Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce certain stainless steel plate in the United States or other countries?

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No

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Yes--Please name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnaire (contact Debra Baker for copies of that questionnaire).

- I-7. Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import certain stainless steel plate into the United States?

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No

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Yes--Please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire (contact Debra Baker for copies of that questionnaire).

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

II-1. 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 certain stainless steel plate since 1998?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes.

II-2. Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of your operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of certain stainless steel plate in the future?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Supply details as to the location, 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 certain stainless steel plate (in short tons) for 2005 and 2006.**

II-3. Would your firm anticipate any changes in the character of your operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of certain stainless steel plate in the future if the countervailing duty and antidumping duty orders on certain stainless steel plate from Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan were to be revoked?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Supply details as to the location, 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-4. Does your firm have any plans to add, expand, curtail, or shut down production capacity and/or production of certain stainless steel plate in Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan in the future?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Please describe those plans, including location, planned dates and capacity/production quantities and country(ies) involved, and the reason(s) for such change(s). If the plans are to add or expand capacity or production, list (in descending order of importance) the markets (countries) to which such additional capacity or production would be directed. Provide relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that addresses this issue.

- II-5. Describe the production technology used in the production of certain stainless steel plate in Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan and identify major production inputs. Also discuss any significant changes in production technology since 1998.

- II-6a. Has your firm since 1998 produced, or does your firm anticipate producing in the future, other products (including non-subject stainless steel flat products, carbon steel flat products, and/or other flat products (e.g., high-nickel alloys, electrical steel, titanium products)) on the same equipment and machinery used in the production of certain stainless steel plate and/or using the same production and related workers employed to produce certain stainless steel plate?

☐ No

☐ Yes--List the products produced, their estimate shares of production in 2004, the time periods in which they were produced, and the basis of your firm's allocations in the space below.

Product	Share (percent) of quantity	Period	Basis for allocation of capacity and employment date (indicate if different)

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

II-6b. Please complete the following grid for products produced on the same equipment and machinery used in the production of certain stainless steel plate:

<i>(Quantity in short tons)</i>							
Production stage	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Melting (raw stainless steel):							
Total production capacity							
Production							
Hot-rolling:							
Total production capacity							
Production:							
Stainless steel plate in coils (subject)							
Stainless steel plate cut-to-length							
Stainless steel sheet & strip							
Other flat-rolled (specify:)							
Total production							
Cold-rolling:							
Total production capacity							
Production:							
Stainless steel plate in coils (subject)							
Stainless steel plate cut-to-length							
Stainless steel sheet & strip							
Other flat-rolled (specify:)							
Total production							
Other-specify:							
Total production capacity							
Production							

II-7. Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your production capacity at the following stages. Also report your production capacity in 2004 for each stage (in short tons).

Melting stage.—Constraints: _____

Hot-rolling stage.—Constraints: _____

Annealing and pickling stage.—Constraints: _____

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

II-8. What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of certain stainless steel plate?

_____ Percent

II-9a. Is your firm able to switch production between certain stainless steel plate and other products in response to a relative price change in the price of certain stainless steel plate vis-a-vis the price of other products, using the same equipment and labor?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Please identify below 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 certain stainless steel plate.

II-9b. Please report any factors that limit your ability to shift production between certain stainless steel plate and other products.

II-10a. Has your firm maintained any inventories of certain stainless steel plate in the United States (not including inventories held by firms identified in questions I-3, I-5, or I-6 above¹) since 1998?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Report the quantity (in short tons) of such end-of-period inventories below. **Report separately for each country listed on page 1 of the questionnaire.**

1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004

II-10b. Has any entity related to your firm maintained any inventories of certain stainless steel plate in the United States (not including inventories held by firms identified in questions I-3, I-5, or I-6 above¹) since 1998? Please provide the names and address of these firms.

II-11. (a) Are your firm's exports of certain stainless steel plate subject to tariff or non-tariff barriers to trade (for example, antidumping or countervailing duty findings or remedies, tariffs, quotas, or regulatory barriers) in any countries other than the United States?

☐ No

☐ Yes--List the products(s), country(ies), the year each such barrier was imposed, and the type of barrier.

Product

Country

Year imposed

Barrier (if tariff, give rate)

¹ Such firms will report inventories in the Commission's importer or producer questionnaire.

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

(b) Are your firm's exports of certain stainless steel plate subject to current investigations in any countries other than the United States that might result in tariff or non-tariff barriers to trade?

☐ No

☐ Yes--List the products(s), country(ies), and type of investigation.

Product

Country

Type of investigation

- II-12. Identify each market other than the United States (including home and export markets) that you have developed or where you have increased your sales of certain stainless steel plate since 1998. Please discuss the factors leading to these market developments **individually for each country (or market)** and if possible document.

- II-13. Describe the significance of the existing countervailing duty and antidumping duty orders covering imports of certain stainless steel plate from Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan in terms of its effect on your firm's production capacity, production, home market shipments, exports to the United States and other markets, and inventories. You may wish to compare your firm's operations before and after the imposition of the orders.

- II-14. Would your firm anticipate any changes in its production capacity, production, home market shipments, exports to the United States and other markets, or inventories relating to the production of certain stainless steel plate in the future if the countervailing duty and antidumping duty orders on certain stainless steel plate from Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan 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 II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

- II-15. **HRAP STAINLESS STEEL PLATE, IN COILS.**--Please report production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories of **hot-rolled, annealed and pickled (HRAP) stainless steel plate in coils** produced by your firm in Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan in 1998-2004. Report separately for each country listed and identify the country: _____

(Quantity in short tons, value in 1,000 U.S. dollars)							
Item	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY ¹ (quantity)							
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES ² (quantity)							
PRODUCTION ³ (quantity)							
SHIPMENTS:							
Home market: Internal consumption/transfers (quantity)							
Commercial shipments: Quantity							
Value							
Exports to-- United States: ⁴ Quantity							
Value							
All other export markets: European Union: ⁵ Quantity							
Value							
China: Quantity							
Value							
Asia (other than China): ⁶ Quantity							
Value							
Other: ⁷ Quantity							
Value							
Subtotal, all other export markets: Quantity							
Value							
Total exports (quantity)							
Total shipments (quantity)							
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES (quantity)							
Footnotes on next page.							

Continuation.

¹ The production capacity (see definitions in instruction booklet) reported is based on operating _____ hours per week, _____ weeks per year. Did your firm allocate capacity using the historical product mix reported previously in response to question II-6b? _____ YES or _____ NO. If NO, please describe the methodology used to calculate production capacity.

Also, explain any changes in reported capacity (use additional pages as necessary). _____

² 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: _____

³ Please estimate, as appropriate, the percentage of total production of certain stainless steel plate in Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and Taiwan accounted for by your firm's production in 2004: _____ Percent

⁴ Please estimate, as appropriate, the percentage of total exports to the United States of certain stainless steel plate from Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and Taiwan accounted for by your firm's exports in 2004: _____ Percent

⁵ Identify principal *European Union* export markets. _____

⁶ Identify principal *Asian* export markets (other than China). _____

⁷ Identify principal *other* export markets. _____

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

- II-16. **COLD-ROLLED STAINLESS STEEL PLATE.**--Please report production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories of **cold-rolled stainless steel plate in coils** produced by your firm in Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan in 1998-2004. **Report separately for each country listed and identify the country:**_____

(Quantity in short tons, value in 1,000 U.S. dollars)							
Item	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY ¹ (quantity)							
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES ² (quantity)							
PRODUCTION ³ (quantity)							
SHIPMENTS:							
Home market: Internal consumption/transfers (quantity)							
Commercial shipments: Quantity							
Value							
Exports to-- United States: ⁴ Quantity							
Value							
All other export markets: European Union: ⁵ Quantity							
Value							
China: Quantity							
Value							
Asia (other than China): ⁶ Quantity							
Value							
Other: ⁷ Quantity							
Value							
Subtotal, all other export markets: Quantity							
Value							
Total exports (quantity)							
Total shipments (quantity)							
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES (quantity)							
Footnotes on next page.							

Continuation.

¹ The production capacity (see definitions in instruction booklet) reported is based on operating _____ hours per week, _____ weeks per year. Did your firm allocate capacity using the historical product mix reported previously in response to question II-6b? _____ YES or _____ NO. If NO, please describe the methodology used to calculate production capacity.

Also, explain any changes in reported capacity (use additional pages as necessary). _____

² 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: _____

³ Please estimate, as appropriate, the percentage of total production of certain stainless steel plate in Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and Taiwan accounted for by your firm's production in 2004: _____ Percent

⁴ Please estimate, as appropriate, the percentage of total exports to the United States of certain stainless steel plate from Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and Taiwan accounted for by your firm's exports in 2004: _____ Percent

⁵ Identify principal *European Union* export markets. _____

⁶ Identify principal *Asian* export markets (other than China). _____

⁷ Identify principal *other* export markets. _____

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

Complete each line below and complete separate page for that country/product combination (photocopying an additional page, if necessary):

☐ Country (specify) _____

☐ **HRAP, in coils** ☐ **Cold-rolled, in coils** (Check one box)

II-17a. Provide the quantities (in *short tons*) of your firm's exports to the United States in 2004 of product produced in Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan that were in the following **width classes**. *The widths reported should be those that apply after trimming has been performed.* Report separately, as indicated by the checked box at the top of the page, for either **HRAP, in coils**, or **cold-rolled, in coils**.

The total listed below should equal the quantity of your exports to the United States reported in question II-15 or II-16. Do the totals equal?

Yes No, if not why?

Quantity of U.S. shipments of above-specified product in 2004 (in <i>short tons</i>)					
Up to 36 inches	Over 36 inches to 48 inches	Over 48 inches to 60 inches	Over 60 inches to 72 inches	Over 72 inches	Total

II-17b. Provide the quantities (in *short tons*) of your firm's exports to the United States in 2004 of the specified certain stainless steel plate products produced in Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan **by grade**. Report separately, as indicated by the checked box at the top of the page, for either **HRAP, in coils**, or **cold-rolled, in coils**. The total listed below should equal the quantity of your exports to the United States reported in question II-15 or II-16. Do the totals equal?

____ Yes ____ No, if not why? _____

Certain stainless steel plate product	Quantity (<i>short tons</i>) in 2004
Grade 304	
Grade 304L	
Grade 316	
Grade 316L	
Grade 403	
Grade 409	
Grade 430	
Grade 434/436	
Other ¹ (identify:)	
Other ¹ (identify:)	
All others	
Total	

¹ Identify and separately report an "other" grade only if it accounted for 10 percent or more of your firm's exports to the United States in 2004; otherwise report the grade in the combined "all others" category.

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Craig Thomsen (Craig.Thomsen @usitc.gov).

When answering the questions in Part III, specify which countries you are discussing (i.e., Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and Taiwan) and, as necessary, provide country-specific information if your answer does not apply to all the subject countries. Also, please report separately for HRAP and cold-rolled product, as appropriate.

- III-1. Approximately what share of your firm's sales of certain stainless steel plate to U.S. customers 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-2. 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? _____

- III-3. 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-4. What is the average lead time between a U.S. customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of certain stainless steel plate?

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

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

- III-5. To what extent have changes in the prices of raw materials affected your firm's selling prices, production and/or delivery schedule, or inventory levels for certain stainless steel plate during January 1998-December 2004? 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-6. 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 Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan-produced certain stainless steel plate in the U.S. market since 1998?

☐ 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-7. (a) Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the availability of Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan-produced certain stainless steel plate 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.

- III-8. Describe how easily your firm can shift its sales of certain stainless steel plate between the U.S. market and alternative country markets. In your discussion, please describe any contracts, other sales arrangements, or other constraints (including any third-country trade barriers such as tariffs, quotas, or other non-tariff barriers) that would prevent or retard your firm from shifting certain stainless steel plate 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.

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-9. Is the product range, product mix, or marketing of certain stainless steel plate in your home market significantly different from the product range, product mix, or marketing of certain stainless steel plate for export to the United States or to third-country markets? Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix, or marketing of certain stainless steel plate in your home market, for export to the United States, or for export to third-country markets since 1998?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Please describe and quantify if possible.

III-10. Please discuss any anticipated changes in terms of the product range, product mix, or marketing of certain stainless steel plate in your home market, for export to the United States, or for export to third-country markets 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-11. (a) Please list in order of importance any products that may be substituted for certain stainless steel plate.

(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 certain stainless steel plate?

☐ No

☐ Yes--To what degree do changes in their prices affect the price for certain stainless steel plate? 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 certain stainless steel plate or final end use?

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-12. Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for certain stainless steel plate since 1998?

☐ No ☐ Yes--Please explain.

III-13. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the substitutability of other products for certain stainless steel plate 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-14. Is the certain stainless steel plate produced by your firm and sold in its home market interchangeable (i.e., can be used in the same applications) with your firm's certain stainless steel plate sold to the United States and/or to third-country markets?

☐ Yes ☐ No--Identify the market(s) and any differences in the products.

III-15. Describe the end uses of the certain stainless steel plate that you manufacture and sell to your home market. If these end uses differ from those of the certain stainless steel plate you sell to the U.S. market or to third-country markets, explain.

III-16a. Has your firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply stainless steel plate since 1998? (Examples include placing customers on allocation or "controlled order entry," declining to accept new customers or renew existing customers, delivering less than the quantity promised, unable to meet timely shipment commitments, etc.)

☐ No ☐ Yes--Please note and document the time period(s) (i.e., month and year), country of origin, and the customer involved; and the amount and type of product involved.

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-16b. Has your firm implemented any surcharges on shipments since 1998?

☐ No ☐ Yes--Please indicate the base period during which they applied the amount(s) and the product(s) and country(ies) to which they applied.

III-17. Have there been any changes in the end uses of certain stainless steel plate since 1998?

☐ No ☐ Yes--Please describe.

III-18. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the end uses of certain stainless steel plate 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-19. How has demand within your home market and the United States (and outside the United States, if known) for certain stainless steel plate changed since 1998?

A. Home market: ☐ Increased ☐ Unchanged ☐ Decreased ☐ Other¹

B. United States: ☐ Increased ☐ Unchanged ☐ Decreased ☐ Other²

C. Other countries: ☐ Increased ☐ Unchanged ☐ Decreased ☐ Other³

¹ Describe: _____

² Describe: _____

³ Describe: _____

What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-20. Do you anticipate any future changes in certain stainless steel plate demand in your home market and 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-21. Please compare market prices of certain stainless steel plate in your home market, the United States, and third-country markets, if known. Provide specific information as to time periods and regions for any price comparisons.

III-22. Describe briefly your home market for certain stainless steel plate, including the number of, and competition between, producers.

III-23. Do you face competition from imports of certain stainless steel plate in your home market?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Please identify the country sources of any imports of certain stainless steel plate into your home market.

III-24. Please provide as a separate attachment to this request any studies, surveys, etc. that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss certain stainless steel plate supply (including production capacity and capacity utilization) and demand in (1) the United States, (2) each of the other major producing/consuming countries, including Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and/or Taiwan, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data from 1998 to the present and forecasts for the future.

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-25. Does your firm sell certain stainless steel plate over the internet?

☐ No☐ Yes--Please describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total sales of certain stainless steel plate in 2004 accounted for by internet sales.

PART IV.--FOREIGN PRODUCER IDENTIFICATION

Please list the name and address of the foreign producers of stainless steel plate that your firm is aware of which are located in the country/countries in which your firm has production facilities.

Provide a separate listing for each subject country (i.e., for Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and Taiwan). Copy this page as necessary.

Identify country: _____

No.	Firm name	Address
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