U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

COLD-ROLLED STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM BRAZIL, CHINA, INDIA, JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by March 3, 2022

See last page for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its review of the countervailing and antidumping duty orders concerning cold-rolled steel flat products from Brazil, China, India, Japan, South Korea, and the United Kingdom (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-540-543 and 731-TA-1283-1287 and 1290 (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 Natalia King (202-205-2049, natalia.king@usitc.gov).

City	StateZip Code
Website	
Has your firm purc any time since Jan	ased cold-rolled steel (as defined on the next page) <u>from any source</u> (domestic or foreign) at ary 1, 2016?
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YES (Co	plete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

<u>Background</u>.--On July 14, 2016, the Department of Commerce ("Commerce") issued its antidumping duty orders concerning China and Japan, and its countervailing duty order concerning China on imports of cold-rolled steel. On September 20, 2016, Commerce issued its antidumping duty orders concerning Brazil, India, South Korea, and the United Kingdom, and its countervailing duty orders concerning Brazil, India, and South Korea on imports of cold-rolled steel. On June 1, 2021, 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. If both the Commission and Commerce make an affirmative determination, the orders will remain in place. If either the Commission or Commerce makes a negative determination, Commerce will revoke the orders. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2021/cold_rolled_steel_flat_products_brazil_china_india/first_review_full.htm.

Cold-rolled steel covered by these reviews are certain cold-rolled (cold-reduced), flat-rolled steel products, whether or not annealed, painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other non-metallic substances. The products covered do not include those that are clad, plated, or coated with metal. The products covered include coils that have a width or other lateral measurement ("width") of 12.7 mm or greater, regardless of form of coil (e.g., in successively superimposed layers, spirally oscillating, etc.). The products covered also include products not in coils (e.g., in straight lengths) of a thickness less than 4.75 mm and a width that is 12.7 mm or greater and that measures at least 10 times the thickness. The products covered also include products not in coils (e.g., in straight lengths) of a thickness of 4.75 mm or more and a width exceeding 150 mm and measuring at least twice the thickness. The products described above may be rectangular, square, circular, or other shape and include products of either rectangular or non-rectangular cross-section where such cross-section is achieved subsequent to the rolling process, i.e., products which have been "worked after rolling" (e.g., products which have been beveled or rounded at the edges). For purposes of the width and thickness requirements referenced above:

- (1) Where the nominal and actual measurements vary, a product is within the scope if application of either the nominal or actual measurement would place it within the scope based on the definitions set forth above, and
- (2) where the width and thickness vary for a specific product (e.g., the thickness of certain products with non-rectangular cross-section, the width of certain products with non-rectangular shape, etc.), the measurement at its greatest width or thickness applies.

Steel products included in the scope of these orders are products in which: (1) Iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements; (2) the carbon content is 2 percent or less, by weight; and (3) none of the elements listed below exceeds the quantity, by weight, respectively indicated:

- 2.50 percent of manganese, or
- 3.30 percent of silicon, or
- 1.50 percent of copper, or
- 1.50 percent of aluminum, or
- 1.25 percent of chromium, or
- 0.30 percent of cobalt, or

- 0.40 percent of lead, or
- 2.00 percent of nickel, or
- 0.30 percent of tungsten (also called wolfram), or
- 0.80 percent of molybdenum, or
- 0.10 percent of niobium (also called columbium), or
- 0.30 percent of vanadium, or
- 0.30 percent of zirconium

Unless specifically excluded, products are included in this scope regardless of levels of boron and titanium.

For example, specifically included in this scope are vacuum degassed, fully stabilized (commonly referred to as interstitial-free (IF)) steels, high strength low alloy (HSLA) steels, motor lamination steels, Advanced High Strength Steels (AHSS), and Ultra High Strength Steels (UHSS). IF steels are recognized as low carbon steels with micro-alloying levels of elements such as titanium and/or niobium added to stabilize carbon and nitrogen elements. HSLA steels are recognized as steels with micro-alloying levels of elements such as chromium, copper, niobium, titanium, vanadium, and molybdenum. Motor lamination steels contain micro-alloying levels of elements such as silicon and aluminum. AHSS and UHSS are considered high tensile strength and high elongation steels, although AHSS and UHSS are covered whether or not they are high tensile strength or high elongation steels.

Subject merchandise includes cold-rolled steel that has been further processed in a third country, including but not limited to annealing, tempering, painting, varnishing, trimming, cutting, punching, and/or slitting, or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the review if performed in the country of manufacture of the cold-rolled steel.

All products that meet the written physical description, and in which the chemistry quantities do not exceed any one of the noted element levels listed above, are within the scope of this order unless specifically excluded. The following products are outside of and/or specifically excluded from the scope of these orders:

Ball bearing steels; ¹
Tool steels; ²
Silico-manganese steel; ³

¹ Ball bearing steels are defined as steels which contain, in addition to iron, each of the following elements by weight in the amount specified: (i) Not less than 0.95 nor more than 1.13 percent of carbon; (ii) not less than 0.22 nor more than 0.48 percent of manganese; (iii) none, or not more than 0.03 percent of sulfur; (iv) none, or not more than 0.03 percent of phosphorus; (v) not less than 0.18 nor more than 0.37 percent of silicon; (vi) not less than 1.25 nor more than 1.65 percent of chromium; (vii) none, or not more than 0.28 percent of nickel; (viii) none, or not more than 0.38 percent of copper; and (ix) none, or not more than 0.09 percent of molybdenum.

² Tool steels are defined as steels which contain the following combinations of elements in the quantity by weight respectively indicated: (i) More than 1.2 percent carbon and more than 10.5 percent chromium; or (ii) not less than 0.2 percent carbon and 1.25 perc

respectively indicated: (i) More than 1.2 percent carbon and more than 10.5 percent chromium; or (ii) not less than 0.3 percent carbon and 1.25 percent or more but less than 10.5 percent chromium; or (iii) not less than 0.85 percent carbon and 1 percent to 1.8 percent, inclusive, manganese; or (iv) 0.9 percent to 1.2 percent, inclusive, chromium and 0.9 percent to 1.4 percent, inclusive, molybdenum; or (v) not less than 0.5 percent carbon and not less than 3.5 percent molybdenum; or (vi) not less than 0.5 percent carbon and not less than 5.5 percent tungsten.

Grain-oriented electrical steels (GOES) as defined in the final determination of the U.S. Department of Commerce in *Grain-Oriented Electrical Steel from Germany, Japan, and Poland*.⁴

Non-Oriented Electrical Steels (NOES), as defined in the antidumping orders issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce in Non-Oriented Electrical Steel from the People's Republic of China, Germany, Japan, the Republic of South Korea, Sweden, and Taiwan.⁵

Excluded from the scope of the antidumping duty order on imports of cold-rolled steel from Japan are ultra-tempered automotive steel, which is hardened, tempered, and surface polished, and certain cold-rolled flat-rolled steel meeting the requirements of ASTM A424 Type 1. Descriptions of these excluded products can be found in Appendix A at the end of this questionnaire.

Cold-rolled steel is currently imported under statistical reporting numbers 7209.15.0000, 7209.16.0040, 7209.16.0045, 7209.16.0060, 7209.16.0070, 7209.16.0091, 7209.17.0040, 7209.17.0045, 7209.17.0060, 7209.17.0070, 7209.17.0091, 7209.18.1530, 7209.18.1560, 7209.18.2520, 7209.18.2585, 7209.18.6020, 7209.18.6090, 7209.25.0000, 7209.26.0000, 7209.27.0000, 7209.28.0000, 7209.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7211.23.1500, 7211.23.2000, 7211.23.3000, 7211.23.4500, 7211.23.6030, 7211.23.6060, 7211.23.6090, 7211.29.2030, 7211.29.2090, 7211.29.4500, 7211.29.6030, 7211.29.6080, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, 7225.50.6000, 7225.50.8080, 7225.99.0090, 7226.92.5000, 7226.92.7050, and 7226.92.8050 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Some imports may also be imported under HTSUS statistical reporting number 7210.90.9000, 7212.50.0000, 7215.10.0010, 7215.10.0080, 7215.50.0016, 7215.50.0018, 7215.50.0020, 7215.50.0061, 7215.50.0063, 7215.50.0065, 7215.50.0090, 7215.90.5000, 7217.10.1000, 7217.10.2000, 7217.10.3000, 7217.10.7000, 7217.90.1000, 7217.90.5030, 7217.90.5060, 7217.90.5090, 7225.19.0000, 7226.19.1000, 7226.19.9000, 7226.99.0180, 7228.50.5015, 7228.50.5040, 7228.50.5070, 7228.60.8000, and 7229.90.1000 (covering carbon and alloy bar and wire).

³ Silico-manganese steel is defined as steels containing by weight: (i) Not more than 0.7 percent of carbon; (ii) 0.5 percent or more but not more than 1.9 percent of manganese, and (iii) 0.6 percent or more but not more than 2.3 percent of silicon.

⁴ See Grain-Oriented Electrical Steel from Germany, Japan, and Poland: Final Determinations of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Certain Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, 79 FR 42501, 42503 (July 22, 2014). This determination defines grain-oriented electrical steel as "a flat-rolled alloy steel product containing by weight at least 0.6 percent but not more than 6 percent of silicon, not more than 0.08 percent of carbon, not more than 1.0 percent of aluminum, and no other element in an amount that would give the steel the characteristics of another alloy steel, in coils or in straight lengths."

See Non-Oriented Electrical Steel from the People's Republic of China, Germany, Japan, the Republic of South Korea, Sweden, and Taiwan: Antidumping Duty Orders, 79 FR 71741, 71741-42 (December 3, 2014). The orders define NOES as "cold-rolled, flat-rolled, alloy steel products, whether or not in coils, regardless of width, having an actual thickness of 0.20 mm or more, in which the core loss is substantially equal in any direction of magnetization in the plane of the material. The term 'substantially equal' means that the cross grain direction of core loss is no more than 1.5 times the straight grain direction (i.e., the rolling direction) of core loss. NOES has a magnetic permeability that does not exceed 1.65 Tesla when tested at a field of 800 A/m (equivalent to 10 Oersteds) along (i.e., parallel to) the rolling direction of the sheet (i.e., B800 value). NOES contains by weight more than 1.00 percent of silicon but less than 3.5 percent of silicon, not more than 0.08 percent of carbon, and not more than 1.5 percent of aluminum. NOES has a surface oxide coating, to which an insulation coating may be applied."

<u>Micro-alloy flat-rolled cold-rolled steel.</u>-- Micro-alloy flat-rolled cold-rolled steel, in which: (1) iron predominates by weight, over each of the other contained elements; (2) the carbon content is 2 percent or less, by weight; and (3) one or more of the elements listed below is present in the quantity, by weight, respectively indicated:

- 0.30 1.50 percent of aluminum
- 0.0008 unlimited percent of boron
- 0.40 1.50 percent of copper
- 0.30 1.25 percent of chromium
- 1.65 2.50 percent of manganese
- 0.08 0.80 percent of molybdenum
- 0.30 2.00 percent of nickel
- 0.06 0.10 percent of niobium (also called columbium)
- 0.60 3.30 percent of silicon
- 0.05 unlimited percent of titanium
- 0.10 0.30 percent of vanadium
- 0.05 0.30 percent of zirconium

<u>Purchaser</u>.--Any firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in purchasing cold-rolled steel from another firm that produces, imports, or otherwise distributes cold-rolled steel.

Reporting of information.--If information is not readily available from your records, provide carefully prepared estimates. If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire in connection with this proceeding (i.e., a producer, importer, and/or purchaser questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions.

<u>Confidentiality</u>.--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to this questionnaire 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, general 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.

<u>Verification</u>.--The information submitted in this questionnaire is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all of your files, worksheets, and supporting documents used in the preparation of the questionnaire response. Please also retain a copy of the final document that you submit.

Release of information.--The information provided by your firm in response to this questionnaire, as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with this proceeding, 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 proceeding or other import-injury proceedings 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.

<u>Establishments covered</u> Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire, if different from that listed on the cover page. Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single response.			
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Law firm:			
Lead attorney(s	s):		
OwnershipIs y	our firm owned	d, in whole or in part, by any other t	 irm?
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Related SUBJECT importers/exportersDoes your firm have any related firms, either domes or foreign, which import cold-rolled steel from Brazil, China, India, Japan, South Korea, and/o					
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PART II.--PURCHASES

<u>Contact information</u>.--Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in this questionnaire.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

II-1. Purchases.—

(a) Please report your firm's total U.S. purchases of cold-rolled steel during 2016-2021. (Do not include imports for which your firm was the importer of record; such imports should be reported in your U.S. importer's questionnaire.)

2016-2021 Quantity	
(in short tons)	

(b) Estimate the percentage of the quantity of your firm's purchases of cold-rolled steel during 2016-2021 that were produced in each of the specified countries.

Cold-rolled steel produced in:	Share of quantity of 2016-2021 purchases
United States	%
Brazil	%
China	%
India	%
Japan	%
South Korea	%
United Kingdom	%
All other countries:1	%
Sources unknown	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %
¹ Please identify these countries:	

II-1. <u>Purchases</u>.—Continued

(c) Estimate the percentage of the quantity of your firm's purchases of cold-rolled steel during 2016-2021 that were made through short term contracts, annual contracts, long-term contracts, and spot sales.

	Type of sale					
Cold-rolled steel produced in:	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)	Spot sales (for a single delivery)	Total (should s across 100.09	sum to
United States	%	%	%	%	0.0	%
Brazil	%	%	%	%	0.0	%
China	%	%	%	%	0.0	%
India	%	%	%	%	0.0	%
Japan	%	%	%	%	0.0	%
South Korea	%	%	%	%	0.0	%
United Kingdom	%	%	%	%	0.0	%
All other countries:1	%	%	%	%	0.0	%
Sources unknown	%	%	%	%	0.0	%
¹ Please identify t	these countries:					

II-1. <u>Purchases</u>.—Continued

(d) Estimate your firm's purchases of the following types of cold-rolled steel from each source in 2016-2021.

		Type of steel						
Share of Cold-rolled steel produced in:	Commercial quality	Black plate	Automotive steel	Other ¹	Total (should sum to 100% across)			
United States	%	%	%	%	0.0 %			
Brazil	%	%	%	%	0.0 %			
China	%	%	%	%	0.0 %			
India	%	%	%	%	0.0 %			
Japan	%	%	%	%	0.0 %			
South Korea	%	%	%	%	0.0 %			
United Kingdom	%	%	%	%	0.0 %			
All other countries:1	%	%	%	%	0.0 %			
Sources unknown	%	%	%	%	0.0 %			

¹ Please describe:

² Please identify these countries:

(a)		id your firm purchase cold-rolled steel from Brazil, China, India, Japan, South Korea, on ne United Kingdom before 2016?				
	□ No	oskip to (c)	Yes			
(b)		f yes, has your pattern of purchasing cold-rolled steel from Brazil, China, India, Japan, South Korea, or the United Kingdom changed since 2016?				
		C	heck only one	per source (ro	ow)	
Sou	ırca	No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged from this	Yes, we discontinued purchases from this source because of the order	Yes, we reduced purchases from this source because of the order	Yes, but we changed the pattern of purchases from this source for reasons other than the order	Please descrik
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China						
India						
Japan						
South	Korea					
United Kingdo						
(c)	count	ries other than ged since 2016?	Brazil, China, II	ndia, Japan, So	outh Korea, and t	oreign sources (i.e. the United Kingdo
		No, our patte	ern of purchasi	ng is essential	ly unchanged.	
		Yes, we incre	eased purchase	s from nonsul	oject foreign sour	ces because of th
		Yes, but we changed our pattern of purchases from nonsubject foreign sources for reasons other than the order (please explain below).				

II-3.	Changes in purchasing patternsPlease indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of
	cold-rolled steel from different sources have changed since January 1, 2016.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States						
Brazil						
China						
India						
Japan						
South Korea						
United Kingdom						
All other countries						
Sources unknown						

II-4. <u>Country knowledge</u>.--Please indicate the countries of origin with which your firm has experience or information in the cold-rolled steel market.

United States	Brazil	China	India	Japan

South	United	Other	
Korea	Kingdom	countries	Other countries (specify)

II-5. <u>Supplier identification.</u>--Please list your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for cold-rolled steel since January 1, 2016. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of cold-rolled steel that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2016-2021.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2016-2021 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

III-1. <u>Firm type.--</u>Which of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of cold-rolled steel (check all that apply)?

end user end user end u	nce manufacturer ser end user	center or distributor	Other	Describe other

If your firm is a distributor of cold-rolled steel, please answer questions III-2 and III-3.

III-2. <u>Competition for sales</u>.--Do you compete for sales to your customers with the manufacturers or importers from which you purchase cold-rolled steel?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

m-5. Types of customers.—	II-3.	Types of customers.—
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(b) Please estimate the share of your firm's shipments to end users in 2021 that were for the following-end use applications

Distributor/service center end use	Share of domestic product sold in 2021 (percent)	Share of imported product sold in 2021 (percent)
Automotive and other transportation equipment manufacturers		
Construction/structural end users		
Containers		
Appliance manufacturers		
Tin mill products		
Other applications/end uses/unknown		
Total (should sum to 100.0 percent down)	0.0	0.0

	If	vour	firm is an	end user of	f cold-rolled steel	, please answer	questions III-4 and III-	5.
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Chang	ges in end use	es No	Yes		Explain	
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Antici	pated change	es 🗆				
<u>Demar</u>	nd for end-us	e produ	<u>cts</u>			
(a)	Has the den		•	m's final products inc	corporating cold-rolled st	eel changed
	Increased	i N	o change	e Decreased	Fluctuated	
(b)	Has this had	d any eff	ect on yo	our firm's demand fo	r cold-rolled steel?	
	No	Yes			Explain	
				-	per or types of products to you anticipate any fut	
substit		-rolled s		-		
Substit Chang	ges in substit	rolled s	teel since	-	o you anticipate any futu	

III-7. <u>Demand trends.</u>--Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for cold-rolled steel has changed since January 1, 2016, and how you anticipate demand will change in the future. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected, and that you anticipate will affect, these changes in demand.

Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend nce January 1	Explanation and factors		
Within the United States							
Outside the United States							
Anticipated future demand							
Within the United States							
Outside the United States							

III-8. <u>Country preferences.</u>--Do you or your customers ever specifically order cold-rolled steel from one country in particular over other possible sources of supply?

No	Yes	If yes, identify the countries and explain any preferences.

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III-9.	Importance of purchasing domestic productPlease fill out the table below, estimating the
	percentage of your firm's total 2021 purchases of cold-rolled steel that required cold-rolled steel
	produced in the United States.

	Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2021 purchases of cold-rolled steel
Purchases that did not require domestic product	%
Purchases that were required by law or regulation to be domestic product (e.g., government purchases under "Buy American" provisions)	%
Purchases that were not required by law or regulation, but were required by your customers to be domestic product	%
Purchases that were required to be domestic product for other reasons	
(explain:)	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

III-10. Conditions of competition.--

(a) Is the cold-rolled steel market subject to business cycles and/or other conditions of competition distinctive to cold-rolled steel?

Check all th	at apply.	Please describe.
	No	Skip to next question.
	Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)	
	Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition	

(b) If yes, have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for cold-rolled steel since January 1, 2016?

No	Yes	If yes, describe.

III-11.	<u>Decisions based on producer and country-of-origin</u> How often does your firm, and if you
	know, do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving cold-rolled steel based on its
	producer or country of origin?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, explain.				
Decision based on producer									
Your firm									
Your customers									
		Decis	ion based on c	ountry of	origin				
Your firm									
Your customers									

III-12. <u>Availability of supply</u>.--Has the availability of cold-rolled steel in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2016? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Availability in the U.S. market	No	Yes	Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the changes.
Changes since January 1, 2	2016:		
U.Sproduced product			
Imports from Brazil, China, India, Japan, South Korea, or the United Kingdom			
Imports from all other countries			
Anticipated changes:			
U.Sproduced product			
Imports from Brazil, China, India, Japan, South Korea, or the United Kingdom			
Imports from all other countries			

No	,	Yes	If yes,	please identi	fy the countr	ries and the	grade/ty	pe/size.
cold-r "conti	olled rolled	steel : d orde	since Jar r entry,"	nuary 1, 2016 declining to a	(examples in ccept new cu	clude placing ustomers or	g custome renew ex	upply your firm with ers on allocation or isting customers, shipment commitme
No	,	Yes	If ye	s, please desc	cribe.			
	1							
		-	i <mark>ency</mark> iuently d	lo vou make p	ourchases of o	cold-rolled st	eel (chec	ck one)?
Purch (a)	Ho	w fred		Monthly	Quarterly	Cold-rolled st	Other	ok one)? If other, specify
(a)	Ho	ow frec	Weekly		Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify
(a)	Has	ow frec	Weekly urchasin	Monthly	Quarterly Ind/or quanti	Annually ties purchas	Other	If other, specify
(a)	Has	paily your p	Weekly urchasin	Monthly g frequency a	Quarterly Ind/or quanti	Annually ties purchas	Other	If other, specify
(a)	Has	Paily your p	Weekly urchasin Yes	Monthly g frequency a	Quarterly nd/or quanti	Annually ties purchas (s) for the va	Other ed varied riations.	If other, specify since 2016?
(a) (b)	Has	Paily your p	Weekly urchasin Yes xpect th	Monthly g frequency a	Quarterly nd/or quanti the reason frequency to	Annually ties purchas (s) for the va	Other ed varied riations.	If other, specify since 2016?

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III-16.	Raw ma	ateriai prices.—								
	(a)	-	Is your firm familiar with the prices for raw materials used in the production of cold-rolled steel?							
		N	0	Yes – p	lease an	swer (b)				
]							
		Has information on raw material prices affected your firm's negotiations or contracts to purchase cold-rolled steel since 2016?								
		No	Yes	Explain						
III-17.								of cold-rolled steel do you generally d firms.		
III-18.	Supplie	r negotia	ations.	_						
	(a)	-	Do your firm's purchases of cold-rolled steel usually involve negotiations between supplier and purchaser?							
	No	Yes	_	-				lly negotiate and note whether your negotiations		
	(b)	Do changes in raw material costs affect your firm's price negotiations with your cold-rolled steel suppliers?								
		No	Yes	Please e	xplain					
	(c)	Are you	r firm's	purchase	prices ir	ndexed to	raw ı	material costs?		
		ı	Purcha	ses	No	Yes	Pleas	se explain		
		By Cont	tract							
		Spot m	arket							

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III-19.	Change in suppliersHas	your firm changed	suppliers since Janu	uary 1, 2016?
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		If ves	please list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or dropped,
No	Yes	_	ne reasons for the change.
New su	opliers	-	
	•		of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the nuary 1, 2016?
	No	Yes	If yes, please identify the firms.
(b)	Do you e	expect n	new cold-rolled steel suppliers to enter the U.S. market?
	No	Yes	If yes, please explain.

III-21. Supplier qualification.—

III-20.

(a) Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell cold-rolled steel to your firm?

If yes, provide the following information.

- The number of days to qualify a new supplier.
- A general description of the certification or qualification process. Also, a brief description of the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.).

No	Number of days	Process and factors

(b) If your firm has an additional approval process for certain specifications of cold-rolled steel, please list the types of cold-rolled steel, the number of days to qualify a supplier for these products, and your firm's approved suppliers for these products.

General product description	Number of days	Approved suppliers (list by country, including the United States)

III-22.	Failure to certifySince January 1, 2016, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their
	attempts to certify or qualify their cold-rolled steel with your firm or have any producers lost
	their approved status?

No	If yes, please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification.

III-23.	Major purchasing factorsPlease list, in order of their importance, the three major factors your
	firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase cold-rolled steel (examples include
	availability, extension of credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line,
	traditional supplier, etc.).

1.	
2.	
3.	
Ple	ease list any other factors that are very important in your purchase decisions:

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III-24. <u>Purchasing factors.</u>—Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for cold-rolled steel.

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability			
Continuously-annealed product			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Minimum quantity requirements			
Packaging			
Payment terms			
Price			
Prior experience with supplier			
Product consistency			
Product range			
Quality meets industry standards			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Reliability of supply			
Supplier certification			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs			
Quality characteristicsWhat charact quality of cold-rolled steel?	teristics does you	r firm consider wh	en evaluating th

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III-26.	Minimum qualityHow often does cold-rolled steel from the following countries meet
	minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

Source	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never	Don't know
United States					
Brazil					
China					
India					
Japan					
South Korea					
United Kingdom					
Other:					

III-27.	Frequency of decisions based on price How often does your firm purchase the cold-rolle	ed
	steel that is offered at the lowest price?	

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	

III-28. <u>Price leaders.</u>--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 is not necessarily the lowest-priced supplier.

Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the cold-rolled steel market since January 1, 2016.

Firm(s)	Describe how the firm(s) exhibited price leadership

III-29.	<u>Impact of the section 232 measures.</u> Did the imposition of measures (i.e. tariffs, quotas, or
	other restrictions) on imported steel/aluminum products under section 232 have an impact on
	the overall cold-rolled steel market in the United States?

Yes — Please indicate the impact in the table below.	No	Don't know

Factor	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explain, noting how the imposition of measures under section 232 affected each factor of the coldrolled steel market in the United States.
Supply of U.S produced cold-rolled steel					
Supply of imported cold-rolled steel					
Prices for cold-rolled steel					
Overall U.S. demand for cold-rolled steel					
Raw material costs for cold-rolled steel					

III-30.	Impact of section 301 tariffs Did the imposition of tariffs on Chinese-origin	products under
	section 301 have an impact on the cold-rolled steel market in the United Stat	es?

Yes— Please indicate the impact in the table below.	No	Don't know

Factor	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explain, noting how the imposition of tariffs under section 301 affected each factor of the cold-rolled steel market in the United States.
Supply of U.S produced cold-rolled steel					
Supply of cold-rolled steel imported from China					
Supply of cold-rolled steel imported from other countries					
Prices for cold-rolled steel					
Overall U.S. demand for cold-rolled steel					
Raw material costs for cold-rolled steel					

III-31.	Changes in U.S. industry								
(a) Please identify and discuss any improvements/changes in the U.S. cold-rolled sto industry since January 1, 2016 and explain the factors, including the order(s) und review, that were responsible for each improvement/change.									
	со		ny improvements/changes that you anticipate in the future in the U.S. I industry. Identify the time period and causes for these changes.						
-			your firm's response differs for particular orders, please indicate and mposition and/or revocation of specific orders.						
III-32.	. <u>Effect of orders</u> Describe the significance of the existing countervailing and antidumping duty orders covering imports of cold-rolled steel from Brazil, China, India, Japan, South Korea, and/or the United Kingdom in terms of its effect on your firm's purchasing patterns. You may wish to compare your firm's operations before and after the imposition of the order(s).								
III-33.	Likely impact of revocation Would your firm anticipate any changes in the character of its operations or purchasing patterns for cold-rolled steel in the future if the countervailing and antidumping duty orders on cold-rolled steel from Brazil, China, India, Japan, South Korea, and/or the United Kingdom were to be revoked?								
	No	Yes	If yes, supply details as to the likely time, nature, and significance of such changes.						

PART IV.--PRODUCT COMPARISIONS

IV-1. <u>Interchangeability.--</u>Is cold-rolled steel produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (i.e., can they physically be used in the same applications)?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 in the table below:

A = the products from a specified country-pair are *always* interchangeable

F = the products are *frequently* interchangeable

S = the products are *sometimes* interchangeable

N = the products are *never* interchangeable

0 = *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	Brazil	China	India	Japan	South Korea	United Kingdom	Other countries
United States							
Brazil							
China							
India			><				
Japan		\backslash	><				
South Korea		\langle	\nearrow				
United Kingdom							

For any country-pair producing cold-rolled steel which is *sometimes* or *never* interchangeable, please identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

IV-2. **Factors other than price.**--Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between cold-rolled steel produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's purchases of the products?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 in the table below:

A = such differences are *always* significant

F = such differences are *frequently* significant

S = such differences are *sometimes* significant

N = such differences are *never* significant

0 = *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	Brazil	China	India	Japan	South Korea	United Kingdom	Other countries
United States							
Brazil							
China		\backslash					
India		\nearrow	><				
Japan			><				
South Korea		\langle	\nearrow				
United Kingdom							

For any country-pair for which factors other than price are *always* or *frequently* a significant factor in your firm's purchases of cold-rolled steel, identify the country-pair and relevant factors and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:

IV-3. <u>Factor country comparisons.</u>—For the factors listed below, please rate how cold-rolled steel produced in each country you identified in your response to question II-5 compares with cold-rolled steel produced in each of the other countries you identified.

country comparisons blank.	1		1			1				I		
	Product from United States compared to product from Brazil		Product from United States compared to product from China		Product from United States compared to product from India		Product from United States compared to product from Japan					
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability												
Continuously-annealed product												
Delivery terms												
Delivery time												
Discounts offered												
Extension of credit												
Minimum quantity requirements												
Packaging												
Price ¹												
Prior experience with supplier												
Product consistency												
Product range												
Quality exceeds industry standards												
Quality meets industry standards												
Reliability of supply												
Supplier certification												
Technical support/service												
U.S. transportation costs ¹												
1 A rating of superior on price and U.S. t				:++		£:						/

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

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country comparisons blank.	•			T			1		
	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>South Korea</u>			Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>United Kingdom</u>			Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Nonsubject countries</u>		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Continuously-annealed product									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price ¹									
Prior experience with supplier									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Quality meets industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Supplier certification									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									
¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower									

A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

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	Product from Brazil compared to product from Nonsubject countries			Product from <u>China</u> compared to product from <u>Nonsubject countries</u>			Product from India compared to product from Nonsubject countries		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Continuously-annealed product									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price ¹									
Prior experience with supplier									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Quality meets industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Supplier certification									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

IV-3. **Continued.**

Factor Availability Continuously-annealed product Delivery terms Delivery time Discounts offered Extension of credit Minimum quantity requirements Packaging Price¹ Prior experience with supplier	Comparable Compa	ilability itinuously-annealed duct
Continuously-annealed product		ntinuously-annealed duct
product		duct
Delivery time		
Discounts offered		ivery terms
Extension of credit		ivery time
Minimum quantity requirements		counts offered
requirements		ension of credit
Price ¹		
		kaging
Prior experience with supplier		e ¹
		or experience with supplier
Product consistency		duct consistency
Product range		duct range
Quality exceeds industry standards		·
Quality meets industry standards		
Reliability of supply		ability of supply
Supplier certification		plier certification
Technical support/service		hnical support/service
U.S. transportation costs ¹		. transportation costs ¹

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

IV-4. Change in price	V-4.	Change	in price
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(a) Since January 1, 2016, has there been a change in the price of cold-rolled steel?

Source	Yes (also respond to question part (b))	No (If "No" for all countries, skip to next question)
United States		
Brazil		
China		
India		
Japan		
South Korea		
United Kingdom		

(b) If your firm responded "yes" to any of the above countries, please describe how the price of U.S.-produced cold-rolled steel has changed relative to the price of imported cold-rolled steel from Brazil, China, India, Japan, South Korea, or the United Kingdom.

Country	Prices changed by the same percent	Price of U.Sproduced cold-rolled steel is now relatively higher	Price of U.Sproduced cold-rolled steel is now relatively lower
Brazil			
China			
India			
Japan			
South Korea			
United Kingdom			

PART V.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

V-1.	Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to any question that for which a narrative response box was not provided, please note the question number and the
	explanation in the space provided below.

V-2. <u>OMB statistics.</u>--Please report the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this questionnaire.

Hours	Dollars

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, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire.

We welcome comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate, suggestions for reducing the burden, and any suggestions for improving this questionnaire. Please attach such comments to your response or send to the Office of Investigations, USITC, 500 E St. SW, Washington, DC 20436.

HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

This questionnaire is available as a "fillable" form in MS Word format on the Commission's website at:

https://usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2021/cold rolled steel flat products brazil c hina india/first review full.htm

Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the questionnaire document. Please submit the completed questionnaire 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.

• <u>Upload via Secure Drop Box</u>.—Upload the MS Word questionnaire 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: COLD

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If your firm <u>does not </u>**purchase this product**, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.

<u>Parties to this proceeding</u>.—If your firm is a party to this proceeding, it is required to serve a copy of the completed questionnaire on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 207.7). A list of such parties may be obtained from the Commission's Secretary (202-205-1803). A certificate of service must accompany the completed questionnaire you submit (see 19 CFR § 207.7). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.

<u>Appendix A – Descriptions of Ultra-Tempered Automotive Steel and cold-rolled flat-rolled steel</u> meeting the requirements of ASTM A424 Type 1

Ultra-tempered automotive steel, which is hardened, tempered, and surface polished:

Thickness: Less than or equal to 1.0 mm;

Width: Less than or equal to 330 mm;

• Chemical composition:

Element	С	Si	Mn	Р	S
Weight %	0.90-1.05	0.15-0.35	0.30-0.50	Less than or	Less than or
				equal to 0.03	equal to 0.006

Physical properties:

- Width less than or equal to 150mm
- Flatness of less than 0.2% of nominal strip width
- Width of 150 to 330 mm
- Flatness of less than 5 mm of nominal strip width
- Microstructure: Completely free from decarburization. Carbides are spheroidal and fine within 1% to 4% (area percentage) and are undissolved in the uniform tempered martensite;
- Surface roughness: less than or equal to 0.80 to μm Rz
- Non-metallic inclusion:
 - Sulfide inclusion less than or equal to 0.04% (area percentage);
 - o Oxide inclusion less than or equal to 0.05% (area percentage); and
 - The mill test certificate must demonstrate that the steel is proprietary grade "PK" and specify the following:
 - The exact tensile strength, which must be greater than or equal to 16000 N/mm²;
 - The exact hardness, which must be greater than or equal to 465 Vickers hardness number;
 - o The exact elongation, which must be between 2.5% and 9.5%; and
 - Certified as having residual compressive stress within a range of 100 to 400 N/mm².

Cold-rolled flat-rolled steel meeting the requirements of ASTM A424 Type 1:

- Continuous annealed cold-reduced steel in coils with a thickness of between 0.30 mm and 0.36 mm that is in widths either from 875 mm to 940 mm or from 1,168 to 1,232 mm;
- A chemical composition, by weight, of:
 - Not more than 0.004% carbon;
 - o not more than 0.010% aluminum;
 - 0.006%-0.010% nitrogen;
 - o 0.012%-0.030% boron;
 - o 0.010%-0.025% oxygen;
 - o less than 0.002% of titanium;
 - less than 0.002% by weight of vanadium;
 - less than 0.002% by weight of niobium;
 - less than 0.002% by weight of antimony;
- A yield strength of from 179.3 MPa to 344.7 MPa;

- A tensile strength of from 303.7 MPa to 413.7 MPa;
- A percent of elongation of from 28% to 46% on a standard ASTM sample with a 5.08 mm gauge length;
- A product shape of flat after annealing, with flat defined as less than or equal to 1 I unit with no coil set as set forth in ASTM A568, Appendix X5 (alternate methods for expressing flatness).