

This request is based on the facts set forth in this Brief, which include the following:

(a) Fittings produced in Europe do not meet U.S. specifications, and U.S. fittings do not meet European specifications. Hence, any regulatory legislation would not create any disharmony between Europe and the United States.

(b) Nine domestic manufacturers have discontinued manufacture, liquidated their facilities, and laid off employees since 1952.

(c) The January 1, 1948 tariff rate on this product was reduced from 45% to 22½% ad valorem. It was further reduced to 11% ad valorem at the "Kennedy Round" of GATT negotiations.

(d) Since 1948 there has been a substantial increase in imports to the serious injury of the industry and its workers. These workers are the unskilled and semi-skilled who form the hard core unemployed.

(e) Since 1956 more than 95% of all imports have been from Japan, where the hourly labor rates are only 63¢ compared with \$2.83 in the United States. In this industry 50% of the cost content is labor.

(f) An assured timely domestic source for malleable iron pipe fittings is vital to National Security. Each 1,000 square feet of construction put in place requires 20.2 pounds of malleable iron pipe fittings. During World War II this requirement increased to 78.7 pounds. Without a dependable source construction for shelter, sanitation, welfare and defense would be jeopardized.

(g) Present domestic capacity is fully adequate to meet existing and future demands for this product.

(h) Foreign trade must be mutually beneficial to the countries involved. Orderly marketing legislation will enable the United States to maintain a healthy malleable iron pipe fittings industry and at the same time allow others a share of our market which will not deprive American workmen of their jobs in favor of maintaining the jobs of foreign workers.

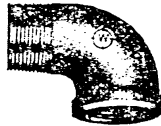
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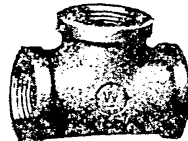
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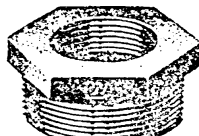
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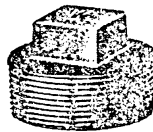
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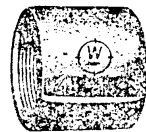
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