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**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE STATEMENT ON THE STEEL MARKET IN 1999  
IN COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE OECD STEEL COMMITTEE**

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## **SUMMARY**

All Delegations, including observers in the Steel Committee, are requested to return this questionnaire for the press release on developments in the OECD steel market in 1999. Delegations are also urged, where answers of a quantitative nature are not possible, to provide at least qualitative information.

The Secretariat will prepare a draft press release which will be distributed by 19 January 1999 as a Steel Committee document for review by Delegations.

## **ACTION**

Replies to the Secretariat by the **4 January 1999** at the latest.

## **RELATED DOCUMENTS**

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**I. Country .....**

	<u>Estimated change 1998/1997 in %</u>	<u>Expected change 1999/1998 in %</u>
Crude steel production	.....	.....
Total steel exports (1)	.....	.....
Total steel imports (1)	.....	.....
Apparent steel consumption (2)	.....	.....

**II. Explanation of development in apparent steel consumption (3)**

1. The final use of steel, total and by sectors:
- estimated change in 1998: .....
  - expected change in 1999: .....

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1. Data on total trade should cover trade in ingots and semi-finished steel and the various steel mill products including wire and steel tubes. They should in principle exclude trade in forgings, castings and fabricated wire products.
  2. Apparent steel consumption should preferably be calculated on the basis of: production of steel mill products + net trade in product tonnes. If a different definition of apparent steel consumption is used, please indicate which.
  3. The answers to question II.1 and, where appropriate, question II.3 should preferably be of a quantitative nature. Where this is not possible, please provide qualitative information.

2. The key factors behind the expected change in 1999 in the use of steel by the major steel consuming industries:

3. Steel stocks (4):

– estimated change in 1998: .....

– level of stocks at the end of 1998: .....

relatively: low/normal/high

– expected change in 1999: .....

4. Steel demand:

(in tonnes (X...))

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
Real consumption	.....	.....	.....
Changes in stocks (5)	.....	.....	.....
Apparent consumption (5)	.....	.....	.....
Level of stocks at the end of	.....	.....	.....
Level of stocks in weeks of real consumption	.....	.....	.....

Comments :

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4. Please indicate to which category of stocks the answers refer: producers' stocks, merchants' stocks, consumers' stocks or any combination of these.

5. If apparent consumption is calculated on the basis of production + net trade, the stock changes should refer to those in the total stocks. If apparent consumption is calculated on the basis of deliveries + net trade, the stock changes should refer to those in the total of consumers' + merchants' stocks. Please indicate what the figures refer to.

**III. Steel trade**

5. The most important changes in Trade by origin/destination in 1998:

- in imports:
  - decrease from: .....
  - increase from: .....
- in exports:
  - decrease to: .....
  - increase to: .....

Comments:

6. The key assumptions relating to the expected changes in steel trade in 1999: .....

**IV Steel import shares**

7. Total steel imports (6) as a percentage of total apparent steel consumption (7) :

- in 1997 : ..... %
- in 1998, on average in the first ..... months: .....%

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6. For the product coverage of total imports, see footnote (1) on page 2.

7. For the definition of apparent consumption, see footnote (2) on page 2.