

**FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE (731-344)**  
**CERTAIN BALL BEARINGS FROM FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, JAPAN, SINGAPORE  
AND THE UNITED KINGDOM**

*Return completed questionnaire to:*

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**  
Office of Investigations, Room 615  
500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436

**So as to be received by the Commission by no later than February 13, 2006**

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its antidumping review investigations concerning certain ball bearings from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and/or the United Kingdom (Inv. Nos. 731-TA-391-A, 392-A, 393-A, 394-A, 396, and 399-A) (Second Review)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

Name of firm \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

World Wide Web address \_\_\_\_\_

Has your firm produced or exported **certain ball bearings** (as defined in the instruction booklet) since 2000?

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

**YES** (Read the instruction booklet carefully, complete all parts of the questionnaire, sign the certification, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)

**CERTIFICATION**

*I certify that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Commission.*

*By signing this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this questionnaire and throughout this review in any other import-injury investigations or reviews conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise. (If you do not consent to such use, please note the certification accordingly.)*

*I acknowledge that information submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout this review may be used by the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel who are acting in the capacity of Commission employees, for developing or maintaining the records of this review or related proceedings for which this information is submitted, or in internal audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3. I understand that all contract personnel will sign non-disclosure agreements.*

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*Name and Title of Authorized Official*

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*Date*

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*Signature of Authorized Official*

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**PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS**

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 30 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

I-1a. Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of preparing the reply to this questionnaire and completing the form. \_\_\_\_\_ hours \_\_\_\_\_ dollars

I-1b. We are interested in any comments you may have for improving this questionnaire in general or the clarity of specific questions. Please attach such comments to your response or send them to the above address.

I-2. Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire (see page 3 of the instruction booklet for reporting guidelines). If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

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I-3. Please provide the names and addresses of the **FIVE** largest U.S. importers of your firm's **certain ball bearings** in 2005 from each of the subject countries (i.e., if your firm has ball bearing operations in more than one subject country) . Attach additional pages if necessary.

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ (list the country for which you are reporting; it should be the country listed above in question I-2).

(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_

I-4. Please indicate the nature of your firm's operations on certain ball bearings. More than one answer may be applicable.

Manufacturer                       Exporter

Note that shipments of **certain ball bearings** manufactured by your firm should be reported in question 17a while your firm's exports to the United States of **certain ball bearings** that were manufactured by an establishment other than those listed in question I-2a above should be reported in question 17b.

**PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued**

I-5. In Parts II and III of this questionnaire we request a copy of your company's business plan. Does your company or any related firm have a business plan or any internal documents that describe, discuss, or analyze expected future market conditions for certain ball bearings?

No  Yes--Please provide the requested documents. If you are not providing the requested documents, please explain why not.

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I-6. Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce **certain ball bearings** in the United States or other countries?

No  Yes--Please name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnaire (contact Debra Baker at [Debra.Baker@usitc.gov](mailto:Debra.Baker@usitc.gov) for copies of that questionnaire).

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I-7. Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import **certain ball bearings** into the United States?

No  Yes--Please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire (contact Debra Baker at [Debra.Baker@usitc.gov](mailto:Debra.Baker@usitc.gov) for copies of that questionnaire).

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**PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION**

II-1. Has your firm experienced any plant openings, relocations, expansions, acquisitions, consolidations, closures, or prolonged shutdowns **for any reasons including** strikes or equipment failure; curtailment of production because of shortages of materials; or any other change in the character of your operations or organization relating to the production of **certain ball bearings** since 2000?

No  Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes.

(1a) Plant changes (other than the addition or removal of production lines or capacity)--

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(1b) Plant changes (the addition or removal of production lines or capacity)--please ensure that these changes are reflected as necessary in the capacity figures provided in response to question II-17a.

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(2) Any other changes--

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**PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued**

II-2. Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of your operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of **certain ball bearings** in the future?

- No     Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue. **Include in your response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce certain ball bearings (in units of 1,000 bearings) for 2006 and 2007.**

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Capacity to produce in 2006--	Capacity to produce in 2007--
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II-3. Would your firm anticipate any changes in the character of your operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of certain ball bearings in the future if the antidumping duty order on **certain ball bearings** from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and/or the United Kingdom were to be revoked?

- No     Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

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II-4. Does your firm have any plans to add, expand, curtail, or shut down production capacity and/or production of **certain ball bearings** in France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and/or the United Kingdom in the future?

- No     Yes--Please describe those plans, including planned dates and capacity/production quantities involved, and the reason(s) for such change(s). If the plans are to add or expand capacity or production, list (in descending order of importance) the markets (countries) to which such additional capacity or production would be directed. Provide relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that addresses this issue.

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**PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued**

II-5. Describe the production technology used in the production of **certain ball bearings** in **France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and/or the United Kingdom** and identify major production inputs. Also discuss any significant changes in production technology since 2000.

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II-6. Has your firm since 2000 produced, or does your firm anticipate producing in the future, other products on the same equipment and machinery used in the production of **certain ball bearings**?

No     Yes--List the following information and report your firm's combined production capacity and production of these products and **certain ball bearings** in the periods indicated.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Basis for allocation of capacity data</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

<i>(Quantity in 1,000 bearings or bearing equivalents)</i>						
Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY</b>						
<b>PRODUCTION</b>						

II-7. Has your firm since 2000 produced, or does your firm anticipate producing in the future, other products using the same production and related workers employed to produce **certain ball bearings**?

No     Yes--List the following information.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Basis for allocation of employment data</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued**

II-8. Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your production capacity.

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II-9. What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of **certain ball bearings**?

\_\_\_\_\_ Percent

II-10. Is your firm able to switch production between **certain ball bearings** and other products in response to a relative price change in the price of **certain ball bearings** vis-a-vis the price of other products, using the same equipment and labor?

No       Yes--Please identify below the other products, the approximate time and cost involved in switching, and the minimum relative price change required for your firm to switch production to or from **certain ball bearings**.

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II-11. Has your firm maintained any inventories of **certain ball bearings** in the United States (not including inventories held by firms identified in questions I-3, I-5, or I-6 above<sup>1</sup>) since 2000?

No       Yes--Report the quantity (in units of 1,000 bearings) of such **end-of-period** inventories below.

**2000**      **2001**      **2002**      **2003**      **2004**      **2005**

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II-12. (a) Are your firm's exports of **certain ball bearings** subject to tariff or non-tariff barriers to trade (for example, antidumping or countervailing duty findings or remedies, tariffs, quotas, or regulatory barriers) in any countries other than the United States?

No       Yes--List the products(s), country(ies), the year each such barrier was imposed, and the type of barrier.

<b>Product</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Year imposed</b>	<b>Barrier (if tariff, give rate)</b>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

<sup>1</sup> Such firms will report inventories in the Commission's importer or producer questionnaire.

**PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued**

II-12. (b) Are your firm's exports of **certain ball bearings** subject to current investigations in any countries other than the United States that might result in tariff or non-tariff barriers to trade?

No                       Yes--List the products(s), country(ies), and type of investigation.

Product	Country	Type of investigation
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

II-13. Identify export markets (other than the United States) that you have developed or where you have increased your sales of **certain ball bearings** as a result of the antidumping duty order on **certain ball bearings** from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and/or the United Kingdom. Please identify and discuss below.

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II-14. Describe the significance of the existing antidumping duty order covering imports of **certain ball bearings** from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and/or the United Kingdom in terms of its effect on your firm's production capacity, production, home market shipments, exports to the United States and other markets, and inventories. You may wish to compare your firm's operations before and after the imposition of the order.

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II-15. Would your firm anticipate any changes in its production capacity, production, home market shipments, exports to the United States and other markets, or inventories relating to the production of **certain ball bearings** in the future if the antidumping duty order on **certain ball bearings** from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and/or the United Kingdom were to be revoked?

No                       Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, for any trends or projections you may provide.

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II-16. **Per the instruction booklet--combine the data for all your establishments operating in each of the subject countries into a single grid (for question II-17 on the next page). Report separately for each subject country (which, for each report, should be the country identified in question I-2 above). As necessary, photocopy additional pages.**

**PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued**

II-17a. Please report production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories of **certain ball bearings** produced by your firm in France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, OR the United Kingdom in **2000-2005**. Include parts and subassemblies essentially equivalent to a complete bearing.

<i>(Quantity in 1,000 bearings or bearing equivalents, value in 1,000 U.S. dollars)</i>						
Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY <sup>1</sup> ( <i>quantity</i> )						
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES <sup>2</sup> ( <i>quantity</i> )						
PRODUCTION <sup>3</sup> ( <i>quantity</i> )						
<b>SHIPMENTS:</b>						
Home market:						
Internal consumption/transfers ( <i>quantity</i> )						
Commercial shipments: <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Exports to--						
United States: <sup>4</sup> <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
All other export markets: European Union: <sup>5</sup> <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Asia: <sup>6</sup> <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Other: <sup>7</sup> <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Subtotal, all other export markets: <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Total exports ( <i>quantity</i> )						
Total shipments ( <i>quantity</i> )						
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES ( <i>quantity</i> )						

<sup>1</sup> The production capacity (see definitions in instructions booklet) reported is based on operating \_\_\_\_ hours per week, \_\_\_\_ weeks per year. Please explain below any changes in reported capacity referring back, where necessary to your answer to question II-1. Attach additional pages if needed.

<sup>2</sup> Reconciliation of data.--Please note that the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile?

Yes  No--Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>3</sup> Please estimate the percentage of total production of **certain ball bearings** in **each subject country** accounted for by your firm's production in 2005: \_\_\_\_\_ Percent

<sup>4</sup> Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of **certain ball bearings** from **each subject country** accounted for by your firm's exports in 2005: \_\_\_\_\_ Percent

<sup>5</sup> Identify principal *European Union* export markets. \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>6</sup> Identify principal *Asian* export markets. \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>7</sup> Identify principal *other* export markets. \_\_\_\_\_



**PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued**

II-17b. Please report exports to the United States in **2000-2005** by your firm of **certain ball bearings** that were produced in **France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and/or the United Kingdom** by an establishment other than those listed in response to question I-2. **Include parts and subassemblies essentially equivalent to a complete bearing.**

<i>(Quantity in 1,000 bearings or bearing equivalents, value in 1,000 U.S. dollars)</i>						
Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Exports to the United States--</b>						
that were manufactured in <u>France</u> :						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
that were manufactured in <u>Germany</u> :						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
that were manufactured in <u>Italy</u> :						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
that were manufactured in <u>Japan</u> :						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
that were manufactured in <u>Singapore</u> :						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
that were manufactured in <u>United Kingdom</u> :						
<i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						

Please provide the names and addresses of the establishments that manufactured the **certain ball bearings** included in the above-reported exports to the United States.

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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II-18. Please describe the methodology used by your firm to calculate production capacity and production in question II-17a. Include in your answer whether production values are based on production data or calculated from shipments and inventories.

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**PART III.--MARKET FACTORS**

III-1. Approximately what share of your firm's sales of certain ball bearings to U.S. customers in 2005 were on a (1) long-term contract basis (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months), (2) short-term contract basis (multiple deliveries up to 12 months), and (3) spot sales basis (for a single delivery)?

Type of sale	Share of sales (percent)
Long-term contracts	
Short-term contracts	
Spot sales	

III-2. If you sell on a long-term contract basis, please answer the following questions with respect to provisions of a typical long-term contract.

- (a) What is the average duration of a contract? \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Can prices be renegotiated during the contract period? \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both? \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Does the contract have a meet or release provision? \_\_\_\_\_

III-3. If you sell on a short-term contract basis, please answer the following questions with respect to provisions of a typical short-term contract.

- (a) What is the average duration of a contract? \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Can prices be renegotiated during the contract period? \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both? \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Does the contract have a meet or release provision? \_\_\_\_\_

III-4. What is the average lead time between a U.S. customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of certain ball bearings?

Source	Share of 2005 sales	Lead time
From inventory		
Produced to order		
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	

**PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued**

III-5. To what extent have changes in the prices of raw materials affected your firm's selling prices for certain ball bearings during January 2000-December 2005? Also discuss any anticipated changes in your raw material costs in the future, identifying the time period(s) involved and the factor(s) that you believe would be responsible for such changes. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

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III-6. Have any changes occurred in any other factors affecting supply (e.g., changes in availability or prices of energy or labor; transportation conditions; production capacity and/or methods of production; technology; export markets; or alternative production opportunities) that affected the availability of subject country-produced certain ball bearings in the U.S. market since January 1, 2000?

No                       Yes--Please note the time period(s) of any such changes, the factors(s) involved, and the impact such changes had on your shipment volumes and prices.

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III-7. (a) Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the availability of subject country-produced certain ball bearings in the U.S. market in the future?

Increase                       No Change                       Decrease

(b) If you anticipate changes in supply, please identify the changes including the time period and the impact of such changes on shipment volumes and prices. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

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III-8. Describe how easily your firm can shift its sales of certain ball bearings between the U.S. market and alternative country markets. In your discussion, please describe any contracts, other sales arrangements, or other constraints (including any third-country trade barriers such as tariffs, quotas, or other non-tariff barriers) that would prevent or retard your firm from shifting certain ball bearings between the U.S. and alternative country markets within a 12-month period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

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**PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued**

III-9. Is the product range, product mix, or marketing of certain ball bearings in your home market significantly different from the product range, product mix, or marketing of certain ball bearings for export to the United States or to third-country markets? Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix, or marketing of certain ball bearings in your home market, for export to the United States, or for export to third-country markets since January 1, 2000?

No                       Yes--Please describe and quantify if possible.

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III-10. Please discuss any anticipated changes in terms of the product range, product mix, or marketing of certain ball bearings in your home market, for export to the United States, or for export to third-country markets in the future, identifying the time period(s) involved and the factor(s) that you believe would be responsible for such changes. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

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III-11. (a) Please list in order of importance any products that may be substituted for certain ball bearings.

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(b) For each possible substitute product, please give examples of applications and end uses for which they are substitutes.

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(c) Have changes in the prices of these products affected the price for certain ball bearings?

No                       Yes--To what degree do changes in their prices affect the price for certain ball bearings? Does this effect have a time lag? If so, how long is the time lag for each substitute product? Does this vary by type of certain ball bearings or final end use?

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**PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued**

III-12. Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for certain ball bearings since January 1, 2000?

No             Yes--Please explain.

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III-13. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the substitutability of other products for certain ball bearings in the future?

No             Yes--Please describe. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

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III-14. Is the certain ball bearings produced by your firm and sold in its home market interchangeable (i.e., can be used in the same applications) with your firm's certain ball bearings sold to the United States and/or to third-country markets?

Yes             No--Identify the market(s) and any differences in the products.

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III-15. Describe the end uses of the certain ball bearings that you manufacture and sell to your home market. If these end uses differ from those of the certain ball bearings you sell to the U.S. market or to third-country markets, explain.

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**PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued**

III-16. Have there been any changes in the end uses of certain ball bearings since January 1, 2000?

No             Yes--Please describe.

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III-17. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the end uses of certain ball bearings in the future?

No             Yes--Please describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

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III-18. How has demand within your home market and the United States (and outside the United States, if known) for certain ball bearings changed since January 1, 2000?

Increased             Unchanged             Decreased

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

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III-19. Do you anticipate any future changes in certain ball bearings demand in your home market and the United States and, if known, the rest of the world?

No             Yes--Please describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

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**PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued**

III-20. Please compare market prices of certain ball bearings in your home market, the United States, and third-country markets, if known. Provide specific information as to time periods and regions for any price comparisons.

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III-21. Describe briefly your home market for certain ball bearings, including the number of, and competition between, producers.

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III-22. Do you face competition from imports of certain ball bearings in your home market?

No       Yes--Please identify the country sources of any imports of certain spherical plain bearings into your home market.

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III-23. Please provide as a separate attachment to this request any studies, surveys, etc. that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss certain ball bearings supply (including production capacity and capacity utilization) and demand in (1) the United States, (2) each of the other major producing/consuming countries, including subject countries, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data from January 1, 2000 to the present and forecasts for the future.

III-24. Have individual U.S. producers, importers, purchasers, or foreign producers/exporters of certain ball bearings influenced the U.S. wholesale market price of certain ball bearings since January 1, 2000?

No       Yes--Please identify any such firm(s) and note the time period when the firm(s) influenced price, whether the effect was to increase or decrease the price, and why your firm believes that the actions of the firm(s) were responsible for the price change. Also identify the types of bearings you are discussing.

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