Commerce Initiates Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from Multiple Trading Partners

On September 26, 2024, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced the initiation of antidumping duty (AD) investigations from corrosion-resistant steel products (CORE) from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, the Netherlands, South Africa, Taiwan, the Republic of Türkiye (Türkiye), the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam), and countervailing duty (CVD) investigations of CORE from Brazil, Canada, Mexico, and Vietnam.

Alleged Dumping Margins

Trading Partner	Dumping Margins
Australia	45.86% - 51.79%
Brazil	52.03% - 107.67%
Canada	19.73% - 52.08%
Mexico	27.46% - 41.94%
The Netherlands	12.70% - 20.51%
South Africa	53.81% - 53.86%
Taiwan	67.81%
Türkiye	18.30% - 34.59%
UAE	77.09% - 78.53%
Vietnam	195.23%

Alleged Subsidy Rates

Trading Partner	Subsidy Rates
Brazil	Above de minimis*
Canada	Above <i>de minimis</i> *
Mexico	Above <i>de minimis</i> *
Vietnam	Above <i>de minimis</i> *

^{*} de minimis = less than 1% for developed countries, less than 2% for developing countries

Case Calendar

Event	AD INVESTIGATIONS	CVD INVESTIGATIONS
Petitions Filed	September 5, 2024	September 5, 2024
Commerce Initiation Date	September 25, 2024	September 25, 2024
ITC Preliminary Determination*	October 21, 2024	October 21, 2024
Commerce Preliminary Determinations	February 12, 2025	November 29, 2024
Commerce Final Determinations	April 28, 2025	February 12, 2025
ITC Final Determination**	June 12, 2025	March 31, 2025
Issuance of Orders***	June 20, 2025	April 7, 2025

NOTE: Commerce's preliminary and final determination deadlines are governed by statute. For CVD investigations, the deadlines are set forth in sections 703(b) and 705(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For AD investigations, the deadlines are set forth in sections 733(b) and 735(a) of the Act. These deadlines may be extended under certain circumstances.

- * If the International Trade Commission (ITC) makes a negative preliminary determination of injury, then the corresponding AD/CVD investigation(s) will be terminated.
- ** This will take place only in the event of final affirmative determinations from Commerce.
- *** This will take place only in the event of final affirmative determinations from Commerce and the ITC.



Import Statistics

Australia	2021	2022	2023
Volume (KG)	48,040,488	43,021,222	67,066,212
Value (USD)	76,439,509	73,122,780	82,633,240
Brazil	2021	2022	2023
Volume (KG)	200,451,073	182,335,675	190,262,813
Value (USD)	287,479,040	263,068,698	194,222,775
Canada	2021	2022	2023
Volume (KG)	975,980,590	905,550,040	930,342,786
Value (USD)	1,295,330,736	1,394,452,182	1,251,476,560
Mexico	2021	2022	2023
Volume (KG)	523,950,059	506,927,040	476,604,330
Value (USD)	981,020,167	927,474,374	712,102,320
Netherlands	2021	2022	2023
Volume (KG)	43,495,868	32,046,589	27,195,616
Value (USD)	47,727,101	45,771,061	33,755,918
South Africa	2021	2022	2023
Volume (KG)	106,733,135	110,893,852	66,539,761
Value (USD)	117,860,898	167,400,764	63,523,129
Taiwan	2021	2022	2023
Volume (KG)	365,955,222	269,191,826	157,377,093
Value (USD)	475,624,970	451,942,673	195,384,548
Türkiye	2021	2022	2023
Volume (KG)	115,912,633	140,788,361	11,413,358
Value (USD)	137,905,452	181,978,721	12,079,582
United Arab Emirates	2021	2022	2023
Volume (KG)	144,608,689	95,916,495	70,109,169
Value (USD)	140,557,471	128,115,630	66,568,227
Vietnam	2021	2022	2023
Volume (KG)	548,887,693	579,378,453	242,073,049
Value (USD)	625,893,075	751,415,315	241,507,743

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through S&P Global Trade Atlas (Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 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).

Other Case Information

- The petitioners for the AD/CVD petitions on Australia, Brazil, the Netherlands, South Africa, Taiwan, Türkiye, the UAE, and Vietnam are: Steel Dynamics, Inc. (Fort Wayne, IN); Nucor Corporation (Charlotte, NC); United States Steel (Pittsburgh, PA); United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC (USW) (Washington, DC); and Wheeling-Nippon Steel, Inc. (Follansbee, WV).
- The petitioners for the AD/CVD petitions on Canada are Steel Dynamics, Inc. and Nucor Corporation.

- The petitioners for the AD/CVD petitions on Mexico are Steel Dynamics, Inc.; United States Steel Corporation; the USW; and Wheeling-Nippon Steel, Inc.
- For general information and next steps, please refer to a <u>list of initiation FAQs</u>.
- Additional case information, including the scope of the investigations and alleged subsidy programs, are on file
 electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service
 System (ACCESS). Once you log in, please refer to the following case numbers:

Trading Partner	Antidumping Duty Case Number	Countervailing Duty Case Number
Australia	A-602-812	
Brazil	A-351-862	C-351-863
Canada	A-122-871	C-122-872
Mexico	A-201-863	C-201-864
The Netherlands	A-421-818	
South Africa	A-791-829	
Taiwan	A-583-878	
Türkiye	A-489-855	
UAE	A-520-811	
Vietnam	A-552-843	C-552-844

- For more information on subsidy programs, please refer to the <u>subsidies enforcement library</u>.
- To date, Commerce maintains 714 AD and CVD orders that provide relief to American companies and industries impacted by unfair trade.

A-583-878 Investigation Public Document E&C/OVI: JW

September 25, 2024

Re: Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from Taiwan

Dear Sir or Madam:

On September 25, 2024, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated an antidumping duty investigation to determine whether certain corrosion-resistant steel products (CORE) from Taiwan are being sold in the United States at less than fair value.

In advance of the issuance of the antidumping questionnaire, Commerce asks that you respond to the questions in Attachment I to this letter. Specifically, we are requesting information on the quantity and U.S. dollar sales value of all your sales to the United States during the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, covered by the scope of this investigation. The scope of the investigation is included in Attachment II to this letter, and general instructions for responding to this letter are contained in Attachment III. Please be advised that receipt of this letter does not indicate that you will be chosen as a mandatory respondent because Commerce may find it is necessary to limit individual examination of respondents and conduct respondent selection under section 777A(c)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Your response to this letter may be subject to on-site verification by Commerce officials.

Your response to this quantity and value questionnaire is due to Commerce no later **than 5:00 pm Eastern Time on October 9, 2024**. Due to time constraints in this investigation, Commerce will be limited in its ability to extend the deadline for the response to the attached Quantity and Value Questionnaire. All submissions to Commerce must be accompanied by a Certificate of Accuracy from company officials and, if represented by legal counsel or other firm, a Certificate of Accuracy from the representative. Additionally, all submissions to Commerce must be served on the appropriate interested parties. Note that Commerce has amended certain requirements pertaining to the service of documents in section 351.303(f) of our regulations. A list of interested parties are regularly updated and maintained as record documents in Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS) at https://access.trade.gov. Certificates of service and accuracy are in Attachment IV. General instructions for responding to this Quantity and Value Questionnaire are contained in Attachment III.

Note well:

Parties should be aware that the likelihood of Commerce granting an extension will decrease the closer the extension request is filed to the applicable time limit because Commerce must

¹ See Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings; Final Rule, 88 FR 67069 (September 29, 2023).

have time to consider the extension request and decide on its disposition. Parties should not assume that they will receive an extension of a time limit if they have not received a response from Commerce. For submissions that are due at 5:00 p.m., if Commerce is not able to notify the party requesting the extension of the disposition of the request by 5:00 p.m., then the submission would be due by the opening of business (8:30 a.m.) on the next business day. *See* 19 CFR 351.103(b).² If a party requests an extension because of ACCESS/technical filing difficulties to which it did not receive a response from Commerce by 5:00 p.m., and the filing difficulties persist past 8:30 a.m. on the next business day, the party should contact the case analyst.

If a party is experiencing issues with an ACCESS filing, the party should contact the ACCESS Help Desk by telephone to troubleshoot the filing issues. When experiencing filing issues on the day a submission is due, the filing party should also contact the case analyst if known, otherwise the official in charge, informing them of the filing difficulties. The submission for which a party is having difficulties filing on ACCESS should not be emailed to the case analyst or the official in charge.

Help Desk (202) 482-3150 access@trade.gov https://access.trade.gov

In the unlikely event that you have received this questionnaire after the deadline to respond, you MUST contact the Commerce official identified in the questionnaire within 5 days of receipt of the questionnaire to receive further instructions and a revised deadline for submission of the required information. Failure to do so may result in the presumption that you failed to cooperate by not acting to the best of your ability to comply with the request for information, and Commerce may use an inference that is adverse to your interests in selecting from the facts otherwise available, in accordance with section 776(b) of the Act.

If you fail to respond or fail to provide the requested quantity and value information, please be aware that Commerce may find that you failed to cooperate by not acting to the best of your ability to comply with the request for information, and may use an inference that is adverse to your interests in selecting from the facts otherwise available, in accordance with section 776(b) of the Act.

In general, Commerce has found that determinations concerning whether particular companies should be "collapsed" (*i.e.*, treated as a single entity for purposes of calculating AD rates) or found to be cross-owned (*i.e.*, treated as a single entity for purposes of calculating subsidy rates) require a substantial amount of detailed information and analysis, which often require follow-up questions and analysis. Accordingly, Commerce will not conduct collapsing or cross-ownership analyses and will not treat companies as collapsed or cross-owned at the respondent selection phase of this investigation for purposes of respondent selection. Therefore, please do not report

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² *Id.* (emphasis added).

aggregate quantity and value data for all the companies that you may believe should be treated as a single entity. Instead, report the company's quantity and value data separately. Data pertaining to other, possibly affiliated, companies should be reported separately by those companies.

Should you have any questions about this matter, please contact Monique Cummings at (202) 482-3996 or Fred Baker at (202) 482-2924.

Sincerely,

Janaé Martin

Program Manager

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AD/CVD Operations, Office VI

Enforcement and Compliance

Attachments

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Office VI

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OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT QUANTITY AND VALUE QUESTIONNAIRE

REQUESTER(S): Insert Name of Company

Company Address

Contact Name and Title
Contact Telephone Number
Contact Fax Number
Contract Email Address

REPRESENTATION: INSERT NAME OF COUNSEL, LAW FIRM AND

CONTACT INFO

CASE: Certain Corrosion Resistant-Steel Products from Taiwan

PERIOD OF INVESTIGATION: July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024

DUE DATE FOR Q&V RESPONSE: October 9, 2024, at 5:00 pm Eastern Time

DATE OF INITIATION: September 25, 2024

OFFICIALS IN CHARGE: Monique Cummings

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ATTACHMENT I

FORMAT FOR REPORTING QUANTITY AND VALUE OF SALES

In providing the information in the chart below, please provide the total quantity in metric tons and total value (in U.S. dollars) of all your sales to the United States during the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, of merchandise covered by the scope of this investigation (see Attachment II).³

Please include only sales exported by your company directly to the United States. However, if your company made sales to third countries for which you have knowledge that the merchandise was ultimately destined for the United States, please separately identify these sales quantities and the location (*i.e.*, countries) to which you made the sales.

Even if you believe that you should be treated as a single entity along with other exporters, please do not report aggregate data for all of the companies that you believe should be treated as a single entity but separately report your company's quantity and value data below. The quantity and value data pertaining to other, possibly affiliated companies, that you believe should be treated together with your company as a single entity should be separately reported by those companies.

³ Please use the invoice date when determining which sales to include within the period noted above. Generally, Commerce uses invoice date as the date of sale, as that is when the essential terms of sale are set. If you believe that another date besides the invoice date would provide a more accurate representation of your company's sales during the designated period, please report sales based on that date and provide a full explanation.

When providing the information requested below, please do not report POI sales to the United States of certain corrosion-resistant steel that are subject to the AD Order on CORE from Taiwan⁴

Market: United States ⁵	Total Quantity (Metric Tons)	Terms of Sale ⁶	Total Value (U.S. Dollars) ⁷
1. Export Price ⁸			
2. Constructed Export			
Price ⁹			
Further			
Manufactured ¹⁰			
Total			

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⁴ 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) (AD Order on CORE from Taiwan).

⁵ Please report merchandise based on the reporting requirements listed above for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

⁶ To the extent possible, sales values should be reported based on the same terms (e.g., FOB).

⁷ Values should be expressed in U.S. dollars. Indicate any exchange rates used and their respective dates and sources.

⁸ Generally, a U.S. sale is classified as an export price sale when the first sale to an unaffiliated person occurs before the goods are imported into the United States.

⁹ Generally, a U.S. sale is classified as a constructed export price sale when the first sale to an unaffiliated person occurs after importation. However, if the first sale to the unaffiliated person is made by a person in the United States affiliated with the foreign exporter, constructed export price applies even if the sale occurs prior to importation. Do not report the sale to the affiliated party in the United States, rather report the sale made by the affiliated party to the unaffiliated customer in the United States. If you have sales of further manufactured merchandise, please report them under Item 3, rather than under Item 2.

¹⁰ "Further manufactured" refers to merchandise that undergoes further manufacture or assembly in the United States before sale to the first unaffiliated customer.

ATTACHMENT II

DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCTS UNDER INVESTIGATION

The products covered by these investigations are certain flat-rolled 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 these investigations 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 investigations 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 these investigations unless specifically excluded. The following products are outside of and/or specifically excluded from the scope of these investigations:

• 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, 81FR 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 corrosion-resistant 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 corrosion-resistant steel from the Republic of Korea, or the antidumping duty order on corrosionresistant steel from Taiwan.

The products subject to the investigations 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 investigations 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 investigations is dispositive.

ATTACHMENT III

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions for Filing the Response

The following instructions apply to all documents you submit to Commerce during the course of this proceeding.

A. Due Date

- 1. All submissions must be made electronically using Commerce's ACCESS website at https://access.trade.gov, unless an exception applies. To determine if your response qualifies for manual filing, see the section on "Manual Filing" below. All laws, regulations, and other descriptive materials that supplement your responses should be submitted on the same date as the initial response.
- 2. The **business proprietary** response should be submitted on the day specified on the cover page of this questionnaire. The **public version** of the response may be filed one business day after the proprietary response.
- 3. An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on the due date, unless an earlier time is specified. Where applicable, a submitter must manually file a document between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET on the due date, unless an earlier time is specified.

B. Format

- 1. You are required to state in the upper right-hand corner of your cover letter the following information in the following format:
- a. on the first line, indicate the case number stated on the cover page to this questionnaire;
- b. on the second line, indicate the total number of pages in the document including cover pages, appendices, and any unnumbered pages;
- c. on the third line, indicate the specific segment of the proceeding, (e.g., investigation, administrative review, scope inquiry, suspension agreement, etc.) and, if applicable, indicate the complete period of review (MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY);
- d. on the fourth line, indicate Commerce office conducting the proceeding;

- e. on the fifth and subsequent lines, indicate whether any portion of the document contains business proprietary information and, if so, list the page numbers containing business proprietary information; and indicate the business proprietary/public status of the document and whether you agree or object to release of the submitted information under administrative protective order (APO) by stating one of the following:
 - "Business Proprietary Document -- May Be Released Under APO,"
 - "Business Proprietary Document -- May Not Be Released Under APO,"
 - "Business Proprietary/APO Version-- May Be Released Under APO," as applicable,
 - "Public Version," or
 - "Public Document."
- 2. Please include a "Re:" line on the cover letter of your response, or any other submissions you make during this proceeding. In the Re: line, briefly summarize the purpose of your submission, *e.g.*, "response to questionnaire," "case brief."
- 3. Prepare your response in typed form and in English. *See* 19 CFR 351.303(d) and (e) for these and other formatting requirements. Include an original and translated version of all pertinent portions of non-English language documents that accompany your response, including financial statements.
- 4. It is your responsibility to contact the official in charge if subsequent to your filing there are events that affect your response, *e.g.*, changes in your cost accounting system are relevant to antidumping proceedings, and changes as a result of an audit are relevant to both antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings.

C. Manual Filing

** On the date of this questionnaire, alternative arrangements for manual filing must be made. If you are unable to file your submission electronically in ACCESS such that alternative arrangements are needed, please contact an official in charge at least 72 hours before the due date. For data files larger than 50 MB, email the ACCESS Help Desk at access@trade.gov so that they may assist you in reducing the size of your file.**

- 1. All submissions must be filed electronically. Only under the following four circumstances will Commerce accept a hardcopy response that is manually filed:
 - Documents exceeding 500 pages in length <u>may</u> be filed manually (in paper form) in the APO/Dockets Unit. This is referred to as a "bulky document."

- Data files greater than 50 MB <u>must</u> be filed manually on CD-ROM or DVD.
- If the ACCESS system is unable to accept filings continuously or intermittently over the course of any period of time greater than one hour between 12:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET or for any duration of time between 4:31 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET, then a person may manually file the document in the APO/Dockets Unit. Commerce will provide notice of such technical failures on the ACCESS Help Desk line at (202) 482-3150 and on the Enforcement and Compliance website, which is https://www.trade.gov/us-antidumping-and-countervailing-duties.
- Apart from the above, if you are unable to comply with the electronic filing requirement, as provided in 19 CFR 351.103(c) of Commerce's regulations, and in accordance with section 782(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), you must promptly notify the official in charge and submit a full written explanation of the reasons you are unable to file the document electronically. You must also suggest alternative forms in which to submit the information. Commerce will consider the ability of a submitter and may modify the electronic filing requirement on a case-by-case basis.
- 2. All manually filed documents must be accompanied by a cover sheet generated in ACCESS. For manually filed bulky documents, separator sheets must also be generated and used.
- 3. If your response qualifies as a bulky document and you opt to file it manually, you must file two identical paper copies of the document. For all other authorized manual submissions, only one paper copy is required.
- 4. Manual submissions must be addressed and submitted to:

Secretary of Commerce

Attention: Enforcement and Compliance, AD/CVD Operations Office IV APO/Dockets Unit, Room 18022
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20230

D. Certification

1. Submit the required **certification of accuracy**. Providers of information and the person(s) submitting it, if different (*e.g.*, a legal representative), must certify that they have read the submission and that the information submitted is accurate and complete. Commerce cannot accept questionnaire responses that do not contain the certification statements. Forms for such certification are included as appendices to this

- questionnaire. You may photocopy this form and submit a completed copy with each of your submissions.
- 2. Provide the required **certificate of service** (included as an appendix) with each business proprietary document and public version submitted to Commerce.
- 3. Signed certifications of accuracy and certificates of service should be scanned and appended to the appropriate electronic documents filed in ACCESS.

E. <u>Business Proprietary Information and Summarization of Business Proprietary Information</u>

- 1. Request business proprietary treatment for information submitted that you do not wish to be made publicly available. As a general rule, Commerce places all correspondence and submissions received in the course of an antidumping or countervailing duty proceeding in a public reading file. However, information deemed to be proprietary information will not be made available to the public. If you wish to make a request for proprietary treatment for particular information, refer to 19 CFR 351.304, 351.305, and 351.306. You must submit the request for proprietary treatment at the same time as the claimed business proprietary information is submitted to Commerce.
- 2. Utilize the "one-day lag rule" under 19 CFR 351.303(c)(2) if you wish an additional day to review the final bracketing of business proprietary information in a document and to prepare the required public version. The filing requirements under the one-day lag rule provide for a party to file only the business proprietary document within the applicable time limit (19 CFR 351.303(c)(2)(i)). By the close of business one business day after the date the business proprietary document is filed, the person must file the complete final business proprietary document (19 CFR 351.303(c)(2)(ii)). The final business proprietary document must be identical to the original document except for any bracketing corrections.
- 3. By the close of business one business day after the date the business proprietary document is filed (refer to the "one-day lag rule" in the preceding paragraph), submit the public version of your response (19 CFR 351.303(c)(2)(iii)). A public version must contain:
 - a. a non-proprietary (public) version of your response that is in sufficient detail to permit a reasonable understanding of the information submitted in confidence, and/or
 - b. an itemization of particular information that you believe you are unable to summarize. State the reasons why you cannot summarize each piece of information.

Note: The summarization requirement does not apply solely to the narrative portion of your response. It applies equally to worksheets and other appendices to your response, and even to sales and cost databases submitted in antidumping proceedings. Generally, numerical data, such as that provided in sales and cost databases in antidumping proceedings, are adequately summarized only if grouped or presented in terms of indices or figures ranged within 10 percent of the actual figure. If a particular portion of data is voluminous, use ranged figures for at least one percent of the voluminous portion.

Responses, or portions thereof, that are not adequately summarized may be rejected from the record of this proceeding.

- 4. Submit the statements required regarding limited release of business proprietary information under the provisions of an APO. U.S. law permits limited disclosure to representatives of parties (*e.g.*, legal counsel) of certain business proprietary information, including electronic business proprietary information, under an APO. (Note that data received under an APO cannot be shared with others who are not covered by the APO.) Under the provisions governing APO disclosure, you must submit either:
- a. a statement agreeing to permit the release under APO of information submitted by you in confidence during the course of the proceeding, or
- b. a statement itemizing those portions of the information which you believe should not be released under APO, together with arguments supporting your objections to that release.

We are required by our regulations to reject, at the time of filing, submissions of business proprietary information that do not contain one of these statements. As discussed above, you must state in the upper right-hand corner of the cover letter accompanying your questionnaire response whether you agree or object to release of the submitted information under APO (*e.g.*, May Be Released Under APO or May Not Be Released Under APO). (*See* 19 CFR 351.304 for specific instructions.¹¹)

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¹¹ If you do not agree to release under APO all or part of the proprietary information, but we determine that the information should be released, you will have the opportunity to withdraw the information. *See* 19 CFR 351.304(d). However, any information which you withdraw will be taken out of the official record and will not be used in our determination.

- 5. Place brackets ("[]") around information for which you request business proprietary treatment. Place double brackets ("[[]]") around information for which you request proprietary treatment and which you do not agree to release under APO. ¹²
- 6. Provide to all parties whose representatives have been granted APO access and who are listed on Commerce's most recent APO Service List, a complete copy of the submission proprietary document and public version, except for that information which you do not agree to release under APO.¹³ (APO service lists, as well as public service lists, are regularly updated and maintained as record documents in ACCESS at https://access.trade.gov.) If you exclude information because you do not agree to release it under APO, you must submit the complete business proprietary version, wherein information in double brackets has been excluded. This version of the response must be marked "Business Proprietary/APO Version May Be Released Under APO" on the cover page. For parties that do not have access to information under APO, please provide a public version only.

Note: A chart summarizing AD/CVD document filing requirements can be found at https://access.trade.gov/Resources/filing/index.html. ACCESS filing instructions are https://access.trade.gov/help/Handbook_on_Electronic_Filing_Procedures.pdf. Detailed and supplemental information concerning APOs, including the APO Handbook, a complete set of APO regulations, and APO application forms and service lists, can be found at https://www.trade.gov/administrative-protective-orders.

¹² Commerce will not disclose proprietary customer names under APO during an antidumping or countervailing duty <u>investigation</u> until either an order is published or the investigation is suspended. To ensure that proprietary customer names are properly treated in this case, place double brackets ("[[]]") around all proprietary customer names in your submissions to Commerce during the course of this investigation.

¹³ Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice; *See Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID-19*, 85 FR 17006 (March 26, 2020) and *Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID-19*; *Extension of Effective Period*, 85 FR 41363 (July 10, 2020).

ATTACHMENT IV

CERTIFICATIONS OF FACTUAL ACCURACY AND CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

CERTIFICATIONS OF FACTUAL ACCURACY

§ 351.303 Filing, document identification, format, translation, service, and certification of documents.

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- (g) Certifications. Each submission containing factual information must include the following certification from the person identified in paragraph (g)(1) of this section and, in addition, if the person has legal counsel or another representative, the certification in paragraph (g)(2) of this section. The certifying party must maintain the original signed certification for a period of five years from the date of filing the submission to which the certification pertains. The original signed certification must be available for inspection by U.S. Department of Commerce officials. Copies of the certifications must be included in the submission filed at Commerce.
- (1) For the person(s) officially responsible for presentation of the factual information:

(i) COMPANY CERTIFICATION:*

I, (PRINTED NAME AND TITLE), currently employed by (COMPANY NAME), certify that I prepared or otherwise supervised the preparation of the attached submission of (IDENTIFY) THE SPECIFIC SUBMISSION BY TITLE) due on (DATE) OR filed on (DATE) pursuant to the (INSERT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS IN { }: {THE (ANTIDUMPING OR COUNTERVAILING) DUTY INVESTIGATION OF (PRODUCT) FROM (COUNTRY) (CASE NUMBER) or {THE (DATES OF PERIOD OF REVIEW) (ADMINISTRATIVE OR NEW SHIPPER) REVIEW UNDER THE (ANTIDUMPING OR COUNTERVAILING) DUTY ORDER ON (PRODUCT) FROM (COUNTRY) (CASE NUMBER)} or {THE (SUNSET REVIEW OR CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCE REVIEW OR SCOPE RULING OR CIRCUMVENTION INQUIRY) OF THE (ANTIDUMPING OR COUNTERVAILING) DUTY ORDER ON (PRODUCT) FROM (COUNTRY) (CASE NUMBER) (). I certify that the public information and any business proprietary information of (CERTIFIER'S COMPANY NAME) contained in this submission is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that the information contained in this submission may be subject to verification or corroboration (as appropriate) by the U.S. Department of Commerce. I am also aware that U.S. law (including, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C. 1001) imposes criminal sanctions on individuals who knowingly and willfully make material false statements to the U.S. Government. In addition, I am aware that, even if this submission may be withdrawn from the

record of the AD/CVD proceeding, the U.S. Department of Commerce may preserve this submission, including a business proprietary submission, for purposes of determining the accuracy of this certification. I certify that a copy of this signed certification will be filed with this submission to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Signature:	
Date:	

* For multiple person certifications, all persons should be listed in the first sentence of the certification and all persons should sign and date the certification. In addition, singular pronouns and possessive adjectives should be changed accordingly, *e.g.*, "I" should be changed to "we" and "my knowledge" should be changed to "our knowledge."

(ii) GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATION:**

I, (PRINTED NAME AND TITLE), currently employed by the government of (COUNTRY), certify that I prepared or otherwise supervised the preparation of the attached submission of (IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC SUBMISSION BY TITLE) due on (DATE) OR filed on (DATE) pursuant to the (INSERT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS IN { }: {THE (ANTIDUMPING OR COUNTERVAILING) DUTY INVESTIGATION OF (PRODUCT) FROM (COUNTRY) (CASE NUMBER) or {THE (DATES OF PERIOD OF REVIEW) (ADMINISTRATIVE OR NEW SHIPPER) REVIEW UNDER THE (ANTIDUMPING OR COUNTERVAILING) DUTY ORDER ON (PRODUCT) FROM (COUNTRY) (CASE NUMBER)} or {THE (SUNSET REVIEW OR CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCE REVIEW OR SCOPE RULING OR CIRCUMVENTION INQUIRY) OF THE (ANTIDUMPING OR COUNTERVAILING) DUTY ORDER ON (PRODUCT) FROM (COUNTRY) (CASE NUMBER) (). I certify that the public information and any business proprietary information of the government of (COUNTRY) contained in this submission is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that the information contained in this submission may be subject to verification or corroboration (as appropriate) by the U.S. Department of Commerce. In addition, I am aware that, even if this submission may be withdrawn from the record of the AD/CVD proceeding, the U.S. Department of Commerce may preserve this submission, including a business proprietary submission, for purposes of determining the accuracy of this certification. I certify that a copy of this signed certification will be filed with this submission to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Signature:
Date:
** For multiple person certifications, all persons should be listed in the first sentence of the certification and all persons should sign and date the certification. In addition, singular pronouns and possessive adjectives should be changed accordingly, <i>e.g.</i> , "I" should be changed to "we" and "my knowledge" should be changed to "our knowledge."
(2) For the legal counsel or other representative:
REPRESENTATIVE CERTIFICATION:***
I, (PRINTED NAME), with (LAW FIRM or OTHER FIRM), (INSERT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS IN { }: {COUNSEL TO} or {REPRESENTATIVE OF}) (COMPANY NAME, OR GOVERNMENT OF COUNTRY, OR NAME OF ANOTHER PARTY), certify that I have read the attached submission of (IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC SUBMISSION BY TITLE) due on (DATE) OR filed on (DATE) pursuant to the (INSERT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS IN { }: {THE (ANTIDUMPING OR COUNTERVAILING DUTY) INVESTIGATION OF (PRODUCT) FROM (COUNTRY) (CASE NUMBER)} or {THE (DATES OF PERIOD OF REVIEW) (ADMINISTRATIVE

Signature:		
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*** For multiple representative certifications, all representatives and their firms should be listed in the first sentence of the certification and all representatives should sign and date the certification. In addition, singular pronouns and possessive adjectives should be changed accordingly, *e.g.*, "I" should be changed to "we" and "my knowledge" should be changed to "our knowledge."

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I,	, hereby certify that a copy of the
(name of certifying official)	
foregoing submission on behalf	lf of,
	(company name)
dated, w	as served by first class mail or by hand delivery (circle the method
used) on the following parties:	
(Business Proprietary Version)	
On Behalf of	
Name and address	
(Public Version)	
On Behalf of	
Name and address	
	(Signature of Certifying Official)