

U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

SILICOMANGANESE FROM CHINA AND UKRAINE

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by **July 12, 2024**
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 reviews of the antidumping duty orders concerning silicomanganese from China and Ukraine (Inv. Nos. 731-TA-672-673 (Fifth 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 firm's possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)).

Name of firm _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Website _____

Has your firm imported silicomanganese (as defined on the next page) *from any country* at any time since January 1, 2018?

☐ **NO** (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)

☐ **YES** (Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)

Return questionnaire via the Commission **Drop Box** by clicking on the following link:
<https://usitc.gov/qportal>. (PIN: **SIMN**). See last page for detailed instructions.

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 means of 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 this proceeding in any other import-injury investigations or reviews conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise.

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that information submitted in response to this request for information and throughout this proceeding or other proceedings may be disclosed to and used: (i) by the Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of this or a related proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3; or (ii) by U.S. government employees and contract personnel, solely for cybersecurity purposes. I understand that all contract personnel will sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements.

Name of Authorized Official

Title of Authorized Official

Date

Signature

Phone

Email address

PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background. —On December 22, 1994, the Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) issued an antidumping duty order on imports of silicomanganese from China, and on September 17, 2001, Commerce issued an antidumping duty order on imports of silicomanganese from Ukraine. On November 1, 2023, the Commission instituted reviews pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)) 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. Pertinent information to this proceeding is available at:

Questionnaires: https://usitc.gov/reports/active_import_injury_questionnaires.

Other case information: <https://ids.usitc.gov/case/367/investigation/8476>

Silicomanganese covered by this proceeding is silicomanganese, which is sometimes called ferrosilicon manganese, a ferroalloy composed principally of manganese, silicon, and iron, and normally contains much smaller proportions of minor elements, such as carbon, phosphorus and sulfur. Silicomanganese generally contains by weight not less than 4 percent iron, more than 30 percent manganese, more than 8 percent silicon and not more than 3 percent phosphorus. All compositions, forms and sizes of silicomanganese are included within the scope of these orders, including silicomanganese slag, fines, and briquettes. Silicomanganese is used primarily in steel production as a source of both silicon and manganese.

Silicomanganese is currently imported under subheading 7202.30.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Some silicomanganese may also be imported under HTSUS subheading 7202.99.8040. The orders cover all silicomanganese, regardless of its tariff classification. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the orders remains dispositive.

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, purchaser and/or foreign producer questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions.

Confidentiality. —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.

Verification. —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.

Valid number error messages.—If you are completing this form in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 rather than \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete this form. Detailed instructions on how to resolve this issue is provided at the end of this questionnaire and is available upon request from Tyler Berard (202-205-3354), Tyler.Berard@usitc.gov).

D-GRIDs tool.—The Commission has a tool that firms can use to move data from their own MS Excel compilation files into self-contained data tables within this MS Word questionnaire, thereby reducing the amount of cell-by-cell data entry that would be required to complete this form. This tool is a macro-enabled MS Excel file available for download from the Commission's generic questionnaires webpage (https://www.usitc.gov/trade_remedy/question.htm) called the "D-GRIDs tool." Use of this tool to help your firm complete this questionnaire is *optional*. Firms opting to use the D-GRIDs tool to populate their data into this questionnaire will need the D-GRIDs specification sheet PDF file specific to this proceeding (available on the case page which is linked under the "Background" above) which includes the necessary references relating to this questionnaire, as well as the macro-enable MS Excel D-GRIDs tool itself from the generic questionnaires page. More detailed instructions on how to use the D-GRIDs tool are available within the D-GRIDs tool itself.

- I-1. **Reporting requirements.**—Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this questionnaire for use by the Office of Management and Budget.

Hours	Dollars

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 provide such comments to the Office of Investigations, import_injury@usitc.gov.

I-2a. **Establishments covered.** —Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire.

“Establishment”—Each facility of a firm involved in the importation of silicomanganese, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

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I-2b. **Stock symbol information.** — If your firm or parent firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol: _____.

I-2c. **External counsel.** — If your firm or parent firm is represented by external counsel in relation to this proceeding, please specify the name of the law firm and the lead attorney(s).

Law firm:	
Lead attorney(s):	

I-3. **Ownership.** —Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

☐ No ☐ Yes—List the following information, relating to the ultimate parent/owner.

Firm name	Country	Extent of ownership (percent)

“Related firm”—A firm that your firm solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled; a firm that solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm; and/or a firm that was solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled by a firm that also solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm.

- I-4. **Related importers/exporters.** —Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that are engaged in importing silicomanganese into the United States or that are engaged in exporting silicomanganese to the United States?

☐ No ☐ Yes—List the following information.

Firm name	Country	Affiliation

- I-5. **Related producers.** —Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that are engaged in the production of silicomanganese?

☐ No ☐ Yes—List the following information.

Firm name	Country	Affiliation

- I-6. **Importing operations.** —Please indicate the nature of your firm’s importing operations on silicomanganese. The importer of record is expected to complete this questionnaire; however, more than one answer may be applicable.

Importer of record	Takes title to the imported product(s)	Consignee of the imported products(s)	Customs broker or freight forwarder
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- I-7. **Consignees.** —If your firm is an importer of record of silicomanganese but is not the consignee, please list the consignees below (firm name, address, telephone number, and individual to contact).

Firm name	Address	Contact person and phone number

- I-8a. **FTZ, bonded warehouses and TIB program.** —Please indicate whether your firm enters silicomanganese into, or withdraws such merchandise from, foreign trade zones or bonded warehouses, or imports silicomanganese under the TIB program.

“Foreign trade zone” is a designated location in the United States where firms utilize special procedures that allow delayed or reduced customs duty payments on foreign merchandise, as well as other savings. A foreign trade zone must be designated as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in the Foreign-Trade Zones Act.

“Bonded warehouse” is a secured facility supervised by U.S. customs, where dutiable landed imports are stored pending their re-export, or release after payment of import duties, taxes, and other charges. A bonded warehouse must be designated as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in 19 U.S.C. § 1555.

“Temporary Importation under Bond (“TIB”) program” is a procedure whereby imported merchandise may be entered under certain conditions for a limited time into the United States free of duty. Under the program, an importer posts a bond for twice the amount of duty, taxes, etc. that would otherwise be owed on the importation and agrees to export or destroy the merchandise within a specified time or pay liquidated damages. This program is restricted to certain categories of merchandise listed in subheadings 9813.00.05 through 9813.00.75 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS).

Item	No	Yes	Instruction
Foreign trade zones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes to either FTZ or bonded warehouse, please provide the data in part I-8b
Bonded warehouses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
TIB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes to TIB, please provide the data in part I-8c

- I-8b. **Pre-Customs clearance FTZ and bonded warehousing operations.** —Please provide information on your firm's FTZ or bonded warehouse operations relating to silicomanganese that are classified as foreign status merchandise in the specified periods.

Quantity (in short tons)	
Item	Calendar year 2023
Admissions into FTZ(s) or bonded warehouse(s)	
Withdrawals into U.S. consumption ¹	
Export shipments ²	
End-of-period inventories in FTZ(s) or bonded warehouse(s)	
¹ Please confirm that these withdrawals are included as U.S. imports in part II of this questionnaire: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> if "no" please revise prior to submission to the Commission to include withdrawals from your firm's FTZs or bonded warehouses as "U.S. imports" in part II of this questionnaire (and change this checkbox back to Yes). ² Only include here exports that were not first cleared through U.S. Customs. If admissions were exported from your FTZ or bonded warehouse, but first had to be cleared through U.S. Customs prior to exportation, those data should be reported in part II of this questionnaire. Please confirm you are only including here exports from FTZs and bonded warehouses that never were cleared through Customs: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, if "no" please revise prior to submission to the Commission (and change this checkbox back to Yes).	

- I-8c. **TIB.** —Please provide information on your firm's TIB imports.

Quantity (in short tons)	
Item	Calendar year 2023
TIB import entries under HTS 9813.00.0520 ¹	
All other TIB import entries ²	
¹ Count and report these TIB entries under HTS 9813.00.0520 within the data on imports in part II as these entries are included in official U.S. imports statistics of the United States by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau. ² Only report these TIB entries here and do not also include these other TIB entries in part II as these are excluded from official U.S. imports statistics of the United States by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau.	

- I-9. **Other trade actions.** —To your knowledge, have the products subject to this proceeding been the subject of any other import relief proceedings in the United States or in any other countries?

No	Yes	If yes, please specify.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PART II. —TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Tyler Berard (202-205-3354), Tyler.Berard@usitc.gov). **Supply all data requested on a calendar-year basis.**

- II-1. **Contact information.** — Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in Part II.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

- II-2a. **Changes in operations.** — Has your firm experienced any changes in ownership or in the nature of its importing operations for silicomanganese since January 1, 2018?

No	Yes	If yes, supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and describe reasons for the changes, including any underlying assumptions used.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- II-2b. **COVID-19 pandemic.** — Has the COVID-19 pandemic or have any government actions taken to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus resulted in changes in your firm's supply chain arrangements, importation, employment, and shipments relating to silicomanganese? In your response, please discuss the duration and timing of any such changes as they relate to your firm's operations.

No	Yes	If yes, describe these changes including the impact over time on the (a) supply chain, (b) importation and shipments, and (c) employment with respect to silicomanganese.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- II-2c. **Role of war in Ukraine.** — Did the war in Ukraine affect your firm's imports of silicomanganese or your firm's ability to import silicomanganese into the United States from Ukraine? If yes, please describe what factors or developments in the conflict affected your ability to import or actual importation of silicomanganese from Ukraine (e.g., access to seaports, power supply, shipping routes, etc.).

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- II-2c. **Anticipated changes in operations.** —Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of its operations or organization relating to the importation of silicomanganese in the future?

No	Yes	If yes, supply details as to the likely timing, nature, and significance of such anticipated changes and describe the underlying assumptions and business reasons for them.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- II-3. **Arranged imports.** —Has your firm imported or arranged for the importation of silicomanganese for delivery after **March 31, 2024**?

“Arranged imports” are imports for which your firm has placed an order with a foreign supplier for subject merchandise, but delivery of those imports is not scheduled to occur until after the date listed above.

☐ No ☐ Yes—Fill out the table below.

Quantity (<i>in short tons</i>)				
Period/Source	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sept 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025
China				
Ukraine				
All other sources				

- II-4. **Reasons for importing if producer.** —If your firm also produces silicomanganese in the United States, please indicate the reasons for importing this product. If your firm's reasons differ by source, please elaborate.

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Definitions

“Imports” –Those products identified for Customs purposes as imports for consumption for which your firm was the importer of record (i.e., was responsible for paying any import duty).

“Import quantities” –Quantities reported should be net of returns.

“Import values” –Values reported should be landed, duty-paid values at the U.S. port of entry, including ocean freight and insurance costs, brokerage charges, and import duties (i.e., all charges except inland freight in the United States).

“U.S. commercial shipments”— Shipments made within the United States as a result of an arm's length commercial transaction in the ordinary course of business. Report net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods) in U.S. dollars, f.o.b. your point of shipment.

“Internal consumption” –Product consumed internally by your firm. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.

“Transfers to related firms” –Shipments made to related firms. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.

“Related firm” –A firm that your firm solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled; a firm that solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm; and/or a firm that was solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled by a firm that also solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm.

“Export shipments”— Shipments to destinations outside the United States, including shipments to related firms.

“Inventories” —Finished goods inventory, not raw materials or work in progress.

Note: As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/records used in the preparation of the trade data, as Commission staff may contact your firm regarding questions on the trade data. The Commission may also request that your company submit copies of the supporting documents/records (such as production and sales schedules, inventory records, etc.) used to compile these data.

II-5a. **U.S. imports: China.** —Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of silicomanganese imported from China during the specified periods.

CHINA

Quantity (in short tons) and Value (in \$1,000s)					
Item	Calendar year			January-March	
	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)					
Imports: ¹ Quantity (B)					
Value (C)					
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
Internal consumption: Quantity (F)					
Value ² (G)					
Transfers to related firms: Quantity (H)					
Value ² (I)					
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (J)					
Value (K)					
End-of-period inventories: (quantity) (L)					

¹ Please identify the foreign producers, if known: _____.

² Internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. If your firm uses a different basis for valuing these transactions in your records, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.): _____. However, the data provided above in this table should be based on fair market value.

³ Identify your firm's principal export markets: _____.

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES. —Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line L) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, H, and J). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather actually reflect your firm's records; and also provide any likely explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.

Reconciliation	Calendar year			January-March	
	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
A + B – D – F – H – J – L = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	0	0	0

¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate: _____.

- II-5b. **Channels of distribution: China.** — Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of imports from China by channel of distribution in the specified period.

CHINA

Quantity (<i>in short tons</i>)					
Item	Calendar year			January-March	
	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
Channels of distribution:					
U.S. shipments—					
To distributors (M)					
To end users:					
Steel producers (N)					
All other end users (O)					

RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS. — Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines M, N, and O) in each time period equal the quantity reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D, F, and H) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

Reconciliation	Calendar year			January-March	
	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
M + N + O – D – F – H = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

- II-5c. **Historical U.S. imports: China.** — Report the quantity and value of your firm's imports of silicomanganese from China during the specified periods.

CHINA

Quantity (<i>in short tons</i>) and Value (<i>in \$1,000s</i>)			
Item	2018	2019	2020
U.S. imports:			
Quantity			
Value			

- II-5d. **U.S. shipments of silicomanganese by grade: China.** —Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of silicomanganese imported from China by grade (ASTM A, ASTM B, ASTM C, high phosphorus, and other) during the specified periods.

CHINA

Quantity (in short tons) and Value (in \$1,000s)					
Item	Calendar year			January-March	
	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
ASTM A:					
Quantity (P)					
Value (Q)					
ASTM B:					
Quantity (R)					
Value (S)					
ASTM C:					
Quantity (T)					
Value (U)					
High phosphorus not meeting ASTM standard (more than 0.2% phosphorus content):					
Quantity (V)					
Value (W)					
Other:¹					
Quantity (X)					
Value (Y)					
¹ Identify other products: _____.					

RECONCILIATION OF U.S. SHIPMENTS. —Please ensure that the quantities and values reported for total U.S. shipments of silicomanganese by grade (i.e., lines P through Y) in each time period equal the quantities and values reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D through I) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

Reconciliation item	Calendar year			January-March	
	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
P + R + T + V + X – D – F – H = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0
Q + S + U + W + Y – E – G – I = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-6a. **U.S. imports: Ukraine.** —Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of silicomanganese imported from Ukraine during the specified periods.

UKRAINE

Quantity (in short tons) and Value (in \$1,000s)					
Item	Calendar year			January-March	
	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)					
Imports: ¹ Quantity (B)					
Value (C)					
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
Internal consumption: Quantity (F)					
Value ² (G)					
Transfers to related firms: Quantity (H)					
Value ² (I)					
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (J)					
Value (K)					
End-of-period inventories: (quantity) (L)					

¹ Please identify the foreign producers, if known: _____.

² Internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. If your firm uses a different basis for valuing these transactions in your records, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.): _____. However, the data provided above in this table should be based on fair market value.

³ Identify your firm's principal export markets: _____.

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES. —Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line L) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, H, and J). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather actually reflect your firm's records; and also provide any likely explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.

Reconciliation	Calendar year			January-March	
	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
A + B – D – F – H – J – L = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	0	0	0

¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate: _____.

- II-6b. **Channels of distribution: Ukraine.** — Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of imports from Ukraine by channel of distribution in the specified period.

UKRAINE

Quantity (<i>in short tons</i>)					
Item	Calendar year			January-March	
	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
Channels of distribution:					
U.S. shipments—					
To distributors (M)					
To end users:					
Steel producers (N)					
All other end users (O)					

RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS. — Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines M, N, and O) in each time period equal the quantity reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D, F, and H) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

Reconciliation	Calendar year			January-March	
	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
M + N + O – D – F – H = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

- II-6c. **Historical U.S. imports: Ukraine.** — Report the quantity and value of your firm's imports of silicomanganese from Ukraine during the specified periods.

UKRAINE

Quantity (<i>in short tons</i>) and Value (\$1,000s)			
Item	2018	2019	2020
U.S. imports:			
Quantity			
Value			

- II-6d. **U.S. shipments by grade: Ukraine.** —Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of imports from Ukraine by grade (ASTM A, ASTM B, ASTM C, high phosphorus, and other) during the specified periods.

UKRAINE

Quantity (in short tons) and Value (in \$1,000s)					
Item	Calendar year			January-March	
	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
ASTM A:					
Quantity (P)					
Value (Q)					
ASTM B:					
Quantity (R)					
Value (S)					
ASTM C:					
Quantity (T)					
Value (U)					
High phosphorus not meeting ASTM standard (more than 0.2% phosphorus content):					
Quantity (V)					
Value (W)					
Other¹:					
Quantity (X)					
Value (Y)					
¹ Identify other products: _____.					

RECONCILIATION OF U.S. SHIPMENTS. —Please ensure that the quantities and values reported for total U.S. shipments of silicomanganese by grade (i.e., lines P through Y) in each time period equal the quantities and values reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D through I) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

Reconciliation item	Calendar year			January-March	
	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
P + R + T + V + X – D – F – H = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0
Q + S + U + W + Y – E – G – I = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

- II-7a. **U.S. imports: All other sources.** —Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of silicomanganese imported from all other sources (i.e., sources other than China or Ukraine) during the specified periods.

ALL OTHER SOURCES

(list sources: _____)

Quantity (in short tons) and Value (in \$1,000s)					
Item	Calendar year			January-March	
	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)					
Imports: ¹ Quantity (B)					
Value (C)					
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
Internal consumption: Quantity (F)					
Value ² (G)					
Transfers to related firms: Quantity (H)					
Value ² (I)					
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (J)					
Value (K)					
End-of-period inventories: (quantity) (L)					

¹ Please identify the foreign producers, if known: ____.

² Internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. If your firm uses a different basis for valuing these transactions in your records, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.): _____. However, the data provided above in this table should be based on fair market value.

³ Identify your firm's principal export markets: ____.

II-7a. **U.S. imports: All other sources. Continued**

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES. —Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line L) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, H, and J). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather actually reflect your firm's records; and also provide any likely explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.

Reconciliation	Calendar year			January-March	
	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
A + B – D – F – H – J – L = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	0	0	0
¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate: _____.					

II-7b. **Channels of distribution: All other sources**—Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of imports from all other sources (i.e., sources other than China or Ukraine) by channel of distribution in the specified period.

ALL OTHER SOURCES

Quantity (in short tons)					
Item	Calendar year			January-March	
	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
Channels of distribution:					
U.S. shipments—					
To distributors (M)					
To end users:					
Steel producers (N)					
All other end users (O)					

RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS. —Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines M, N, and O) in each time period equal the quantity reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D, F, and H) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

Reconciliation	Calendar year			January-March	
	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
M + N + O – D – F – H = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

- II-7c. **Historical U.S. imports: All other sources.** —Report the quantity and value of your firm's imports of silicomanganese from all other sources (i.e., sources other than China or Ukraine) during the specified periods.

ALL OTHER SOURCES

Quantity (<i>in short tons</i>) and Value (\$1,000s)			
Item	2018	2019	2020
U.S. imports:			
<i>Quantity</i>			
<i>Value</i>			

- II-7d. **U.S. shipments of silicomanganese by grade: All other sources.** —Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of silicomanganese imported from all other sources (i.e., sources other than China or Ukraine) by grade (ASTM A, ASTM B, ASTM C, high phosphorus, and other) during the specified periods.

Quantity (in short tons) and Value (in \$1,000s)					
Item	Calendar year			January-March	
	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
ASTM A:					
Quantity (P)					
Value (Q)					
ASTM B:					
Quantity (R)					
Value (S)					
ASTM C:					
Quantity (T)					
Value (U)					
High phosphorus not meeting ASTM standard (more than 0.2% phosphorus content):					
Quantity (V)					
Value (W)					
Other:¹					
Quantity (X)					
Value (Y)					
¹ Identify other products: _____.					

RECONCILIATION OF U.S. SHIPMENTS. —Please ensure that the quantities and values reported for total U.S. shipments of silicomanganese by grade (i.e., lines P through Y) in each time period equal the quantity and value reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D through I) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

Reconciliation item	Calendar year			January-March	
	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
$P + R + T + V + X - D - F - H = \text{zero ("0")}$, if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0
$Q + S + U + W + Y - E - G - I = \text{zero ("0")}$, if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

For questions II-8 and II-9, if your response differs for each antidumping duty order, please indicate the nature of the difference (e.g., geopolitical issues, availability, etc.) and explain the particular effect of imposition and/or revocation of the specific order.

- II-8. **Effect of antidumping duty orders.** —Describe the significance of the existing antidumping duty orders covering imports of silicomanganese from China and Ukraine in terms of their effect on your firm's imports, U.S. shipments of imports, and inventories. You may wish to compare your firm's operations before and after the imposition of the orders.

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- II-9. **Likely impact of revocation.** —Would your firm anticipate any changes in the character of its operations or organization, including its imports, U.S. shipments of imports, or inventories of silicomanganese in the future if the antidumping duty orders on silicomanganese from China and Ukraine were to be revoked?

No	Yes	If yes, supply details as to the likely timing, nature, and significance of such anticipated changes and describe the underlying assumptions and business reasons for them.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- II-10. **Transfers to related firms.** —If your firm reported transfers to related firms in any of the data tables in Part II, please identify the firm(s) and indicate the nature of the relationship between your firm and the related firms (e.g., joint venture, wholly owned subsidiary) and whether the transfers were priced at market value or by a non-market formula.

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- II-11. **Other explanations.** —If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part II for which a narrative box was not provided, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in providing the data in this section.

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PART III. —PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Craig Thomsen (202-205-3226, craig.thomsen@usitc.gov).

- III-1. **Contact information.** — Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in Part III.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

PRICE DATA

- III-2. This question requests quarterly quantity and value data for your firm's commercial shipments to unrelated U.S. customers of the following products your firm imported from China and Ukraine:

Product 1.-- ASTM grade B bulk silicomanganese sold to steel producers under contracts.

Product 2.-- ASTM grade B bulk silicomanganese sold to distributors under contracts.

Product 3.-- ASTM grade B bulk silicomanganese sold to steel producers as spot sales.

Product 4.-- ASTM grade B bulk silicomanganese sold to distributors as spot sales.

Please note that values should be f.o.b., U.S. point of shipment and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Values should reflect the *final net* amount paid to your firm (i.e., should be net of all deductions for discounts or rebates).

- III-2a. During January 2021-March 2024, did your firm import from China and/or Ukraine and sell to unrelated U.S. customers any of the above listed products (or any products that were competitive with these products)?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes. —Please complete the following pricing data tables as appropriate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No. —Skip to question III-3.

III-2b. **Price data (China).**—Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from China and sold by your firm.

China

Report data in ***short tons*** and ***actual dollars*** (not \$1,000s).

(Quantity in short tons, value in dollars)								
Period of shipment	Product 1		Product 2		Product 3		Product 4	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2021:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2022:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2023:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2024:								
January-March								

¹ Net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S. point of shipment. Please subtract any discounts, rebates, and returns from the quarter in which the sale occurred.

² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part III.

Note.—If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of the product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.

Product 1:

Product 2:

Product 3:

Product 4:

III-2c. **Price data (Ukraine).**—Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from Ukraine and sold by your firm.

Ukraine

Report data in **short tons** and **actual dollars** (not \$1,000s).

(Quantity in short tons, value in dollars)								
Period of shipment	Product 1		Product 2		Product 3		Product 4	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2021:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2022:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2023:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2024:								
January-March								

¹ Net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S. point of shipment. Please subtract any discounts, rebates, and returns from the quarter in which the sale occurred.

² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part III.

Note.—If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of the product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.

Product 1:

Product 2:

Product 3:

Product 4:

III-2d. **Price data checklist.**—Please check that the pricing data in questions III-2b and III-2c have been correctly reported.

Are the price data reported above:	✓ if Yes
In actual dollars (not \$1,000s) and short tons?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valued f.o.b. U.S. point of shipment (i.e., exclude U.S. inland transportation costs)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reported net of all discounts, rebates, and returns (deducted from the quarter in which the original sale occurred)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reported for commercial U.S. shipments only (i.e., exclude internal consumption, transfers, and exports)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Less than or equal to the quantities and values reported in part II for commercial U.S. shipments in each period?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Explanation(s) for any boxes not checked:	

III-2e. **Pricing data methodology.**—Please describe the method and the kinds of documents/records that were used to compile your price data.

Note: As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/records used in the preparation of the price data, as Commission staff may contact your firm regarding questions on the price data. The Commission may also request that your company submit copies of the supporting documents/records (such as sales journal, invoices, etc.) used to compile these data.

- III-3. **Price setting.**—How does your firm determine the prices that it charges for sales of silicomanganese (*check all that apply*)?

Transaction by transaction	Contracts	Set price lists	Other	If other, describe
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-4. **Discount policy.**—Please indicate and describe your firm's discount policies (*check all that apply*).

Quantity discounts	Annual total volume discounts	No discount policy	Other	Describe
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-5. **Pricing terms.**—On what basis are your firm's prices of imported silicomanganese from China and Ukraine usually quoted? (*check one*)

Delivered	F.o.b.	If f.o.b., specify point
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-6. **Contract versus spot.**— Approximately what shares of your firm's sales of its silicomanganese imported from China and Ukraine in 2023 were on the basis of (1) short-term contracts, (2) annual contracts, (3) long-term contracts, and (4) spot sales?

Item	Type of sale				Total (should sum to 100.0%)
	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)	
Share of your 2023 sales	%	%	%	%	0.0 %

III-7. **Contract provisions.**— Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical sales contracts for silicomanganese imported from China and Ukraine (or check "not applicable" if your firm does not sell on a short-term, annual and/or long-term contract basis).

Typical sales contract provisions	Item	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)
Average contract duration	<i>No. of days</i>		365	
Price renegotiation (during contract period)	<i>Yes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>No</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fixed quantity and/or price	<i>Quantity</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Price</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Both</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indexed to raw material costs ¹	<i>Yes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>No</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
¹ Please identify the indexes used:				

III-8. **Lead times.**— What share of your firm's sales of its imported silicomanganese was from inventory and produced to order, and what was the typical lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of its imported silicomanganese?

Source	Share of 2023 sales	Lead time (average number of days)
From your firm's U.S. inventory	%	
From foreign manufacturers' inventory	%	
Produced to order	%	
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	

III-9. Shipping information.—

- (a) Who generally arranges the transportation to your firm's customers' locations?
☐ Your firm ☐ Purchaser (*check one*)
- (b) When your firm sells silicomanganese imported from China and Ukraine, from where is it shipped?
☐ Point of importation ☐ Storage facility (*check one*)
- (c) Indicate the approximate percentage of your sales of silicomanganese imported from China and Ukraine that are delivered the following distances from your firm's U.S. point of shipment.

Distance from your firm's U.S. point of shipment	Share
Within 100 miles	%
101 to 1,000 miles	%
Over 1,000 miles	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

- III-10. **Geographical shipments.**—In which U.S. geographic market area(s) has your firm sold silicomanganese imported from subject countries since January 1, 2018 (check all that apply)?

Geographic area	China	Ukraine
Northeast. —CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Midwest. —IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, and WI.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Southeast. —AL, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Central Southwest. —AR, LA, OK, and TX.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mountains. —AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pacific Coast. —CA, OR, and WA.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other. —All other markets in the United States not previously listed, including AK, HI, PR, and VI.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- III-11. **Inland transportation costs.**—What is the approximate percentage of the cost of silicomanganese imported from China and Ukraine that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs? _____ percent.
- III-12. **End uses.**—Have there been any changes in the end uses of silicomanganese since January 1, 2018, or do you anticipate any future changes?

No	Yes	If yes, explain the changes, noting when these changes occurred or are expected to occur.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-13. **Substitutes.**— Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for silicomanganese since January 1, 2018, or do you anticipate any future changes?

No	Yes	If yes, explain the changes, noting when these changes occurred or are expected to occur.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-14. **Availability of supply.**— Has the availability of silicomanganese in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2018? 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, 2018:			
U.S.-produced product	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Imports from China and Ukraine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Imports from all other countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anticipated changes:			
U.S.-produced product	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Imports from China and Ukraine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Imports from all other countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-15. **Demand trends.**-- Has demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for silicomanganese steadily increased, fluctuated but ended higher, not changed, fluctuated but ended lower, or steadily decreased in the following time periods, and how do 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.

Select one box per row.

Market	Steadily increase	Fluctuate higher	No change	Fluctuate lower	Steadily decrease	Explanation and factors
Demand between January 1, 2018 & December 31, 2020						
Within the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Outside the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Demand since January 1, 2021						
Within the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Outside the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anticipated future demand						
Within the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Outside the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-16. **Product changes.**—Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix, or marketing of silicomanganese since January 1, 2018, or do you anticipate any future changes?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe, noting when these changes occurred or are expected to occur.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-17. **Business cycles.**—Is the silicomanganese 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, 2018.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-18. **Conditions of competition.**—Is the silicomanganese market subject to conditions of competition distinctive to silicomanganese 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, 2018.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-19. **Supply constraints.**—Has your firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply silicomanganese since January 1, 2018 (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.)?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-20. **War in Ukraine.**—Has the U.S. or global market for silicomanganese experienced any issues or changes related to the war in Ukraine since February 2022 (e.g., supply, transportation, tariff treatment, etc.)? Are there any issues or changes related to the war in Ukraine that your firm anticipates in the foreseeable future?

Period	No	Yes	If yes, please describe.
Since February 2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anticipated changes/issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-21. **Raw materials.**— Have silicomanganese raw material prices steadily increased, fluctuated but ended higher, not changed, fluctuated but ended lower, or steadily decreased since January 1, 2018, and how do you expect they will change in the future?

Select one box per row.

Raw materials prices	Steadily increase	Fluctuate higher	No change	Fluctuate lower	Steadily decrease	Explain, noting how raw material price changes have affected your firm's selling prices for silicomanganese.
Changes since January 1, 2018	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anticipated changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-22. **Price comparisons.**—Are you aware of prices of silicomanganese in non-U.S. markets? If yes, please compare market prices of silicomanganese in U.S. and non-U.S. markets. Provide information as to time periods and regions for any price comparisons and note the sources for your market knowledge.

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-23. **Interchangeability.**—How often is silicomanganese 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 O 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

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

Country-pair	China	Ukraine	Other countries
United States			
China			
Ukraine			
<p>For any country-pair producing silicomanganese that is <i>sometimes</i> or <i>never</i> interchangeable, identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude the interchangeable use of silicomanganese produced in the countries:</p>			

- III-24. **Factors other than price.**—How often are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, etc.) between silicomanganese produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's sales of the products?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or O 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

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

Country-pair	China	Ukraine	Other countries
United States			
China			
Ukraine			

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

- III-25. **Role of section 301 tariffs.**-- Did the tariffs on Chinese-origin products under section 301, or changes in these tariffs, have an impact on the silicomanganese market in the United States, including any effects on silicomanganese cost, price, supply, and/or demand, since January 1, 2018?

Yes	No	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If yes, please describe the impact on cost, price, supply, and/or demand, and include the timing of such impacts.

- III-26. **Other explanations.**—If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part III for which a narrative box was not provided, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in providing the data in this section.

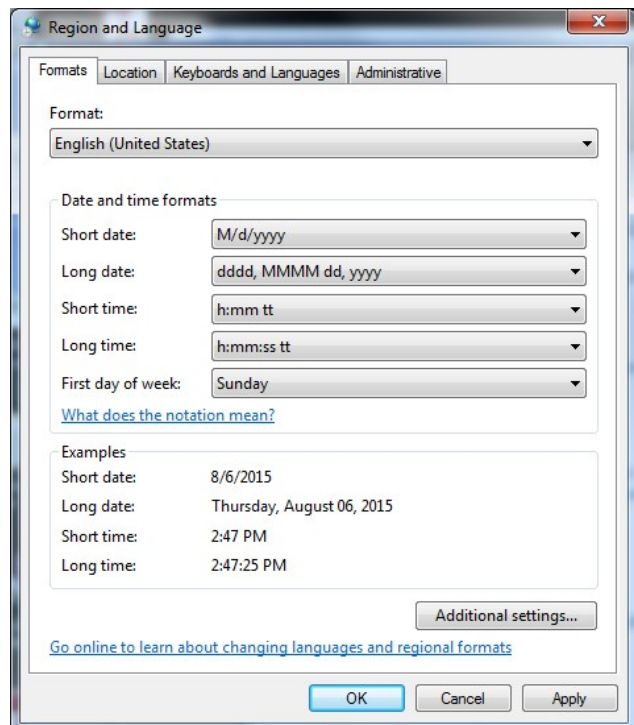
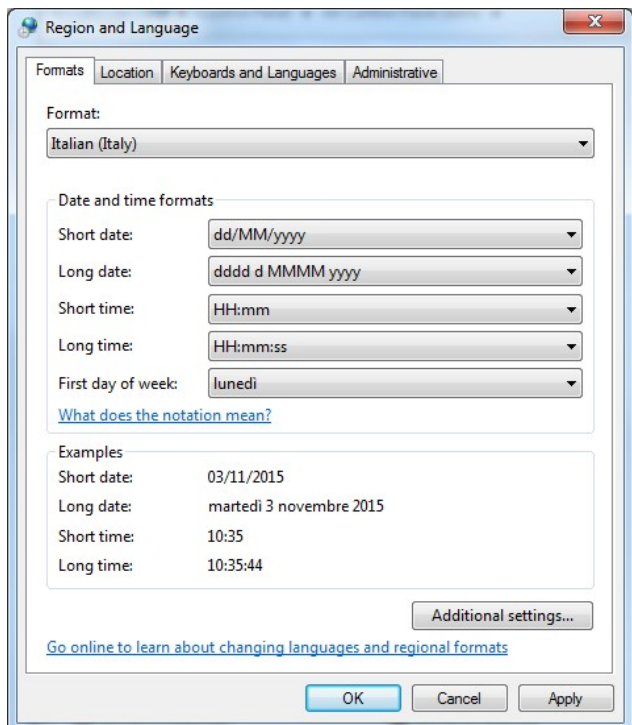
Correcting valid number error messages. —If you are completing a Commission questionnaire in a country that uses periods (“.”) to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 instead of as \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. This issues stem from your computer number formatting setting (e.g., not the MS Word document itself, but the computer from which you are opening up the document). In the United States commas (,) delineate multiples of 1000 and periods (.) delineate fractions less than one. Many EU countries use the reverse where multiples of 1000 are delineated with periods (.) and fractions less than one are delineated with commas (,). The U.S. International Trade Commission’s questionnaires are set-up in the United States with the U.S. number formatting. When this formatting interacts with a computer set to EU number formatting, we believe this may cause this issue.

The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system’s number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete the questionnaire.

To temporarily change your computer’s number settings to U.S. settings, please do the following (for Microsoft Windows Operating system):

- START
- Control Panel
- Region and Language (under Clock, Language, and Region category)
- Format tab
- Change the Format from your existing one (e.g., “Italian (Italy)”) to “English (United States)” (see screen shots below)

When you do this the number “twelve million dollars and thirty-five cents” would change from \$12.000.000,35 (Italy format) to \$12,000,000.35 (U.S. format), and then there will be no conflict with the questionnaire. When you finish reporting the data then you can close the questionnaire and switch back to Italy settings.



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/reports/active_import_injury_questionnaires.

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.

- **Upload via Commission’s secure submission portal.** — The questionnaire must be uploaded in two formats: (1) a Microsoft Word 97-2003 document; and (2) a PDF copy of the complete questionnaire with a signature on the first page and, if your firm is a party to the proceeding (see below), a certificate of service attached to the end of the document.

Web address: <https://usitc.gov/qportal> **Pin:** SIMN **Phase:** Fifth Review

- **E-mail.** — *E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to Tyler.Berard@usitc.gov; include a PDF copy of the complete questionnaire with a signature on the first page. 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 submission portal 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 import this product, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned PDF copy via the Commission’s secure submission portal or email.

Parties to this proceeding. — 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 you submit (see 19 CFR § 207.7). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.