

the name or number of the particular short supply review.

(c) The Secretary generally will consider petitions for short supply allowances for up to one calendar year. For annual requests for products that are produced domestically, but for which the domestic industry has minimal available production capacity, the Secretary may grant a short supply allowance for less than a full year, if the Secretary believes that the situation may be significantly altered prior to the end of one year.

(d) If the Secretary grants only a portion of the short supply request, or grants a short supply allowance for less than a full year, the petitioner must file a new petition to receive an allowance for any subsequent period in the same year. The petitioner must file a new petition if it subsequently modifies its request to the extent that the modification represents a substantial change in its request.

§ 357.103 Petitions for short supply allowances.

An interested party may file a petition with the Secretary requesting a short supply allowance.

(a) All short supply petitions shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

(1) The exact specifications of the product for which the request is made, including dimensions, metallurgical specifications, and unique characteristics;

(2) A detailed explanation of how the product will be used;

(3) An explanation of why the petitioner believes the product is in short supply;

(4) The exact quantity of the short supply allowance requested and justification for the tonnage level. If the request is for more than one type and size of a product, specific quantity information for each type and size. If petitioner's request would represent an increase over previous consumption levels, a full explanation for the increase;

(5) The period of time for which a short supply allowance is requested; and

(6) A certification that the factual information contained in the petition is

accurate and complete to the best of the petitioner's knowledge.

(b) If the petitioner is a U.S. company that processes the product in some manner, the petition shall contain, in addition to the information required under paragraph (a), the following information:

(1) A list of all U.S. and foreign producers of the product that have refused to sell the product to the petitioner during the past three years, indicating when they were contacted and the reason for their refusal;

(2) A list of all offers to sell the product to the petitioner by U.S. and foreign producers in the past three years that have been rejected by the petitioner, indicating the reasons for the rejection;

(3) A list of all domestic and foreign suppliers from whom the petitioner has purchased the product during the past three years, including the quantity purchased from each mill during this period;

(4) A list of potential foreign suppliers of the product; and

(5) Documentation indicating that petitioner has made efforts to purchase the product domestically.

(c) If the petitioner is a U.S. importer/distributor, the petition shall contain, in addition to the information required under paragraph (a), the following information:

(1) A list of all U.S. customers which have purchased the product from the petitioner during the past three years, along with documentation from these customers demonstrating that they support the request and have been unable to buy the product domestically;

(2) A list of all of petitioner's sales (by quantity) to U.S. customers of the product in each of the last three years;

(3) A list of all domestic and foreign firms that have supplied the product to the petitioner during the past three years, with the total quantity purchased from each supplier annually.

(4) A list of potential foreign suppliers of the product;

(d) If the petitioner is a foreign producer of the product applying through its government, the petition shall contain, in addition to the information required under paragraph (a), the following information:

(1) A list of all U.S. customers that have purchased the product from the foreign company during the past three years, along with documentation from these customers demonstrating that they support the petition and have been unable to purchase the product domestically;

(2) A list of all the foreign company's sales (by quantity) to U.S. customers of the product in each of the last three years.

§ 357.104 Determination of adequacy of petition, notice of review and opportunity for comment.

(a) Within 24 hours after a petition is filed, excluding weekends and holidays, the Secretary will determine whether the petition is adequate.

(b) If the Secretary determines that the petition is adequate, the Secretary promptly will cause to be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice that a petition with respect to the product is under review and provide interested parties with the opportunity to submit written comments on the petition. Comments will be accepted for a period of seven days from the date notice of the review of the petition is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Interested parties may file replies to any comments submitted under this section. Any replies must be filed with the Secretary within five days after the closing date of the comment period. Interested parties shall certify that the factual information contained in any submission they make is accurate and complete to the best of their knowledge.

(c) If the Secretary determines that the petition is inadequate, the Secretary immediately will return the petition to the petitioner along with an explanation of why it is inadequate.

§ 357.105 Questionnaires.

For reviews conducted under section 106(b)(2), the Secretary normally will send questionnaires to potential producers/suppliers of the product to determine whether it is in short supply. Questionnaires shall be completed and delivered to the Secretary within 8 days after being sent by the Secretary. Questionnaire responses not received

within this period will be deemed favorable to the petition.

§ 357.106 Time limits.

(a) The Secretary will determine, no later than the day specified in paragraph (b) of this section—

(1) Whether short supply exists with respect to the product; and

(2) If short supply is determined to exist, the quantity of the short supply allowance.

(b) The Secretary will make a short supply determination not later than—

(1) The 15th day after the day on which an adequate petition is received if—

(i) A twelve week moving average of raw steel making capacity utilization in the United States, as published by the American Iron and Steel Institute, equals or exceeds 90 percent, or

(ii) The Secretary has granted short supply allowances for the product during each of the two immediately preceding years. This requirement will be satisfied by a full or partial grant of a short supply allowance for the product for a one-year period during each of the two immediately preceding years, or for a six-month period during each of the two immediately preceding years, provided that there was not within the two immediately preceding years a formal negative determination by the Secretary as to the existence of short supply for the product; or

(iii) The Secretary, on the basis of available information (and whether or not in the context of a determination under section 102 of this part), finds that the product is not produced in the United States.

In making a determination with respect to which section 106(b)(1) of this part applies, the Secretary will apply a rebuttable presumption that the product is in short supply. The burden of proof will lie on a domestic steel producer to prove that it can and will produce and supply the product within the requested period of time provided it represents a normal order to delivery period. Unless such proof is provided, the Secretary will issue a short supply allowance within 15 days of receipt of an adequate petition.

(2) In all other circumstances, the Secretary will make a determination