U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

HIGH CHROME CAST IRON GRINDING MEDIA ("HCCIGM") FROM INDIA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>February 27, 2025</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 countervailing duty and antidumping investigations concerning HCCIGM from India (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-726 and 731-TA-1694 (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 firm's possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)).

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Website		
	d <u>HCCIGM</u> , <u>forged grinding media</u> , or <u>low chrome cast iron grinding media ("LCCIGM")</u> (as from any country at any time since January 1, 2022?	
NO (Sign the certif	cation below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)	
YES—HCCIGM (Complete parts I, II, III, and IV)	
YES—Forged gr	nding media (Complete parts I, IV, and V)	
YES—LCCIGM (C	omplete parts I, IV, and VI)	
•	re via the Commission's secure portal by clicking on the following link: portal. (PIN: HCGM). See last page for detailed instructions.	
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.--This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on April 26, 2024, by Magotteaux Inc., Franklin, Tennessee. Countervailing and/or 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 subsidization and/or dumping. 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/8196/investigation/8590

<u>HCCIGM</u>.—HCCIGM covered by this proceeding is chrome cast iron grinding media in spherical ("ball") or ovoid shape, with an alloy composition of seven percent or more (≥ 7% of total mass) chromium ("Cr") content and produced through the casting method, with a nominal diameter of up to 127mm and tolerance of plus or minus 10mm.

HCCIGM is currently imported under statistical reporting number 7325.91.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The HTSUS provisions are for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope is dispositive.

LCCIGM.--Cast iron grinding media in spherical ("ball") or ovoid shape, with an alloy composition of less than seven percent (< 7% of total mass) chromium ("Cr") content and produced through the casting method, with a nominal diameter of up to 127mm and tolerance of plus or minus 10mm.

<u>Forged grinding media</u>.--Forged iron grinding media in spherical ("ball") or ovoid shape, produced through the forging method, regardless of chrome content, with a nominal diameter of up to 127mm and tolerance of plus or minus 10mm.

<u>Importer</u>.--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing HCCIGM, forged grinding media, or LCCIGM (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

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.

<u>Valid number error messages.</u>—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 Peter Stebbins (202-205-2039, peter.stebbins@usitc.gov).

<u>D-GRIDS tool.</u>--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 macroenabled 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 <u>optional</u>. 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.

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	media, or LCCIGM, in	"Establishment"Each facility of a firm involved in the importation of HCCIGM, forged grinding media, or LCCIGM, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.				
I-2b.	stock exchange and t	nation If your firm or parent firm is publicrading symbol:				
I-2c.		your firm or parent firm is represented by see specify the name of the law firm and th	•			
	Law firm:					
	Lead attorney(s):					
I-3.		firm owned, in whole or in part, by any otl				
	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.

Note: In your responses to questions I-4 and I-5, please only report related firms involved in the production and/or importation/exportation of HCCIGM. Questions I-4 and I-5 do not cover production or shipment of forged grinding media or LCCIGM.

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☐ No ☐ Yes-	List the following information.	
Firm name	Country	Affiliation
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PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Title Email Telephone

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Peter Stebbins (202-205-2039, peter.stebbins@usitc.gov). Supply all data requested on a calendar-year basis.

II-1.	<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 part II.
	Name

II-2a. <u>Changes in operations.--</u>Has your firm experienced any changes in ownership or in the nature of its importing operations for HCCIGM since January 1, 2022?

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.

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 HCCIGM since January 1, 2022? 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 HCCIGM.

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II-3a.	Arranged importsHas your firm imported or arranged for the importation of HCCIGM for
	delivery after <i>December 31, 2024</i> ?

"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	
		If yes, fill out the table below.

		Per	iod	
Source	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Jul-Sept 2025	Oct-Dec 2025
		Quantity (in	short tons)	
India				
All other sources				

II-3b. <u>Imports in the 12-month period preceding the petition</u>.--Has your firm imported HCCIGM from any source between April 1, 2023, and March 31, 2024 (i.e., the last nine months in 2023 and first three months in 2024 combined)?

No	Yes	
		If yes, report the quantity of such import below by source.

Quantity (in shor	t tons)
Source	April 2023 through March 2024
India	
All other sources	

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

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).

"Commercial U.S. 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.

"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>U.S. imports from India</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of HCCIGM imported from India by your firm during the specified periods.

India

Qu	antity (in short tons	s), value (<i>in \$1,000</i>)	
	Calendar year		
Item	2022	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: ² Quantity (F)			
Value² (G)			
Transfers to related firms: ² Quantity (H)			
Value² (I)			
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (J)			
Value (K)			
End-of-period inventories: (quantity) (L)			
¹ Please identify the foreign producers, i ² Internal consumption and transfers to basis for valuing these transactions in your the data provided above in this table shoul ³ Identify your firm's principal export many	related firms must be records, please speci ld be based on fair ma	fy that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus	

II-5a. U.S. imports from India.—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.

		Calendar year	
Reconciliation	2022	2023	2024
A + B - D - F - H - J - L = should equal			
zero ("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	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. <u>Channels of distribution: India</u>.--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 India by chrome content and by channel of distribution during the specified periods.

India

	Quantity (in short	t tons)		
	Calendar year			
Item	2022	2023	2024	
U.S. shipments: HCCIGM with chrome content >= 7 percent and <10 percent to Distributors (M)				
to End Users: Mining (N)				
to End Users: Cement (O)				
to End Users: Other (P) ¹				
>= 10 percent and <15 percent to Distributors (Q)				
to End Users: Mining (R)				
to End Users: Cement (S)				
to End Users: Other (T) ¹				
HCCIGM with chrome content >= 15 percent to Distributors (U)				
to End Users: Mining (V)				
to End Users: Cement (W)				
to End Users: Other (X) ¹				
¹ Please identify the other end users:	•			

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines M through X) in each time period equal the quantity reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D, F, 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.

		Calendar year	
Reconciliation item	2022	2023	2024
M + N + O + P + Q + R + S + T + U + V +			
W + X - D - F - H = zero ("0"), if not			
revise.	0	0	0

II-6a. <u>Imports from all other sources</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of HCCIGM imported from all other sources (i.e., sources other than India) by your firm during the specified periods.

All other sources

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(list sources:	

	Calendar year		
Item	2022	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: ² Quantity (F)			
Value² (G)			
Transfers to related firms: ² Quantity (H)			
Value² (I)			
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (J)			
Value (K)			
End-of-period inventories: (quantity) (L)			

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

II-6a. Imports from 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.

	Calendar year		
Reconciliation	2022	2023	2024
A + B - D - F - H - J - L = should equal			
zero ("0") or provide an explanation.1	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: 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 India) by chrome content and by channel of distribution during the specified periods.

All other sources

	Quantity (in short	tons)				
	Calendar year					
Item	2022	2023	2024			
U.S. shipments: HCCIGM with chrome content >= 7 percent and <10 percent to Distributors (M)						
to End Users: Mining (N)						
to End Users: Cement (O)						
to End Users: Other (P) ¹						
>= 10 percent and <15 percent to Distributors (Q)						
to End Users: Mining (R)						
to End Users: Cement (S) to End Users: Other (T) ¹						
HCCIGM with chrome content >= 15 percent to Distributors (U)						
to End Users: Mining (V)						
to End Users: Cement (W)						
to End Users: Other (X) ¹						
¹ Please identify the other end users:	·					

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS</u>.-- Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines M through X) in each time period equal the quantity reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D, F, 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.

	Calendar year				
Reconciliation item	2022	2023	2024		
M + N + O + P + Q + R + S + T + U + V +					
W + X - D - F - H = zero ("0"), if not					
revise.	0	0	0		

for which explanation	blanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part II a narrative response box was not provided, please note the question number and the on in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your n providing the data in this section.

PART III.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Steven Di Stefano (202-205-2465, Steven.DiStefano@usitc.gov).

III-1. <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 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 since January 1, 2022 of the following products your firm imported from India:
 - **Product 1.--** Cast iron grinding media with a nominal diameter of 50mm (+/-3 mm) and chrome content between 18.5 and 22 percent.
 - **Product 2.--** Cast iron grinding media with a nominal diameter of 40mm (+/-3 mm) and chrome content between 18.5 and 22 percent.
 - **Product 3.--** Cast iron grinding media with a nominal diameter of 25mm (+/-3 mm) and chrome content between 10 and 13.5 percent.
 - **Product 4.--** Cast iron grinding media with a nominal diameter of 90mm (+/-3 mm) and chrome content between 15.5 and 19 percent.
 - **Product 5.--** Cast iron grinding media with a nominal diameter of 40mm (+/-3 mm) and chrome content between 25 and 28 percent.
 - **Product 6.--** Cast iron grinding media with a nominal diameter of 80mm (+/-3 mm) and chrome content between 16 and 19 percent.

Please note that values should be <u>f.o.b.</u>, <u>U.S.</u> <u>point of shipment</u> 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 2022-December 2024, did your firm import from India and sell to unrelated U.S. customers any of the above listed products (or any products that were competitive with these products)?

YesPlease complete the following pricing data table as appropriate.
NoSkip to question III-3.

III-2b. Price data.--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from India and sold by your firm.

India

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

	Product 1		Product 2		Product 3	
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2022:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2023:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2024:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						

your firm's U.S. point of shipment. Please subtract any discounts, rebates, and returns from the quarter in which the sale occurred.

Product 3:

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

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description of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.
Product 1:
Product 2:

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

III-2b. Price data.--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from India and sold by your firm.

India

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

(Quantity in short tons, value in dollars)						
_	Product 4		Product 5		Product 6	
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
022:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
023:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
024:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
¹ Net values (i.e., gross sal our firm's U.S. point of shipmo		ct any discounts,	rebates, and return			

Note If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a
description of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.
Product 4:

Product 5: Product 6:

III-2c.	Price data checklist Please check that the pricing data in question III-2b have been correctly
	reported.

	Are the price data reported above:	√ if Yes
	In actual dollars (not \$1,000s) and actual short tons?	
	Valued f.o.b. U.S. point of shipment (i.e., exclude U.S. inland transportation costs)?	
	Reported net of all discounts, rebates, and returns (deducted from the quarter in which the original sale occurred)?	
	Reported for commercial U.S. shipments only (i.e., exclude internal consumption, transfers, and exports)?	
	Less than or equal to the quantities and values reported in part II for commercial U.S. shipments in each period?	
	Explanation(s) for any boxes not checked:	
III-2d.	Pricing data methodologyPlease describe the method and the kinds of documents/that were used to compile your price data.	records

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.

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III-3.	Price settingHow does your firm determine the prices that it charges for sales of HCCIGM
	(check all that apply)?

Transaction by transaction	Contracts	Set price lists	Other	If other, describe

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

Quantity discounts	Annual total volume discounts	No discount policy	Other	Describe

III-5. **Pricing terms.**--On what basis are your firm's prices of imported HCCIGM from India usually quoted *(check one)*?

Delivered	F.o.b.	If f.o.b., specify point

III-6. <u>Contract versus spot.</u>— Approximately what shares of your firm's sales of its HCCIGM from India in 2024 were on the basis of (1) short-term contracts, (2) annual contracts, (3) long-term contracts, and (4) spot sales?

ltem	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)	Spot sales (for a single delivery)	Total (should sum to 100.0%)
Share of 2024 sales	%	%	%	%	0.0	%

III-7. <u>Contract provisions.</u>--Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical sales contracts for HCCIGM imported from India (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	No. of days		365	
Price renegotiation	Yes			
(during contract period)	No			
	Quantity			
Fixed quantity and/or price	Price			
aa, a paa	Both			
Indexed to raw	Yes			
material costs ¹	No			
Not applicab	le			
¹ Please identify the indexes used:				

III-8. <u>Lead times.</u>-- Report your firm's share of sales of its HCCIGM imported from India from inventory and produced to order, and the average lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of its imported HCCIGM during each period listed.

Period	Type of sale	Share of sales	Average lead time (number of days)
	From your firm's U.S. inventory	%	
2022	From foreign manufacturers' inventory	%	
	Produced to order	%	
	Total 2022 (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	
	From your firm's U.S. inventory	%	
2023	From foreign manufacturers' inventory	%	
	Produced to order	%	
	Total 2023 (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	
	From your firm's U.S. inventory	%	
2024	From foreign manufacturers' inventory	%	
	Produced to order	%	
	Total 2024 (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	

%

0.0 %

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Over 1,000 miles

II-9.	Shipping information.—							
	(a)	Who generally arranges the transportation to your firm Purchaser (check one)	m's customers' lo	ocations?				
	(b) When your firm sells HCCIGM imported from India, from where is it shipped? ☐ Point of importation ☐ Storage facility (check one)							
	(c) Indicate the approximate percentage of your firm's sales of HCCIGM imported India that are delivered the following distances from your firm's U.S. point of s							
		Distance from your firm's U.S. point of shipment	Share					
		Within 100 miles	%					
		101 to 1,000 miles	%					

III-10. <u>Geographical shipments.</u>--In which U.S. geographic market area(s) has your firm sold HCCIGM imported from India since January 1, 2022 (check all that apply)?

Total (should sum to 100.0%)

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

III-11.	Inland transportation costs.—What is the approximate percentage of the cost of He	CCIGM
	imported from India that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs?	percent.

III-12. <u>End uses.</u>--List the end uses of the HCCIGM that your firm imports. For each end-use product, what percentage of the <u>total cost</u> is accounted for by HCCIGM and other inputs?

	Share of total cost	Total	
			(should sum to
End-use product	HCCIGM	Other inputs	100.0% across)
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %

	∐ No		165	e fill out the			nges in the p	rice of this substitute	
Cube				ch this	Have changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for HCCIGM?				
1.	stitute	Sub	stitute is u	usea i	No	Yes		xplanation	
2.									
3.									
	•		nded lowe	r, or steadily	/ de	creased	since Janua	changed, fluctuated ary 1, 2022? Explain an as in demand.	у
tren	ds and descr	ibe the prin	nded lowe	r, or steadily ors that have Fluctuate	ded e affo	creased	I since Janua nese change	ary 1, 2022? Explain an as in demand.	
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tren ect one box per re Market Tithin the United States	Steadily increase	ibe the prin	nded lowe	r, or steadily ors that have Fluctuate	ded e affo	creased ected the	since Janua hese change Steadily	ary 1, 2022? Explain an as in demand.	
Market //ithin the United States utside the United States	Steadily increase	Fluctuate up	No change	Fluctuate irregularly	Flu c	ictuate	Steadily decrease	ary 1, 2022? Explain an as in demand.	actor

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III-16.		-	Is the HCCIGM yes, describe.	market subject to business cycles, either d	uring the year or
	No	Ye	s If yes, pleas	se describe, including any changes since Ja	nuary 1, 2022.
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III-17.				he HCCIGM market subject to conditions of n the business cycles described in the previ	•
	No	Ye	s If yes, pleas	se describe, including any changes since Ja	nuary 1, 2022.
III-18.	Ja er th im	nuary on the nuary of the nuary	r firm refused, d 1, 2022 (example declining to access equantity promine to the control of the c	leclined, or been unable to supply HCCIGM les include placing customers on allocation ept new customers or renew existing custor sed, being unable to meet timely shipment operations listed in II-2a, etc.)? Yes (respond to part b) firm faced supply constraints, check if yes a	or "controlled order ners, delivering less commitments,
	cc	onstrai	nts with the det	ails requested below.	
	Check if	yes	Period	Description: include the timing, duration,	and reason for the constraint
			2022		
			2023		
			January 1- April 26, 2024		
			Since April 26, 2024		

III-19. Raw materials.-- Have HCCIGM raw material prices steadily increased, fluctuated but ended higher, not changed, fluctuated but ended lower, or steadily decreased since January 1, 2022?

Select one box per row.

	Steadily increase	Fluctuate up	No change	Fluctuate down	Steadily decrease	Explain, noting how raw material price changes have affected your firm's selling prices for HCCIGM.
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III-20. <u>Interchangeability</u>.—How often is HCCIGM 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	Other countries			
United States					
India					
For any country-pair producing HCCIGM which is <i>sometimes</i> or <i>never</i> interchangeable, please identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude the interchangeable use of HCCIGM produced in the countries:					

III-21. <u>Factors other than price</u>.—How often are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, reliability of supply, suitability for customer needs, technical support, *etc.*) between HCCIGM 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 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	Other countries
United States		
India		

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

III-22. <u>Customer identification.</u>--List the names and contact information for your firm's 10 largest U.S. customers for HCCIGM since January 1, 2022. Indicate the share of the quantity of your firm's U.S. shipments of HCCIGM that each of these customers accounted for in 2024.

Customer's name	City	State	Share of 2024 sales (%)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

III-23.	Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part III for which a narrative response 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.

PART IV.--ALTERNATIVE PRODUCT INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Peter Stebbins (202-205-2039, peter.stebbins@usitc.gov).

<u>HCCIGM</u>—HCCIGM covered by this proceeding is chrome cast iron grinding media in spherical ("ball") or ovoid shape, with an alloy composition of seven percent or more (≥ 7% of total mass) chromium ("Cr") content and produced through the casting method, with a nominal diameter of up to 127mm and tolerance of plus or minus 10mm.

<u>Forged grinding media</u>—Forged iron grinding media in spherical ("ball") or ovoid shape, produced through the forging method, regardless of chrome content, with a nominal diameter of up to 127mm and tolerance of plus or minus 10mm.

LCCIGM—Cast iron grinding media in spherical ("ball") or ovoid shape, with an alloy composition of less than seven percent (< 7% of total mass) chromium ("Cr") content and produced through the casting method, with a nominal diameter of up to 127mm and tolerance of plus or minus 10mm.

- IV-1. Comparability of in-scope HCCIGM and alternative products.— For each of the following indicate whether listed grinding media products are: fully comparable or the same, *i.e.*, have no differentiation between them; mostly comparable or similar; somewhat comparable or similar; never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or no familiarity with products.
 - F: fully comparable or the same, i.e., have no differentiation between them;
 - M: mostly comparable or similar;
 - S: somewhat comparable or similar;
 - N: never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or
 - 0: no familiarity with products.
 - (a) <u>Physical Characteristics and End Uses</u>.--The differences and similarities in the physical characteristics and end uses.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their physical characteristics and uses:
HCCIGM vs Forged grinding media		
HCCIGM vs LCCIGM		

(b) <u>Interchangeability</u>.--The ability to substitute the products in the same application.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <i>interchangeability</i> :
HCCIGM vs Forged grinding media		
HCCIGM vs LCCIGM		

IV-1. Comparability of in-scope HCCIGM and alternative products.--Continued

F: fully comparable or the same, *i.e.*, have no differentiation between them;

M: mostly comparable or similar;

S: somewhat comparable or similar;

N: never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or

0: no familiarity with products.

(c) <u>Channels of distribution</u>.--Channels of distribution/market situation through which the products are sold (i.e., sold direct to end users, through wholesaler/distributors, etc.).

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <i>channels of distribution</i> :
HCCIGM vs Forged grinding media		
HCCIGM vs LCCIGM		

(d) <u>Manufacturing facilities, production processes, and production employees</u>.--Whether manufactured in the same facilities, from the same inputs, on the same machinery and equipment, and using the same employees.

Product-pair HCCIGM vs Forged grinding media	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their manufacturing facilities, production processes, and production employees:
HCCIGM vs LCCIGM		

IV-1. Comparability of in-scope HCCIGM and alternative products .-- Continued

F: fully comparable or the same, i.e., have no differentiation between them;

M: mostly comparable or similar;

S: somewhat comparable or similar;

N: never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or

0: no familiarity with products.

(e) <u>Customer and producer perceptions</u>.--Perceptions as to the differences and/or similarities in the market (*e.g.*, sales/marketing practices).

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their customer and producer perceptions:
HCCIGM vs Forged grinding media		
HCCIGM vs LCCIGM		

(f) **Price**.--Whether prices are comparable or differ between the products.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>price</u> :
HCCIGM vs Forged grinding media		
HCCIGM vs LCCIGM		

³ Identify your firm's principal export markets:

PART V.—IMPORTS OF FORGED GRINDING MEDIA

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Peter Stebbins (202-205-2039, peter.stebbins@usitc.gov).

<u>Forged grinding media</u>— Forged iron grinding media in spherical ("ball") or ovoid shape, produced through the forging method, regardless of chrome content, with a nominal diameter of up to 127mm and tolerance of plus or minus 10mm.

V-1. <u>U.S. imports of forged grinding media: All sources</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of forged grinding media imported from all sources by your firm during the specified periods.

FORGED GRINDING MEDIA (ALL SOURCES)

Qι	Quantity (in short tons), value (in \$1,000)			
		Calendar year		
Item	2022	2023	2024	
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)				
mports: ¹ Quantity (B)				
Value (C)				
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (D)				
Value (E)				
Internal consumption: ² Quantity (F)				
Value² (G)				
Transfers to related firms: ² Quantity (H)				
Value² (I)				
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (J)				
Value (K)				
End-of-period inventories: (quantity) (L)				

V-1. U.S. imports of forged grinding media: All sources.-Continued

FORGED GRINDING MEDIA: 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.

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

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

V-2. <u>Channels of distribution</u>.-- Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of forged grinding media imported by your firm from all sources by channel of distribution.

FORGED GRINDING MEDIA (ALL SOURCES)

Quantity (in short tons)				
	Calendar year			
Item	2022	2023	2024	
U.S. shipments:				
to Distributors (M)				
to End Users: Mining (N)				
to End Users: Cement (O)				
to End Users: Other (P) ¹				
¹ Please identify the other end users:				

FORGED GRINDING MEDIA: RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines M, N, O, and P) in each time period equal the quantity reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D, F, 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.

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

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PART VI.—IMPORTS OF LCCIGM

(List sources:

³ Identify your firm's principal export markets:

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LCCIGM— Cast iron grinding media in spherical ("ball") or ovoid shape, with an alloy composition of less than seven percent (< 7% of total mass) chromium ("Cr") content and produced through the casting method, with a nominal diameter of up to 127mm and tolerance of plus or minus 10mm.

VI-1. <u>U.S. imports of LCCIGM: All sources</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of LCCIGM imported from all sources by your firm during the specified periods.

LCCIGM (ALL SOURCES)

Quantity (in short tons), value (in \$1,000)			
	Calendar year		
Item	2022	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: ² Quantity (F)			
Value² (G)			
Transfers to related firms: ² Quantity (H)			
Value² (I)			
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (J)			
Value (K)			
End-of-period inventories: (quantity) (L)			

VI-1. U.S. imports of LCCIGM: All sources.—Continued

LCCIGM: 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.

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

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

VI-2. <u>Channels of distribution</u>.-- Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of LCCIGM imported by your firm from all sources by channel of distribution.

LCCIGM (ALL SOURCES)

Quantity (in short tons)			
	Calendar year		
Item	2022	2023	2024
U.S. shipments: to Distributors (M)			
to End Users: Mining (N)			
to End Users: Cement (O)			
to End Users: Other (P) ¹			
¹ Please identify the other end users:	·		

<u>LCCIGM: RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines M, N, O, and P) in each time period equal the quantity reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D, F, 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.

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

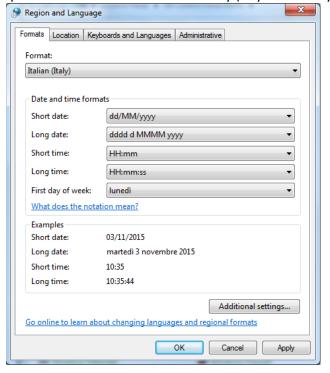
Correcting valid number error messages.--If you are completing this questionnaire in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (i.e., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 instead of as \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in the numeric form fields. This issue stems from your computer's number formatting setting (i.e., 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 and other 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 or other country number formatting, we believe this may cause this issue.

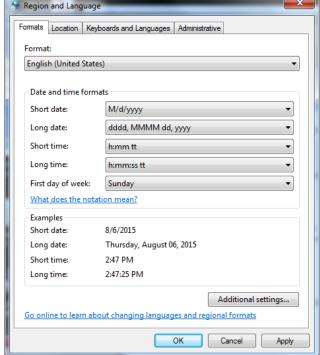
The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete the questionnaire.

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 tah
- 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 USITC importer questionnaire form. When you finish reporting the data then you can close the questionnaire and switch back to Italy (or your country) settings.





HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

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• <u>Upload via Commission's secure submission portal</u>.— 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. Please include any attachments at the end of the PDF (e.g., APO certification, additional comments, etc.).

Web address: https://usitc.gov/qportal Pin: HCGM Phase: Final

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If your firm did 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.

<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 you submit (see 19 CFR § 207.7). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.