U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

CORROSION-RESISTANT STEEL PRODUCTS FROM AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, CANADA, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, SOUTH AFRICA, TAIWAN, TURKEY, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, AND VIETNAM

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>June 13, 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 and antidumping duty investigations concerning corrosion-resistant steel products ("CORE") from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, the Netherlands, South Africa, Taiwan, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, and Vietnam (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-733-736 and 731-TA-1702-1711 (Final)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from Tana von Kessler (202-205-2389, tana.vonkessler@usitc.gov).

Name of firm

Address

City		State	Zip Code	
Website_				
Has your fi	m purchased CORE from <u>any</u> source (domestic or forei	gn) at any time since January 1, 2022	?
☐ NO	(Sign the certification below and pror	mptly return only th	is page of the questionnaire to the Comn	nission)
☐ YES	(Complete all parts of the questionna	ire, and return the	entire questionnaire to the Commission)	
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ubmitting this certifn information provided the Commission on the the undersigned, a	and understand that the information ication I also grant consent for the in this questionnaire and throughouse same or similar merchandise. Cknowledge that information submit or occeedings may be disclosed to and	Commission, and this proceeding this proceeding the control of the commission of the commission, and the commission of t	nd its employees and contract person in any other import-injury proceed to this request for information an	sonnel, to use the lings conducted by and throughout this
personnel (a) for devo eviews, and evaluat Appendix 3; or (ii) by	eloping or maintaining the records of ions relating to the programs, per U.S. government employees and con Il sign appropriate nondisclosure agre	of this or a relate sonnel, and ope tract personnel, s	d proceeding, or (b) in internal inver rations of the Commission includin	estigations, audits, ng under 5 U.S.C.
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Signature	Phone		Email address	

PART I.--GENERAL INFORMATION

<u>Background</u>.—This proceeding was instituted in response to petitions filed on September 5, 2024, by Steel Dynamics, Inc., Fort Wayne, Indiana; Nucor Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina; United States Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Wheeling-Nippon Steel, Follansbee, West Virginia, and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC, Washington, D.C. Countervailing and 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/8223/investigation/8656.

CORE.—For purposes of this investigation, the products covered by the investigation are certain flatrolled steel products, either clad, plated, or coated with corrosion-resistant metals such as zinc, aluminum, or zinc-, aluminum-, nickel- or iron-based alloys, whether or not corrugated or painted, varnished, laminated, or coated with plastics or other non-metallic substances in addition to the metallic coating. The products covered include coils that have a width of 12.7 mm or greater, regardless of form of coil (e.g., in successively superimposed layers, spirally oscillating, etc.). The products covered also include products not in coils (e.g., in straight lengths) of a thickness less than 4.75 mm and a width that is 12.7 mm or greater and that measures at least 10 times the thickness. The products covered also include products not in coils (e.g., in straight lengths) of a thickness of 4.75 mm or more and a width exceeding 150 mm and measuring at least twice the thickness. The products described above may be rectangular, square, circular, or other shape and include products of either rectangular or non-rectangular cross-section where such cross-section is achieved subsequent to the rolling process, i.e., products which have been "worked after rolling" (e.g., products which have been beveled or rounded at the edges).

For purposes of the width and thickness requirements referenced above:

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

Steel products included in the scope of the investigation are products in which: (1) iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements; and (2) the carbon content is 2 percent or less, by weight.

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

All products that meet the written physical description are within the scope of the investigation unless specifically excluded. The following products are outside of and/or specifically excluded from the scope of the investigation:

- Flat-rolled steel products either plated or coated with tin, lead, chromium, chromium oxides, both tin and lead ("terne plate") or both chromium and chromium oxides ("tin free steel"), whether or not painted, varnished or coated with plastics or other non-metallic substances in addition to the metallic coating;
- Clad products in straight lengths of 4.7625 mm or more in composite thickness and of a width which exceeds 150 mm and measures at least twice the thickness;
- Certain clad stainless flat-rolled products, which are three-layered corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat-rolled products less than 4.75 mm in composite thickness that consist of a carbon steel flat-rolled product clad on both sides with stainless steel in a 20%–60%–20% ratio; and

Also excluded from the scope of the antidumping duty investigation on corrosion resistant steel from Taiwan are any products covered by the existing antidumping duty order on corrosion-resistant steel from Taiwan. See Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from India, Italy, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Determination for India and Taiwan, and Antidumping Duty Orders, 81 FR 48390 (July 25, 2016); Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from Taiwan: Notice of Third Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value Pursuant to Court Decision and Partial Exclusion from Antidumping Duty Order, 88 FR 58245 (August 25, 2023).

Also excluded from the scope of the antidumping duty investigation on corrosion-resistant steel from the United Arab Emirates and the antidumping duty and countervailing duty investigations on corrosionresistant steel from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam are any products covered by the existing antidumping and countervailing duty orders on corrosion-resistant steel from the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea and the antidumping duty order on corrosion-resistant steel from Taiwan. See Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from India, Italy, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Determination for India and Taiwan, and Antidumping Duty Orders, 81 FR 48390 (July 25, 2016); see also Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from India, Italy, Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order, 81 FR 48387 (July 25, 2016). This exclusion does not apply to imports of corrosion-resistant steel that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption in the United States for which the relevant importer and exporter certifications have been completed and maintained and all other applicable certification requirements have been met such that the entry is entered into the United States as not subject to the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on corrosion-resistant steel from the People's Republic of China, the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on corrosionresistant steel from the Republic of Korea, or the antidumping duty order on corrosion-resistant steel from Taiwan.

The products subject to the investigation are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under item numbers: 7210.30.0030, 7210.30.0060, 7210.41.0000, 7210.49.0030, 7210.49.0040, 7210.49.0045, 7210.49.0091, 7210.49.0095, 7210.61.0000, 7210.69.0000, 7210.70.6030, 7210.70.6060, 7210.70.6090, 7210.90.6000, 7210.90.9000, 7212.20.0000, 7212.30.1030, 7212.30.1090, 7212.30.3000, 7212.30.5000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, 7212.50.0000, 7212.60.0000, 7225.91.0000, 7225.92.0000, 7226.99.0110, and 7226.99.0130.

The products subject to the investigation may also enter under the following HTSUS item numbers: 7210.90.1000, 7215.90.1000, 7215.90.3000, 7215.90.5000, 7217.20.1500, 7217.30.1530, 7217.30.1560, 7217.90.1000, 7217.90.5030, 7217.90.5060, 7217.90.5090, 7225.99.0090, 7226.99.0180, 7228.60.6000, 7228.60.8000, and 7229.90.1000.

The HTSUS subheadings above are provided for convenience and customs purposes only. The written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.

<u>Automotive CORE Products</u>.—A subset of CORE products defined as corrosion-resistant steel sheet products for use in the manufacture of passenger automobiles, buses, trucks, ambulances or hearses or chassis therefor, or parts thereof, or accessories or parts thereof consisting of non-passivated hot-dipped galvanized and hot-dipped galvanneal steels with the following coating weight designations:

Automotive Steel Coating Weight Designations					
Hot Dipped Galvanized	Hot Dipped Galvanneal				
50G - 50G (50-70)T	30A - 30A				
40G - 40G (40-60)S	40A - 40A (40-60)T				
50GR - 50GR	40AR - 40AR				
55G - 55G	45(30)A - 45(30)A				
60G - 60G	45(45)A - 45(45)A				
60G(60-110)T	45(46)A - 45(46)A				
60GM - 60GM	45A - 45A				
60GR - 60GR	45AE - 45AE				
66(90)G - 66(90)G	45AU - 45AU				
70(70)G - 70(70)G	50(50)A - 50(50)A				
70G(70-120)T	55A - 55A				
70GR - 70GR	60(46)A - 60(46)A				
77G - 77G (100-140)S	60A(45-65)T				
90G - 90G					
90G(90-120)S					
90G - 90G (90-130)T					
90GR - 90GR					
98G - 98G					
98GR - 98GR					
99G - 99G (75-100)S					

<u>Automotive CORE Products.</u>—Continued

And aluminized steels produced to the following OEM specifications or their equivalents:

Aluminized Coatings				
Sales Unit	Specification (Order Specification)			
Auto-Daimler	MBN 11257			
Auto-FCA	AM1115 DUCTIBOR (R) 500			
	AM1115 DUCTIBOR 500P (R)			
	MS.50001			
	MS-11418 S			
Auto-Ford	A 463			
	WSS-M1A357			
	WSS-M1A358			
Auto-General Motors	For Conversion to GMW14400			
	GMW14400			
	GMW16066			
	GMW2			
Auto-Honda	AM0020			
	AM1329			
	AM1329 USIBOR (R) 1500 HONDA			
Auto-Mazda	MES MM 101M			
	SPCA20CBT			
Auto-Renault-Nissan	NES M2032			
	RNES-B-00010			
Auto-Rivian	RMS-1022			
	MBN 11257			
Auto-Subaru	SAC440HP			
	SAC500HP			
Auto-Tesla	TM-2014			
Auto-Toyota	TSG3107G			
	TSG3123G			
	TSG3122G			
Auto-Volkswagen	TL 4225			
Auto-Volvo	VCS 5730.3			

<u>Brass-coated CORE Products.</u>—A subset of CORE products defined as certain flat-rolled steel products, either clad, plated, or coated with <u>brass alloys</u>, whether or not corrugated or painted, varnished, laminated, or coated with plastics or other non-metallic substances in addition to the metallic coating.

<u>Taiwan, subject imports.</u>--U.S. imports of CORE from Taiwan that are not covered by the scope of the existing antidumping duty order on imports of CORE from Taiwan. Specifically, {a} CORE imports that were produced and exported by Yieh Phui Enterprise Co., Ltd. (Yieh Phui) and Synn Industrial Co., Ltd. (Synn) single entity (collectively, Yieh Phui/Synn) and {b} other imports, typically products with a higher alloy content than "micro-alloy" products, not covered by the scope of the existing antidumping duty order on imports of CORE from Taiwan.

<u>Taiwan, nonsubject imports.</u>--U.S. imports of CORE from Taiwan that are covered by the existing antidumping duty order on imports of CORE from Taiwan.

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

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

<u>Confidentiality</u>.--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to this questionnaire that reveal the individual operations of your firm will be treated as confidential by the Commission to the extent that such data are not otherwise available to the public and will not be disclosed except as may be required by law (see 19 U.S.C. § 1677f). Such confidential information will not be published in a manner that will reveal the individual operations of your firm; however, general characterizations of numerical business proprietary information (such as discussion of trends) will be treated as confidential business information only at the request of the submitter for good cause shown.

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

Release of information.--The information provided by your firm in response to this questionnaire, as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with this proceeding, may become subject to, and released under, the administrative protective order provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1677f) and section 207.7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.7). This means that certain lawyers and other authorized individuals may temporarily be given access to the information for use in connection with this proceeding or other import-injury proceedings conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise; those individuals would be subject to severe penalties if the information were divulged to unauthorized individuals.

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	reducing the burden	, and any su	-	ing this question	estimate, suggestions for onnaire. Please provide such
I-2a.	by this questionnaire	e, if differen	t from that listed on t	he cover page.	. establishment(s) covered Firms operating more than into a single response.
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I-2b.	Stock symbol inform	-	· ·	ຠ is publicly tra	ded, please specify the
I-2c.		ing filed an	•	•	rnal counsel in relation to he name of the law firm
	Law firm:				
	Lead attorney(s):				
I-3.	OwnershipIs your	firm owned	, in whole or in part, l	by any other fir	m?
	□ No □ Y	esList the	following information	n, relating to th	e ultimate parent/owner.
	Firm name		Country		Extent of ownership (percent)

1.	-	s/importers/exportersDo n, that produce CORE, impo	•			
	a firm that solely or that was solely or j	firm that your firm solely or or jointly owned, managed, o jointly owned, managed, or naged, or otherwise control YesList the following info	or otherwise controlled otherwise controlled by led your firm.	your firm; and/or a firm		
	Type (i.e., producer, exporter, importer) Country Affiliation					

PART II.--PURCHASES

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

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

Definitions for the remainder of the questionnaire:

"Taiwan, subject" should be understood to cover only the in-scope portion of CORE imported from Taiwan (i.e., exclude the merchandise covered under an existing order).

"Turkey, Borecelik" means purchases and/or imports from the following firms: Borcelik Celik Sanayii Ticaret A.S., ArcelorMittal Celik Ticaret A.S., Bamesa Celik Servis San. Ve Tic. A.S., and Bamesa Muradiye Demir Celik San. Ve Tic. A.S.

"Turkey, all other firms" means purchases and/or imports from all foreign producers in Turkey other than Borcelik Celik Sanayii Ticaret A.S., ArcelorMittal Celik Ticaret A.S., Bamesa Celik Servis San. Ve Tic. A.S., and Bamesa Muradiye Demir Celik San. Ve Tic. A.S.

Unless otherwise broken out, if your responses differ by type of CORE (i.e. Automotive CORE products, Brass-coated CORE products, or All other CORE products defined above), please describe the differences in the narrative field of the question or in question V-1 (Other explanations).

II-1. <u>Purchases and imports.</u>--Report <u>separately</u> your firm's domestic purchases and imports of CORE.

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

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

	2022	2023	2024	January— March 2025
Item		Quantity (in	short tons)	
Purchases of CORE produced in— United States				
Australia				
Brazil				
Canada				
Mexico				
Netherlands				
South Africa				
Taiwan, subject				
Turkey, Borcelik				
Turkey, all other firms				
United Arab Emirates				
Vietnam				
All other sources ¹				
Sources unknown ²				
Total purchases	0	0	0	0

II-1. Purchases and imports (Continued).--

	2022	2023	2024	January— March 2025
Item		Quantity (in	short tons)	
Imports of CORE from—				
Australia				
Brazil				
Canada				
Mexico				
Netherlands				
South Africa				
Taiwan, subject				
Turkey, Borcelik				
Turkey, all other firms				
United Arab Emirates				
Vietnam				
All other sources ¹				
Total imports ³	0	0	0	0

¹ Please identify these sources:

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

³ If your firm imported CORE at any time since January 1, 2022, please also complete and return a U.S. importers' questionnaire in this proceeding.

II-2. <u>Purchases and imports of CORE by type</u>.--Report the share of your firm's purchases of domestically produced and imported CORE by type: Automotive CORE products, Brass-coated CORE products, and all other CORE products (see generally pp. 2-5 above).

	2022	2023	2024	January— March 2025
Purchases and imports		Share of tot	al purchases	
Automotive CORE products				
Brass-coated CORE products				
All other CORE products				
Total purchases (should sum to 100.0% down)	0	0	0	0

II-3. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns.</u>-- Please indicate whether the shares of your firm's purchases of CORE steadily decreased, fluctuated but ended lower, were constant, fluctuated but ended higher, or steadily increased since January 1, 2022 from the listed sources.

Select one box per row.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Steadily increased	Fluctuated up	No change	Fluctuated down	Steadily decreased	Explanation for trend
United States							
Australia							
Brazil							
Canada							
Mexico							
Netherlands							
South Africa							
Taiwan, subject							
Turkey, Borcelik							
Turkey, all other firms							
United Arab Emirates							
Vietnam							
All other sources							
Sources unknown							

II-4. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.—

(a) Since January 1, 2022, did your firm import and/or purchase imports of CORE from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, the Netherlands, South Africa, Taiwan (subject), the United Arab Emirates, and Vietnam instead of purchasing U.S.-produced CORE? Respond for each subject country.

	Yes	No
6	(also respond to parts (b) and	(If "No" for all countries, skip
Source	(c))	to next question)
Australia		
Brazil		
Canada		
Mexico		
Netherlands		
South Africa		
Taiwan, subject		
Turkey, Borcelik		
Turkey, all other firms		
United Arab Emirates		
Vietnam		

II-4. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products (Continued).—

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

Source	Yes	No
Australia		
Brazil		
Canada		
Mexico		
Netherlands		
South Africa		
Taiwan, subject		
Turkey, Borcelik		
Turkey, all other firms		
United Arab Emirates		
Vietnam		

II-4. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products (Continued).—

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

Source	Yes	If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports purchased and/or imported instead of domestic product since January 1, 2022 (in short tons)	No	If No, please indicate the reason your firm imported and/or purchased imports instead of domestic product
Australia				
Brazil				
Canada				
Mexico				
Netherlands				
South Africa				
Taiwan, subject				
Turkey, Borcelik				
Turkey, all other firms				
United Arab Emirates				
Vietnam				
If the quantity repor	ted abov	e exceeds the total quantity repo	rted in II-	-1. please explain.

II-5. <u>U.S. producers and import competition.</u>—

(a) Since January 1, 2022, in connection with a sale or offer to sell CORE to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced CORE in order to compete with lower-priced imports of CORE from the subject countries? Respond for each subject country.

Source	Yes (also respond to question part (b))	No (If "No" for all countries, skip to next question)	Don't know
Australia			
Brazil			
Canada			
Mexico			
Netherlands			
South Africa			
Taiwan, subject			
Turkey, Borcelik			
Turkey, all other firms			
United Arab Emirates			
Vietnam			

II-5. <u>U.S. producers and import competition (Continued).</u>—

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

Source	Estimated reduction in U.S. prices (percent)	Additional explanation, including such information as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors
Australia	%	
Brazil	%	
Canada	%	
Mexico	%	
Netherlands	%	
South Africa	%	
Taiwan, subject	%	
Turkey, Borcelik	%	
Turkey, all other firms	%	
United Arab Emirates	%	
Vietnam	%	

II-6. **Country knowledge.-**-Please indicate whether your firm has experience or is otherwise familiar with CORE produced in the following countries.

Source	√ if applicable
United States	
Australia	
Brazil	
Canada	
Mexico	
Netherlands	
South Africa	
Taiwan, subject	
Turkey, Borcelik	
Turkey, all other firms	
United Arab Emirates	
Vietnam	
Other countries	
Other countries (specify)	

II-7. <u>Supplier identification.</u>--Please list your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for CORE since January 1, 2022, by quantity. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of CORE that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2024.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2024 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

Additional information for the remaining sections of this questionnaire:

References to <u>Taiwan (subject)</u> in the questions below should be understood to cover only the in-scope portion of CORE imported from Taiwan (i.e., exclude the merchandise covered under an existing order).

Unless otherwise broken out, if your responses differ by type of CORE (i.e. Automotive CORE products, Brass-coated CORE products, or All other CORE products defined above), please describe the differences in the narrative field of the question or in question V-1 (Other explanations).

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

III-1. **Firm type.**--Which of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of CORE? *Check all that apply.*

Distributor	Automotive end user	Construction end user	Appliance end user	Other end user	Describe other

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

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

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-3.	Types of customersWhat are the major types of customers to which your firm sells COF	RE?

If your firm is an end user of CORE, please answer questions III-4 and III-5.

III-4. <u>End uses.--</u>List the top 3 products your firm makes using the CORE products listed below and estimate the percent of your <u>total production cost</u> that is accounted for by CORE and by other inputs (such as labor, energy, and other raw materials).

			Share of total cost of end use product accounted for by		
Product	End-use product	CORE	Other inputs	Total (should sum to 100.0% across)	
		%	%	0.0 %	
Automotive CORE Products		%	%	0.0 %	
		%	%	0.0 %	
		%	%	0.0 %	
Brass-coated CORE products		%	%	0.0 %	
		%	%	0.0 %	
		%	%	0.0 %	
All other CORE products		%	%	0.0 %	
		%	%	0.0 %	

5.	<u>Demar</u>	<u>nd for end-u</u>	<u>se produ</u>	<u>cts</u>					
	(a)	fluctuated	but ende		e const				steadily decreased, higher, or steadily
		Select one	answer.						
		Steadily increase		ctuated up	Co	nstan	t	Fluctuated down	Steadily decreased
	(b)	Has this ha	ad any ef	fect on your f	irm's d	eman	d for (CORE?	
		No	Yes					Explain	
		∐ No		YesPlease f		1		-	price of this substitute
	Substit	tute		use in which t ostitute is use		No	Yes		Explanation
			Automo	tive:					
			Automo	tive:					
		Construction:							
			Construc	ction:					
		Appliance:							
		Appliance:							
			Аррпанс	e:			Ш		
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III-7. <u>Demand trends.</u>-- Has demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for CORE steadily increased, fluctuated but ended higher, not changed or fluctuated but ended at the same level, fluctuated but ended lower, or steadily decreased since January 1, 2022? Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.

Select one box per row.

End use	Steadily increase	Fluctuate up	No change	Fluctuate down	Steadily decrease	Explanation and factors
Within the United States						
Automotive end use						
Construction end use						
Appliance end use						
Other end uses (e.g. batteries, ammunition, etc.)						
Overall demand						
Outside the United States			•			
Overall demand						

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III-8.	Country preferences Do you or your customers ever prefer to order CORE produced in a
	specific country or countries over other possible country sources of supply?

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

III-9. <u>Importance of purchasing domestic product.</u>--Please fill out the table below, estimating the share of your firm's total 2024 purchases of CORE that required CORE produced in the United States.

	Estimated share of your firm's total 2024 purchases of CORE
Purchases that did not require domestic product	%
Purchases that were required by law or regulation to be domestic product (e.g., government purchases under "Buy American" provisions)	%
Purchases that were not required by law or regulation, but were required by your customers to be domestic product	%
Purchases that were required to be domestic product for other reasons	
(explain:)	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

III-10. <u>Business cycles.</u>—Is the CORE market subject to business cycles, either during the year or across years? If yes, describe.

End use	No	Yes	If yes, please describe, including any changes since January 1, 2022.
Automotive			
Construction			
Appliance			
Other end uses (e.g. batteries, ammunition, etc.)			

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III-11. <u>Conditions of competition</u>.--Is the CORE market subject to conditions of competition distinctive to CORE other than the business cycles described in the previous question? If yes, describe.

End use	No	Yes	If yes, please describe, including any changes since January 1, 2022.
Automotive			
Construction			
Appliance			
Other end uses (e.g. batteries, ammunition, etc.)			

III-12. <u>Decisions based on producer and country-of-origin.</u>— How often does your firm, and if known, do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving CORE based on its producer or country of origin?

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

III-13. Availability of supply.--Has the availability of CORE in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2022?

Availability in the U.S. market	No	Yes	Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the changes.
,			
U.Sproduced product			
Imports from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, the Netherlands, South Africa, Taiwan (subject), Turkey (Borcelik), Turkey (all other firms), the United Arab Emirates, and Vietnam			
Imports from all other sources			

III-14.	Supply	constra	aints.—
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(a)	Has any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with CORE since January
	1, 2022 (examples include placing customers on allocation or "controlled order entry,"
	declining to accept new customers or renewing existing customers, delivering less than the
	quantity promised, being unable to meet timely shipment commitments, etc.)?

No - skip to next question	Yes – respond to (b)

(b) For each year that your firm faced supply constraints, identify the source(s) of the constraint (U.S. producers, foreign producers and/or importers, or all), and describe the constraints with the details requested below. For constraints that span multiple years, check all years they exist and describe how they vary over time, if at all.

Period	Yes - U.S. producer	-	Describe, including the name of the supplier(s), country of origin of CORE, as well as the timing, duration, and reason for the constraint.
2022			
2023			
2024			
January 1, 2025 to present			

(c) Were there any specific supply constraints, listed in part b or otherwise, related to the petition that was filed on September 5, 2024?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe the constraints that were related to the petition being filed.

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	No	Yes		please identi om those cou	•	ies and the	grades/ty	pes/sizes available
III-16.	Purchas	sing freq How fre		oes your firm	make purch	ases of CORE	E (check o	ne)?
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify
	(b)	Has this	purchasii	ng frequency	changed sinc	e January 1,	2022?	

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III-17.	Raw mat	Raw material prices.—							
	(a) Is yo	ur firm f	familia	ar with the	e prices for raw materials us	ed in the production of CORE?			
		No –	skip t	o III-18	Yes – respond to (b)				
					erial prices affected your fi y 1, 2022?	rm's negotiations or contracts to			
		No	Yes	Explain					
III-18. III-19.	before making a purchase? Between and firms								
	No	Yes	-		n the factors your firm geno otes competing prices duri	erally negotiates and note whether ng negotiations.			
III-20.	Change i	in suppli	<u>iers</u>	Has your f	irm changed suppliers since	e January 1, 2022?			
	No	Yes			list the supplier(s), whether ons for the change.	er the firm was added or dropped,			
III-21.			•		of any new suppliers, either	foreign or domestic, that have			

entered the market since January 1, 2022?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the firms.

III-22.	Supplier certificationDo you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to
	sell CORE to your firm?

If yes, provide the following information.

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

No	Number of days	Certification/qualification process and factors considered

III-23. <u>Failure to certify</u>.--Since January 1, 2022, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their CORE with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?

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

III-24. <u>Major purchasing factors.</u>--Please list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase CORE (examples include availability, extension of credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).

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

III-26.

III-25. **Purchasing factors.--**Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for CORE.

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Minimum quantity requirements			
Packaging			
Payment terms			
Price			
Product consistency			
Product range			
Quality meets industry standards			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs			

	uality of CORE?
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III-27. <u>Minimum quality</u>.--How often does CORE from the following countries meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

Source	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never	Don't know
United States					
Australia					
Brazil					
Canada					
Mexico					
Netherlands					
South Africa					
Taiwan, subject					
Turkey, Borcelik					
Turkey, all other firms					
United Arab Emirates					
Vietnam					
Other:					

III-28. <u>Frequency of decisions based on price.</u>—How often does your firm purchase the CORE that is offered at the lowest price?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never

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III-29.	either upward o	or downward, t	that is followed by oth	r more firms that initiate a price change, er firms, or (2) one or more firms that have cessarily the lowest-priced supplier.	а
	(a) Are there p	rice leaders in	the CORE market?		
	N	o Yes	– please answer (b)		
			ny firms you have cons case list one firm per ro	sidered price leaders in the CORE market ow.	
	Firm(s)	Describe hov	v the firm(s) exhibited	d price leadership	
III-30.	steel/aluminum coverage, or na	products und ture of the me	er section 232, or char asures), have an impa	e.g. tariffs, quotas, etc.) on imported nges in the measures (such as the level, ct on the CORE market in the United States, ad/or demand, since January 1, 2022?	
	No)	Yes	Don't know	
	If yes, please de	scribe the imp	pact on cost, price, sup	oply, and/or demand, and include	

the timing of such impacts.

III-31.	Role of new or modified tariffs. Have tariff announcements and tariff changes associated with
	recent executive orders since January 1, 2025 (e.g., changes in country or "reciprocal" tariffs)
	impacted the CORE market in the United States, including any effects on price, supply, demand,
	and/or raw material costs?

No	Yes	Don't know
If yes, please describe the imp costs, and include the timing		mand, and/or raw material

PART IV.--PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1. <u>Interchangeability.</u>—How often is CORE 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	United States
Australia	
Brazil	
Canada	
Mexico	
Netherlands	
South Africa	
Taiwan, subject*	
Turkey, Borcelik**	
Turkey, all other firms***	
United Arab Emirates	
Vietnam	
Other sources, including nonsubject imports from Taiwan	

^{*&}quot;Taiwan, subject" should be understood to cover only the in-scope portion of CORE imported from Taiwan (i.e., exclude the merchandise covered under an existing order).

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

^{**&}quot;Turkey, Borecelik" means purchases and/or imports from the following firms: Borcelik Celik Sanayii Ticaret A.S., ArcelorMittal Celik Ticaret A.S., Bamesa Celik Servis San. Ve Tic. A.S., and Bamesa Muradiye Demir Celik San. Ve Tic. A.S.

^{***&}quot;Turkey, all other firms" means purchases and/or imports from all foreign producers in Turkey other than Borcelik Celik Sanayii Ticaret A.S., ArcelorMittal Celik Ticaret A.S., Bamesa Celik Servis San. Ve Tic. A.S., and Bamesa Muradiye Demir Celik San. Ve Tic. A.S.

IV-2. <u>Factors other than price</u>.—How often are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, suitability for particular customers and/or end uses, technical support, timely delivery, *etc*.) between CORE produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's purchases of the products?

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

A = such differences are *always* significant

F = such differences are *frequently* significant

S = such differences are *sometimes* significant

N = such differences are *never* significant

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

Country-pair	United States
Australia	
Brazil	
Canada	
Mexico	
Netherlands	
South Africa	
Taiwan, subject*	
Turkey, Borcelik**	
Turkey, all other firms***	
United Arab Emirates	
Vietnam	
Other sources, including nonsubject imports from Taiwan	

^{*&}quot;Taiwan, subject" should be understood to cover only the in-scope portion of CORE imported from Taiwan (i.e., exclude the merchandise covered under an existing order).

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

^{**&}quot;Turkey, Borecelik" means purchases and/or imports from the following firms: Borcelik Celik Sanayii Ticaret A.S., ArcelorMittal Celik Ticaret A.S., Bamesa Celik Servis San. Ve Tic. A.S., and Bamesa Muradiye Demir Celik San. Ve Tic. A.S.

^{***&}quot;Turkey, all other firms" means purchases and/or imports from all foreign producers in Turkey other than Borcelik Celik Sanayii Ticaret A.S., ArcelorMittal Celik Ticaret A.S., Bamesa Celik Servis San. Ve Tic. A.S., and Bamesa Muradiye Demir Celik San. Ve Tic. A.S.

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

Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Australia</u>				Product from United States compared to product from Brazil				compare product f		
Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior
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¹ A rating of "superior" on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

IV-3. **Continued.**

	<u>Un</u> compa	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Mexico</u>			Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Netherlands</u>			<u>Un</u> co pro	oduct fr ited Sta mpared oduct fr uth Afr	i <u>tes</u> I to om
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability										
Delivery terms										
Delivery time										
Discounts offered										
Minimum quantity requirements										
Packaging										
Payment terms										
Price ¹										
Product consistency										
Product range										
Quality meets industry standards										
Quality exceeds industry standards										
Reliability of supply										
Technical support/service										
U.S. transportation costs ¹										

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

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IV-3. **Continued.**

	<u>Un</u> compa	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from Taiwan, subject			Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Turkey, Borcelik</u>				Un co pro	oduct fr ited Sta mpared oduct fr ey, all c firms	tes to om
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability											
Delivery terms											
Delivery time											
Discounts offered											
Minimum quantity requirements											
Packaging											
Payment terms											
Price ¹											
Product consistency											
Product range											
Quality meets industry standards											
Quality exceeds industry standards											
Reliability of supply											
Technical support/service											
U.S. transportation costs ¹											

IV-3. **Continued.**

	<u>Un</u> compa <u>Ur</u>	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>United Arab</u> <u>Emirates</u>			Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Vietnam</u>				Un co pro	oduct fr ited Sta mpared oduct fr	i <u>tes</u> I to om
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability											
Delivery terms											
Delivery time											
Discounts offered											
Minimum quantity requirements											
Packaging											
Payment terms											
Price ¹											
Product consistency											
Product range											
Quality meets industry standards											
Quality exceeds industry standards											
Reliability of supply											
Technical support/service											
U.S. transportation costs ¹											

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

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

PART VI.--ALTERNATIVE PRODUCT COMPARISON

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Alejandro Orozco (202-205-3177, Alejandro Orozco @usitc.gov).

VI-1. <u>Comparability of Separate or Like Products</u>.—For each of the following indicate whether the listed 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 the 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:
Automotive CORE products vs All other CORE products		
Brass-coated CORE products vs All other CORE products		
Automotive CORE products vs Brass-coated CORE products		

(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 <u>interchangeability</u> :
Automotive CORE products vs All other CORE products		
Brass-coated CORE products vs All other CORE products		
Automotive CORE products vs Brass-coated CORE products		

VI-1. Comparability of Separate or Like 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 channels of distribution:
Automotive CORE products vs All other CORE products		
Brass-coated CORE products vs All other CORE products		
Automotive CORE products vs Brass-coated CORE products		

(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	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their manufacturing facilities, production processes, and production employees:
Automotive CORE products vs All other CORE products		
Brass-coated CORE products vs All other CORE products		
Automotive CORE products vs Brass-coated CORE products		

VI-1. Comparability of Separate or Like 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:
Automotive CORE products vs All other CORE products		
Brass-coated CORE products vs All other CORE products		
Automotive CORE products vs Brass-coated CORE products		

(f) <u>Price</u>.--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 <i>price</i> :
Automotive CORE products vs All other CORE products		
Brass-coated CORE products vs All other CORE products		
Automotive CORE products vs Brass-coated CORE products		

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