U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

BOLTLESS STEEL SHELVING UNITS PREPACKAGED FOR SALE FROM INDIA, MALAYSIA, TAIWAN, THAILAND, AND VIETNAM

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>January 23, 2024.</u>

See last page for instructions regarding how to file this questionnaire.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its antidumping investigations concerning boltless steel shelving from India, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam (Inv. Nos. 731-TA-1607-1611 (Final)). 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 Pamela Davis (202-205-2218, Pamela.Davis@usitc.gov).

Name of firm _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code ____

	•	l, or imported for its own use or retail sale domestic or foreign) at any time since Jan	e, boltless steel shelving (as defined on next uary 1, 2020?	
	NO (Sign the	certification below and promptly return only t	his page of the questionnaire to the Commission)	
	YES (Complete	e all parts of the questionnaire, and return the	entire questionnaire to the Commission)	
	•	via the U.S. International Trade Com//dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/. (PIN: BOLT	mission <i>Drop Box</i> by clicking on the (). See last page for detailed instructions.	
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Name of Aut	horized Official	Title of Authorized Official	Date	
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.— This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on April 25, 2023, by Edsal Manufacturing Co., Inc., Chicago, Illinois. Antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these proceedings if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce ("Commerce") makes an affirmative determination of dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at https://usitc.gov/reports/active_import_injury_questionnaires and at https://ids.usitc.gov/case/8123/investigation/8412.

Boltless steel shelving units prepackaged for sale. The scope of these investigations covers boltless steel shelving units prepackaged for sale, with or without decks (boltless steel shelving). The term "prepackaged for sale" means that, at a minimum, the steel vertical supports (i.e., uprights and posts) and steel horizontal supports (i.e., beams, braces) necessary to assemble a completed shelving unit (with or without decks) are packaged together for ultimate purchase by the end-user. The scope also includes add-on kits. Add-on kits include, but are not limited to, kits that allow the end-user to add an extension shelving unit onto an existing boltless steel shelving unit such that the extension and the original unit will share common frame elements (e.g., two posts). The term "boltless" refers to steel shelving in which the vertical and horizontal supports forming the frame are assembled primarily without the use of nuts and bolts, or screws. The vertical and horizontal support members for boltless steel shelving are assembled by methods such as, but not limited to, fitting a rivet, punched or cut tab, or other similar connector on one support into a hole, slot or similar receptacle on another support. The supports lock together to form the frame for the shelving unit, and provide the structural integrity of the shelving unit separate from the inclusion of any decking. The incidental use of nuts and bolts, or screws to add accessories, wall anchors, tie-bars or shelf supports does not remove the product from scope.

Boltless steel shelving units may also come packaged as partially assembled, such as when two upright supports are welded together with front-to-back supports, or are otherwise connected, to form an end unit for the frame. The boltless steel shelving covered by these investigations may be commonly described as rivet shelving, welded frame shelving, slot and tab shelving, and punched rivet (quasi-rivet) shelving as well as by other trade names. The term "deck" refers to the shelf that sits on or fits into the horizontal supports (beams or braces) to provide the horizontal storage surface of the shelving unit.

The scope includes all boltless steel shelving meeting the description above, regardless of (1) vertical support or post type (including but not limited to open post, closed post and tubing); (2) horizontal support or beam/brace profile (including but not limited to Z-beam, C-beam, L-beam, step beam and cargo rack); (3) number of supports; (4) surface coating (including but not limited to paint, epoxy, powder coating, zinc and other metallic coating); (5) number of levels; (6) weight capacity; (7) shape (including but not limited to rectangular, square, and corner units); (8) decking material (including but not limited to wire decking, particle board, laminated board or no deck at all); or (9) the boltless method by which vertical and horizontal supports connect (including but not limited to keyhole and rivet, slot and tab, welded frame, punched rivet and clip).

Specifically excluded from the scope are:

(1) Wall-mounted shelving, defined as shelving that is hung on the wall and does not stand on, or transfer load to, the floor. The addition of a wall bracket or other device to attach otherwise freestanding subject merchandise to a wall does not meet the terms of this exclusion;

(2) Wire shelving units, which consist of shelves made from wire that incorporates both a wire deck and wire horizontal supports (taking the place of the horizontal beams and braces) into a single piece with tubular collars that slide over the posts and onto plastic sleeves snapped on the posts to create the finished shelving unit; (3) Bulk-packed parts or components of boltless steel shelving units; and (4) Made-to-order shelving systems.

Subject boltless steel shelving is described in Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") statistical reporting number 9403.20.0075. While the HTSUS statistical reporting number is provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

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

<u>Malaysia, subject</u> -- Merchandise from all Malaysian producers or exporters <u>other than</u> Eonmetall Industries Sdn. Bhd ("Eonmetall").

Malaysia, nonsubject -- Merchandise from Malaysian producer Eonmetall.

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 (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 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.

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I-1.	OMB statisticsPlease 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 25 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.

	one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single response.
	by this questionnaire, if different from that listed on the cover page. Firms operating more than
l-2a.	<u>Establishments coveredProvide the name and address of your U.S. establishment(s) covered</u>

"Establishment" Each facility of a firm involved in the purchase of boltless steel shelving,
ncluding auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate
rom) such facilities.

- I-2b. **Stock symbol information.**-- If your firm or parent firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol: _____.
- I-2c. <u>External counsel.</u>— If your firm or parent firm is represented by external counsel in relation to this proceeding, having filed an entry of appearance, please specify the name of the law firm and the lead attorney(s).

Law firm:	
Lead attorney(s):	

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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. <u>Purchases and imports.</u>--Report <u>separately</u> your firm's domestic purchases and imports of boltless steel shelving.

"Purchase" – Purchase from a U.S. entity such as a U.S. producer, a U.S. importer, or other U.S. firm.

"Import" – Purchase directly from a foreign supplier and your firm is the importer of record.

"Malaysia, subject" -- Merchandise from all Malaysian producers or exporters <u>other than</u> Eonmetall Industries Sdn. Bhd ("Eonmetall").

"Malaysia, nonsubject" -- Merchandise from Malaysian producer Eonmetall.

II-1. Purchases and imports--Continued.

	2020	2021	2022	January— September 2023
Item		Quantity	(in units)	
Purchases of boltless steel shelving produced in— United States				
India				
Malaysia, subject				
Malaysia, nonsubject				
Taiwan				
Thailand				
Vietnam				
All other countries ¹				
Sources unknown ²				
Total purchases	0	0	0	0
Imports of boltless steel shelving from— India				
Malaysia, subject				
Malaysia, nonsubject				
Taiwan				
Thailand				
Vietnam				
All other countries ¹				
Total imports ³	0	0	0	0

¹ Please identify these countries:

² Please indicate the firm(s) from which you purchased this merchandise:

³ If your firm imported boltless steel shelving at any time since January 1, 2020, please also complete and return a U.S. importers' questionnaire in this proceeding.

II-2. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns.</u>—Please indicate whether the shares of your firm's purchases of boltless steel shelving steadily decreased, fluctuated but ended lower, were constant, fluctuated but ended higher, or steadily increased since January 1, 2020 from the listed sources.

"Malaysia, subject" -- Merchandise from all Malaysian producers or exporters <u>other than</u> Eonmetall Industries Sdn. Bhd ("Eonmetall").

"Malaysia, nonsubject" -- Merchandise from Malaysian producer Eonmetall.

Select one box per row.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Steadily increased	Fluctuated up	No change	Fluctuated down	Steadily decreased	Explanation for trend
United States							
India							
Malaysia, subject							
Malaysia, nonsubject							
Taiwan							
Thailand							
Vietnam							
All other countries							
Sources unknown							

II-3.	Purchasing	subjec	ct imports	rather than	domestic	products

(a) Since January 2020, did your firm import and/or purchase imports of boltless steel shelving from India, Malaysia (subject), Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam instead of purchasing U.S.-produced boltless steel shelving? Respond for each source under investigation.

Source	Yes (also respond to parts (b) and (c))	No (If "No" for all countries, skip to next question)
India		
Malaysia, subject		
Taiwan		
Thailand		
Vietnam		

(b) If you responded "Yes" to part (a), was the imported product priced lower than the domestic product?

Source	Yes	No
India		
Malaysia, subject		
Taiwan		
Thailand		
Vietnam		

II-3. <u>Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products</u>.--Continued.

(c) If you responded "Yes" to part (a), was price a primary reason for importing and/or purchasing subject imports rather than domestic product?

Source	Yes	If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports purchased and/or imported instead of domestic product since January 2020 (in units)	No	If No, please indicate the reason your firm imported and/or purchased imports instead of domestic product
India				
Malaysia, subject				
Taiwan				
Thailand				
Vietnam				
If the quantity	/ report	ted above exceeds the total quant	tity repor	ted in II-1, please explain.

II-4. U.S. producers and import competition.—

(a) Since January 1, 2020, in connection with a sale or offer to sell boltless steel shelving to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced boltless steel shelving in order to compete with lower-priced imports of boltless steel shelving from the subject sources? Respond for each subject country.

Source	Yes (also respond to question part (b))	No (If "No" for all countries, skip to next question)	Don't know
India			
Malaysia, subject			
Taiwan			
Thailand			
Vietnam			

(b) If your firm responded "yes" to any of the above countries, please provide an estimate of the reduction in U.S. producers' prices and any additional explanations.

Source	Estimated reduction in U.S. prices (percent)	Additional explanation, including such information as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors.
India	%	
Malaysia, subject	%	
Taiwan	%	
Thailand	%	
Vietnam	%	

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II-5.	Country knowledgePlease indicate whether your firm has experience or is otherwise familiar
	with boltless steel shelving produced in the following countries.

United States	India	Malaysia	Taiwan	Thailand	Vietnam	Other countries	Other countries (specify)

II-6. <u>Supplier identification</u>.--Please list your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for boltless steel shelving since January 1, 2020, by quantity. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of boltless steel shelving that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2022.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2022 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

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F	Distributor	D-4-!l	Othor	Describe other	

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

III-2. <u>Competition for sales.</u>--Does your firm compete for sales to customers with the manufacturers or importers from which your firm purchases boltless steel shelving?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-3.	<u>Types of customers</u> What are the major types of customers to which your firm sells boltle steel shelving?				

	□ N	lo	YesPle	ease fill o	ut the tab	le.		
			nd use in w	hich this			_	e price of this substitute or boltless steel shelving?
Sul	bstitute		substitute		No	Yes		Explanation
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III-7.	Importance of purchasing domestic productPlease fill out the table below, estimating the
	share of your firm's total 2022 purchases of boltless steel shelving that required boltless steel
	shelving produced in the United States.

	Estimated share of your firm's total 2022 purchases of boltless steel shelving
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-8. <u>Business cycles.</u>—Is the boltless steel shelving market subject to business cycles, either during the year or across years? If yes, describe.

No	Yes	If yes, please describe, including any changes since January 1, 2020.

III-9. <u>Conditions of competition.</u>—Is the boltless steel shelving market subject to conditions of competition distinctive to boltless steel shelving other than the business cycles described in the previous question? If yes, describe.

No	Yes	If yes, please describe, including any changes since January 1, 2020.

III-10.	Decisions based on producer and country-of-origin How often does your firm, and if known,
	do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving boltless steel shelving based on its
	producer or country of origin?

Item	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, explain noting the producers and/or countries.				
Decision based on producer									
Your firm									
Your customers									
Decision based on country of origin									
Your firm									
Your customers									

III-11. <u>Availability of supply</u>.--Has the availability of boltless steel shelving in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2020?

Availability in the U.S. market	No	Yes	Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the changes.
U.Sproduced product			
Subject imports			
Nonsubject imports			

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III-12.	12. Supply constraints.—									
	(a)	Has any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with boltless steel shelving between January 1, 2020 and April 25, 2023 (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, being unable to meet timely shipment commitments, etc.)? If yes, please describe, including the reason, timing, and duration of the								
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	(b)	Has any 2023?	firm ex	kperi	enced any s	supply constr	aints since t	he petitio	n was filed on April 25,	,
		No		-	s, please de traint.	escribe, inclu	ding the rea	son, timi	ng, and duration of the	<u>;</u>
III-13. Availability of specific product typesAre certain types/widths/load shelving only available from certain country sources?						s/loading	ratings of boltless steel			
	No	Yes	_	-		fy the countr those count		types/wi	dths/loading ratings	
III-14.	Purchasing frequency									
	(a)	How fre	equently	y doe	es your firm	make purch	ases of boltle	ess steel s	shelving (check one)?	
		Daily	Week	ly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify	
	(b)	Has this	purcha	asing	frequency	changed sinc	e January 1,	2020?		
		No	Yes	If y	yes, please	describe.				

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III-15.	Raw ma	terial pr	rices. –	-				
	(a) Is your firm familiar with the prices for raw materials used in the production of shelving?							
		N	0	Yes – please answer (b)				
				n raw material prices affected steel shelving since January 1,	your firm's negotiations or contract 2020?	ts to		
		No	Yes	Explain				
III-16.				contactedHow many supplier re making a purchase? Betwe	ers of boltless steel shelving does you en and firms	ur firm		
III-17.		_		Do your firm's purchases of your firm and suppliers of bol	boltless steel shelving usually involv tless steel shelving?	'e		

No

Yes

If yes, explain the factors your firm generally negotiates and note whether your firm quotes competing prices during negotiations.

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III-18.	Change i	Change in suppliersHas your firm changed suppliers since January 1, 2020?			
	No	Yes		ease list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or dro easons for the change.	pped,
III-19.				are of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that han nuary 1, 2020?	ve
	No	Yes	If yes, ple	ease identify the firms.	
 III-20. Supplier certificationDo you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or questell boltless steel shelving to your firm? If yes, provide the following information. The number of days required 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. of product, reliability of supplier, etc.). 					
	No	Yes	Number of days	Certification/qualification process and factors considered	
III-21.		to certif	y or qualif	uary 1, 2020, have any domestic or foreign producers failed y their boltless steel shelving with your firm or have any prod	
	No	Yes	located,	ease identify these producers, the countries where they are and the reasons why they failed or lost the ion/qualification.	

III-22.	Product recall.—	
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(a)	re you aware of any product recalls of boltless steel shelving by any domestic or foreign	gn
	roducers since January 1, 2020?	

No	Yes	If yes, please identify whether or not your purchasing patterns changed as the result of the recall.

(b) Has your firm been affected by any product recalls of boltless steel shelving by any domestic or foreign producers since January 1, 2020?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the producer, timing, quantity, and value of recalled product, how the recall was resolved, and any effect on firm's sales to affected customers and customer perceptions.

III-23. <u>Major purchasing factors.</u>--Please list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase boltless steel shelving (examples include availability, extension of credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).

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

III-25.

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

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Minimum quantity requirements			
Packaging			
Payment terms			
Price			
Product consistency			
Product range			
Quality meets industry standards			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Reliability of supply			
Safety			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs			
Quality characteristicsWhat characteristics does your firm consider when evaluating the quality of boltless steel shelving?			

III-26.	Minimum qualityHow often does boltless steel shelving 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					
India					
Malaysia					
Taiwan					
Thailand					
Vietnam					
Other:					

III-27. **Frequency of decisions based on price.--**How often does your firm purchase the boltless steel shelving 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 have considered price leaders in the boltless steel shelving market since January 1, 2020.

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

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	States, including any effects on boltless steel shelving cost, price, supply, and/or demand, s January 1, 2020?										
	Yes	No	Don't know								
	Role of section 232 measures.—Did the measures (e.g. tariffs, quotas, etc.) on imported steel/aluminum products under section 232, or changes in the measures (such as the level, coverage, or nature of the measures), have an impact on the boltless steel shelving market the United States, including any effects on boltless steel shelving cost, price, supply, and/or										
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PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1. <u>Interchangeability</u>.—How often is boltless steel shelving 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	India	Malaysia	Taiwan	Thailand	Vietnam	Other countries
United States						
India						
Malaysia						
Taiwan						
Thailand						
Vietnam						

For any country-pair producing boltless steel shelving which is *sometimes* or *never* interchangeable, please identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude the interchangeable use of boltless steel shelving produced in the countries:

IV-2. **Factors other than price.**—How often are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between boltless steel shelving 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	India	Malaysia	Taiwan	Thailand	Vietnam	Other countries
United States						
India						
Malaysia						
Taiwan						
Thailand						
Vietnam						

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

prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

IV-3. **Factor country comparisons.**--For the factors listed below, please rate how boltless steel shelving produced in each country you identified in your response with which you are familiar, as reported in question II-5, compares with boltless steel shelving produced in each of the other countries with which you are familiar.

	Product from United States compared to product from India					duct fr ted Sta npared duct fr Malaysi	ates I to om	Product fro <u>United Stat</u> compared product fro <u>Taiwan</u>			<u>tes</u> I to om
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability											
Delivery terms											
Delivery time											
Discounts offered											
Minimum quantity requirements											
Packaging											
Payment terms											
Price ¹											
Product consistency											
Product range											
Quality meets industry standards											
Quality exceeds industry standards											
Reliability of supply											
Safety											
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											

IV-3. <u>Factor country comparisons</u>--*Continued*.

	Product from United States compared to product from Thailand				<u>Uni</u> cor pro	duct fr ited Sta nparec duct fr /ietnan	ites I to om	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Nonsubject</u> countries			
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability											
Delivery terms											
Delivery time											
Discounts offered											
Minimum quantity requirements											
Packaging											
Payment terms											
Price ¹											
Product consistency											
Product range											
Quality meets industry standards											
Quality exceeds industry standards											
Reliability of supply											
Safety											
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. <u>Factor country comparisons</u>--*Continued*.

	Product from India compared to product from Malaysia				coi pro	duct fr India mparec duct fr Taiwar	l to om	<u>India</u> pro	oduct fr compa oduct fr Thailand	red to om
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability										
Delivery terms										
Delivery time										
Discounts offered										
Minimum quantity requirements										
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Payment terms										
Price ¹										
Product consistency										
Product range										
Quality meets industry standards										
Quality exceeds industry standards										
Reliability of supply										
Safety										
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. <u>Factor country comparisons</u>--*Continued*.

	Product from India compared to product from Vietnam				coi pro <u>No</u>	India India India India Inpared Inpared Inputrie	l to om ect	Product from <u>Malaysia</u> compa to product fro <u>Taiwan</u>			npared from
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability											
Delivery terms											
Delivery time											
Discounts offered											
Minimum quantity requirements											
Packaging											
Payment terms											
Price ¹											
Product consistency											
Product range											
Quality meets industry standards											
Quality exceeds industry standards											
Reliability of supply											
Safety											
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. Factor country comparisons--Continued.

prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

	Product from <u>Malaysia</u> compared to product from <u>Thailand</u>				Product from <u>Malaysia</u> compared to product from <u>Vietnam</u>				Malay to p	roduct from <u>ysia c</u> ompared product from <u>Nonsubject</u> <u>countries</u>	
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability								-			
Delivery terms								-			
Delivery time								-			
Discounts offered								-			
Minimum quantity requirements											
Packaging								-			
Payment terms								-			
Price ¹								-			
Product consistency								-			
Product range								-			
Quality meets industry standards											
Quality exceeds industry standards											
Reliability of supply											
Safety											
Technical support/service											
U.S. transportation costs ¹											

IV-3. Factor country comparisons--Continued.

prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

	Product from Taiwan compared to product from Thailand				Product from <u>Taiwan</u> compared to product from <u>Vietnam</u>			<u>Taiwan</u> co to produ <u>Nonsu</u>			ct from compared uct from ubject ntries	
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior	
Availability								-				
Delivery terms								-				
Delivery time								-				
Discounts offered								-				
Minimum quantity requirements												
Packaging								-				
Payment terms								-				
Price ¹								-				
Product consistency								-				
Product range								-				
Quality meets industry standards												
Quality exceeds industry standards												
Reliability of supply												
Safety												
Technical support/service												
U.S. transportation costs ¹												

IV-3. <u>Factor country comparisons</u>--*Continued*.

	compa	oduct fronce of the property o	<u>d</u> product		Product from <u>Thailand</u> compared to product from <u>Nonsubject</u> <u>countries</u>				Vietna to p		ompared ct from <u>bject</u>	
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior	
Availability												
Delivery terms												
Delivery time												
Discounts offered												
Minimum quantity requirements												
Packaging												
Payment terms												
Price ¹												
Product consistency												
Product range												
Quality meets industry standards												
Quality exceeds industry standards												
Reliability of supply												
Safety												
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.												

PART V.—LINE OR BUSINESS REVIEWS--

V-1. <u>Line or business review process.</u>—

(a) Has your firm conducted or initiated a line or business review process relating to the procurement of boltless steel shelving since January 1, 2020?

No	Yes	If yes, please explain the factors your firm generally uses to evaluate firms invited for a line or business review and the nature and duration of procurement. If no, skip to question VI-1.

(b) What firms were selected to supply your firm with boltless steel shelving as a result of each line or business review process since January 1, 2020? Please list the supplier name, indicate the country of origin of the winning source of supply, and the share of your firm's boltless steel shelving supply. If there are more than 5 firms, please discuss the remaining firms in question VI-1.

	Supplier name	Year(s) conducted	Source country	Share of supply (%)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

	V-1.	Line or	business	review	process	Continued
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(c)	If your firm is still conducting any of its line or business reviews concerning the procurement of
	boltless steel shelving initiated since January 1, 2020, please list the names of the suppliers
	competing in the review, indicate the country of origin of the potential supply source, when
	your firm initiated the review, when your firm expects to make its determination in the review,
	and share of your firm's boltless steel shelving supply. If there are more than 5 firms, please
	discuss the remaining firms in question VI-1.

S	Supplier name	Source country	Date initiated	Expected determination date	Share of supply (%)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

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	iew selectionHow doe			liers fron
whom you solicit red	quests or bids during a lir	ne or business revie	w?	
Line or business rev	iew competitionHow o	often do you discuss	with your supplie	ers the
	iew competitionHow o eting firms (whether or n			
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Always	Usually	Sometimes	the competition	ever
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Always Line or business rev	Usually iew opportunitiesHow	Sometimes often do you allow	request sellers m	ever

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	5. <u>Changes to requested boltless steel shelving.</u> How often do you change the size, quantity, and/or specifications of the requested boltless steel shelving after the line or business review?						
	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never			
PART V	PART VI.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION						
	I-1. Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to any question for which a narrative response box was not provided, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below.						

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

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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: BOLT

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to Pamela.Davis@usitc.gov; include a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1). Submitters are strongly encouraged to encrypt nonpublic documents that are electronically transmitted to the Commission to protect your sensitive information from unauthorized disclosure. The USITC secure drop-box system and the Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) use Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 140-2 cryptographic algorithms to encrypt data in transit. Submitting your nonpublic documents by a means that does not use these encryption algorithms (such as by email) may subject your firm's nonpublic information to unauthorized disclosure during transmission. If you choose a non-encrypted method of electronic transmission, the Commission warns you that the risk of such possible unauthorized disclosure is assumed by you and not by the Commission.

If your firm does not 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 (202-205-1802). A certificate of service must accompany the completed questionnaire your firm submits (see 19 CFR § 207.7).