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232 EXCLUSION PORTAL: EXTERNAL USER GUIDE

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Due to the large number of exclusion requests, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) and Enforcement & Compliance (E&C) staffs collaborated with International Trade Administration's Office of Chief Information Office (OCIO) team to develop a user-friendly online portal that will replace the use of the increasingly cumbersome Federal rulemaking portal (http://www.regulations.gov) for organizations submitting exclusion requests, objections to exclusions requests, rebuttals, and surrebuttals under the 232 exclusion process. The new portal will streamline the exclusion process for external parties, including importers and domestic manufacturers, by eliminating the separate submission of attachments, and replacing the data collection point with a web-based form, with enhanced data integrity and quality controls. In addition, the portal greatly improves transparency by allowing parties to track all information on each exclusion request in one easy-to-use web-based system that is built for the specific needs of the 232 tariff exclusions process. The new portal allows more seamless information sharing across teams and will allow E&C and BIS to eliminate thousands of hours of human data entry procedures by automating them.

INTRODUCTION

In 2017, the Department of Commerce (DOC) was asked to conduct an investigation into the impact on our national security from imports of steel mill products and from imports of wrought and unwrought aluminum. These investigations were carried out under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended.

On January 11, 2018, the DOC formally submitted to President Trump the results of the investigation.

On March 8, 2018, the President announced Presidential Proclamations 9704, 9705, 9711 and 9710 ordering Section 232 tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum. The Secretary of Commerce has the authority to grant exclusions from the duties, "if the steel or aluminum articles are determined not to be in a sufficient and reasonable available amount or of a satisfactory quality or based upon specific national security considerations." Individuals or organizations using steel articles in business activities or supplying steel to outside parties in the U.S. may submit exclusion requests with respect to the Proclamation. In addition, any individual or organization in the U.S. can file objections to exclusions.

The DOC's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) is leading the exclusion process. BIS is managing the review process of exclusion applications, which domestic industry has submitted, on a case-by-case basis in a fair and transparent manner. As part of the process, BIS is working closely with industry specialists within Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA). The Enforcement and Compliance (E&C) unit of the DOC's ITA will be responsible for providing technical analyses for product exclusions related to the proceedings, and making recommendations on the Exclusion Requests.

This document outlines the external user flow of the 232-exclusion process.

EXCLUSION PROCESS

Only individuals or organizations using steel or aluminum articles identified in Presidential Proclamations 9704 and 9705 and engaged in business activities in the United States may submit exclusion requests. Exclusion requests will be posted for a 30-day comment period on https://trade.gov/232/steelalum.

Separate exclusion requests must be submitted for each unique steel or aluminum product import. For an exclusion request to be considered, the requester must provide a full factual description of the specific product, its properties, and its quantity.

Any individual or organization in the United States may file objections to steel or aluminum exclusion requests, but the Commerce Department will only consider information directly related to the submitted exclusion request that is the subject of the objection. Organizations submitting an objection filing on an exclusion request should provide specific information on the product that their company can provide that is comparable to the steel or aluminum product that is the subject of the exclusion request.

Organizations filing an objection should also provide factual information on the production capabilities at steel or aluminum manufacturing facilities that they operate in the United States; the availability and delivery time of the products that they manufacture relative to the specific steel or aluminum product that is subject to an exclusion request; and discussion on the suitability of its product for the application or applications identified by the exclusion requestor.

All exclusion requests will be reviewed for completeness. Only fully completed exclusion requests will be considered and posted for public review. All exclusion requests will be made available for public inspection and copying.

Both the exclusion requests and objection filings will be available for public viewing on the online portal. Processing of exclusion requests normally will not exceed 90 days, including adjudication of objections submitted on exclusion requests.

Exclusion requesters will have seven days from the opening of the rebuttal period to submit rebuttals. Objectors to exclusion requests will then have a seven-day surrebuttal period to post responses, which will be opened once rebuttals are posted by the Department and the case file is reopened.

To further assist industry moving through the process, the Department of Commerce is also cataloging the Objection, Rebuttal, and Surrebuttal Identification Number associated with each Exclusion Request.

For questions concerning the exclusion process, contact steel232@bis.doc.gov or 202-482-5642 for steel-related queries and aluminum232@bis.doc.gov or 202-482-4757 for aluminum-related queries.

SEARCH FEATURES

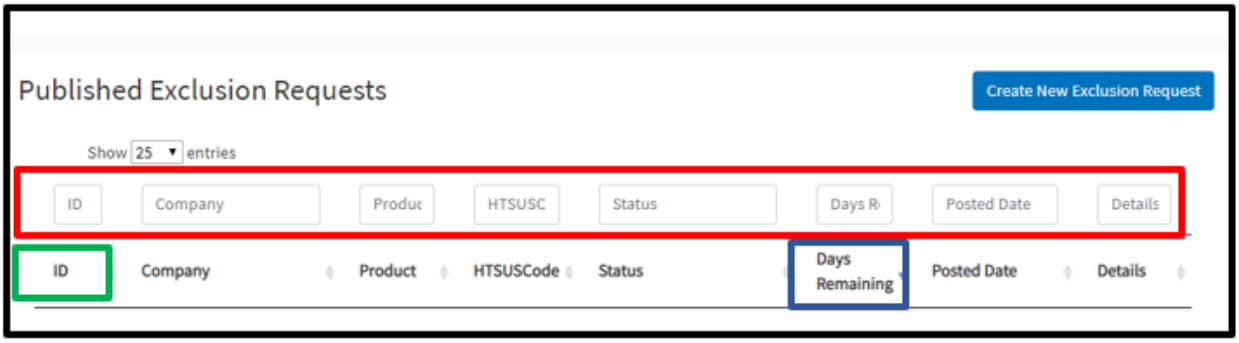
SEARCH FOR PUBLISHED FILINGS BASED ON CRITERIA

After the online portal is officially launched, open the online portal URL at: https://trade.gov/232/steelalum

This section allows users to search published filings, using various criteria including ID, company, product, HTSUS code, status, days remaining, and posted date[1]. A user login account is not required to search for published filings.

Click on the appropriate search box of the dashboard and enter your search criteria.

In the search boxes (in rectangle highlighted red below), search a published finding by typing the ID, company name, product, HTSUS code, status, or posted date.



*The 'days remaining' (in rectangle highlighted purple above) indicate the days that are left in the comment period to leave any opposing arguments to an exclusion request (objection), submit a rebuttal, and/or submit a surrebuttal.

*To search for exclusion requests, objections (pg. 40), rebuttals (pg. 49), surrebuttals (pg. 71), see search features in subheadings.

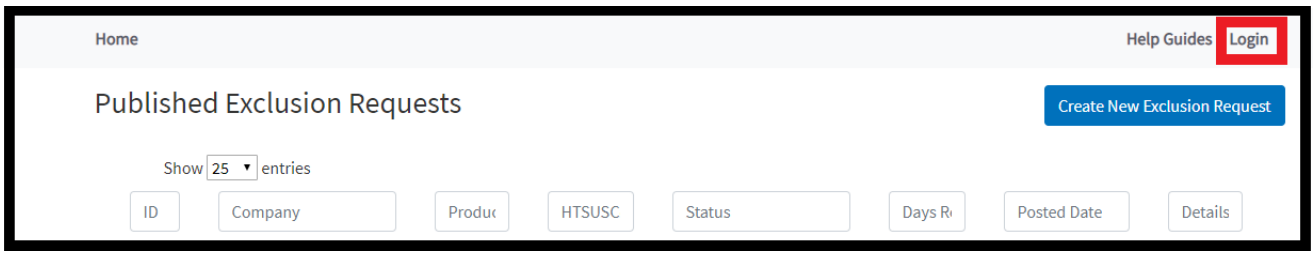
*To extract data for exclusion requests, objections, rebuttals, and surrebuttals, see data extract instructions.

[1] To search for objections, rebuttals, and surrebuttals, see instructions in subsequent sections.

USER REGISTRATION AND LOGIN

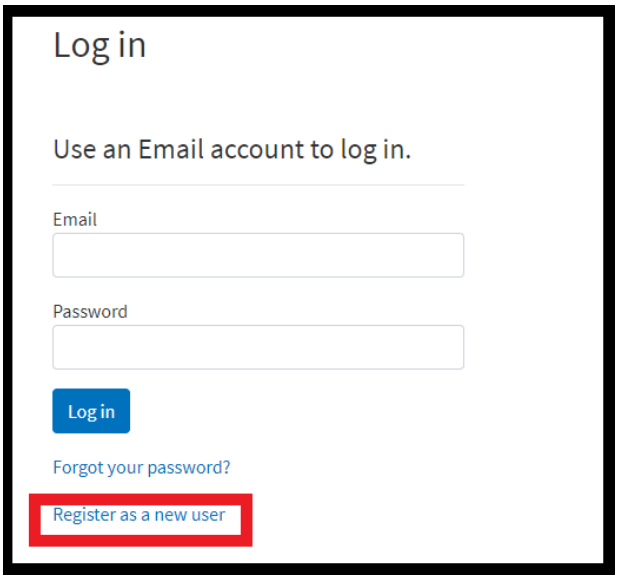
CREATING A USER LOGIN PROFILE

To file any forms in the portal, a user login profile will be required. To create a user login profile, select the 'Login' icon.



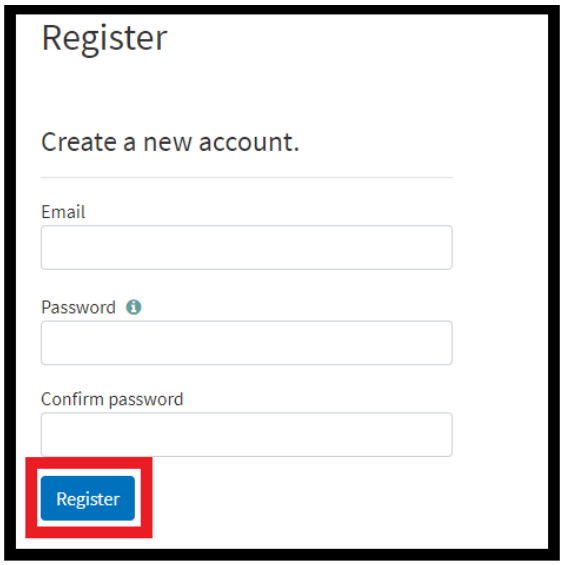
STEP 1: REGISTER AS A NEW USER

1a. On the Login page, select 'Register as a new user'.



1b. Each user login profile requires a valid email and a password to complete the registration process.

1c. After the valid email and password are entered, select 'Register'.



STEP 2: CONFIRM REGISTRATION

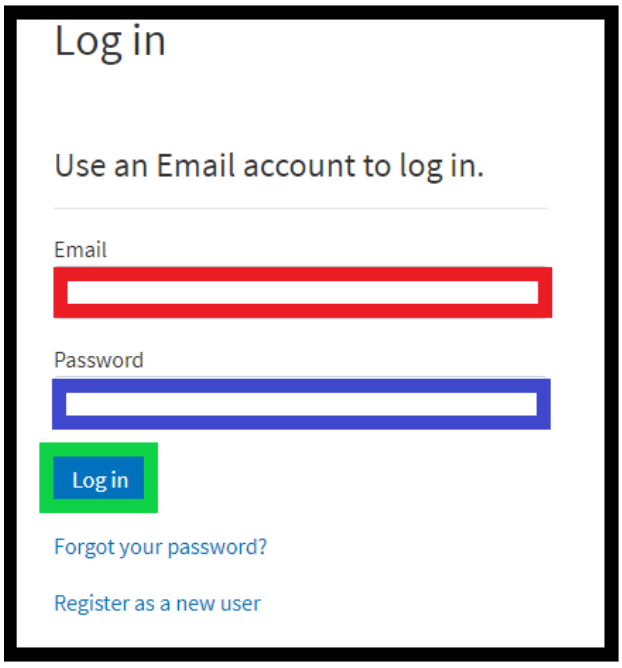
2a. A confirmation email will be sent to the login profile email provided. (If you are unable to find the confirmation email, check you spam folder).

2b. Select the link in the email to confirm your account registration.

STEP 3: LOGIN

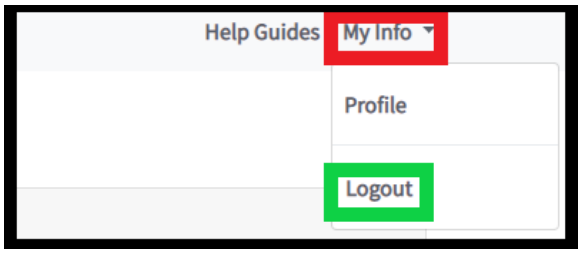
After confirming your account, the portal will allow you to login.

3a. Enter the login profile email and password you provided. Then, select 'Log in'.



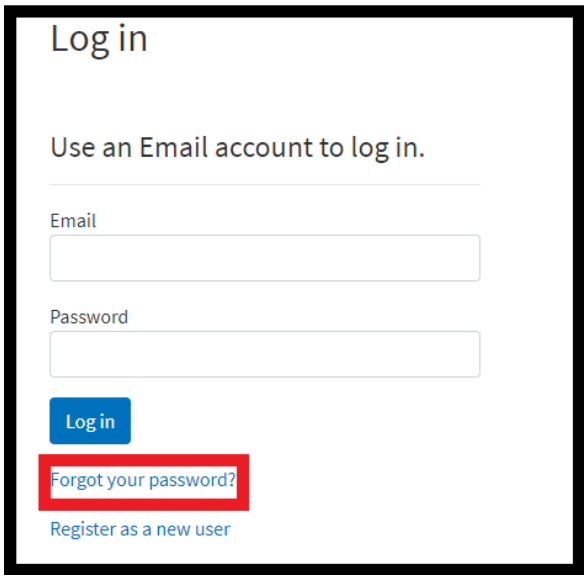
STEP 4: LOGOUT

To logout from the user login account, select the 'My Info' icon, and then, select 'Logout'.

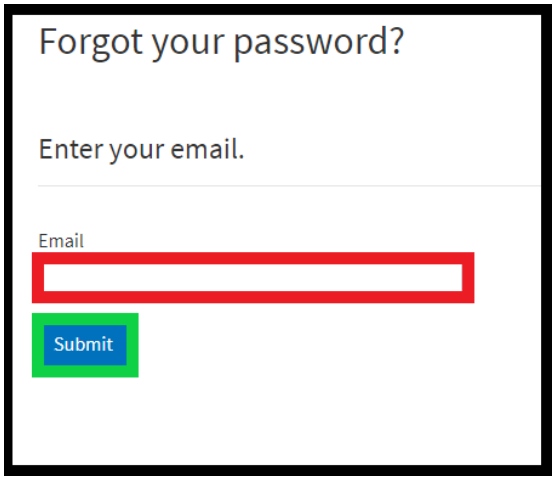


STEP 5: FORGOTTEN PASSWORD

5a. To reset the user login account password, select the 'Forgot your password?' link.



5b. Enter the user login profile email into the space provide, and then, select 'Submit'.



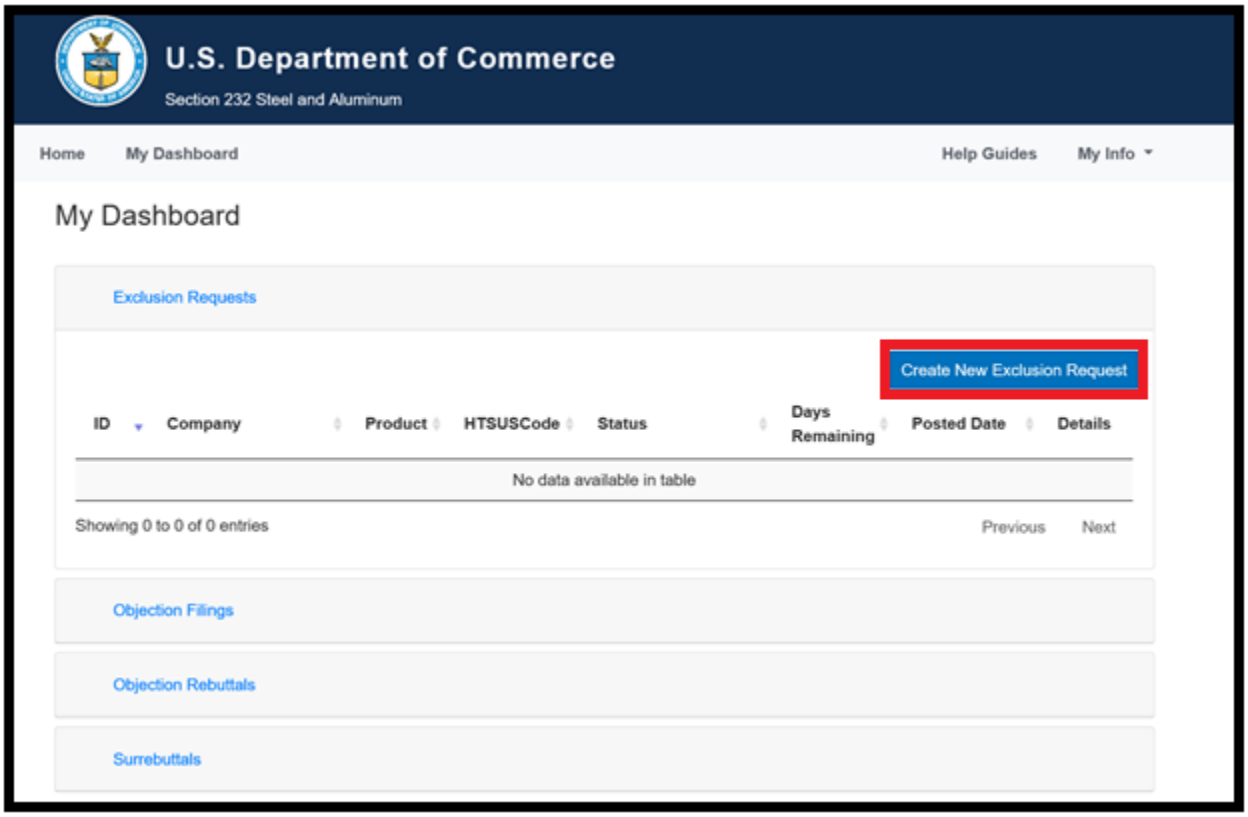
5c. A password reset email will be sent to the login profile email provided. (If you are unable to find the password reset email, check your spam folder)

5d. Select the link in the email and reset your password.

EXCLUSION REQUESTS

CREATING A NEW EXCLUSION REQUEST

To begin creating an exclusion request, the user will login to their user profile, and select 'Create New Exclusion Request' link.



STEP 1: ENTER THE PRODUCT INFORMATION

Each exclusion request must be submitted for each distinct type and dimension of steel or aluminum product to be imported. For an Exclusion Request to be considered, the exclusion requester must provide factual information on:

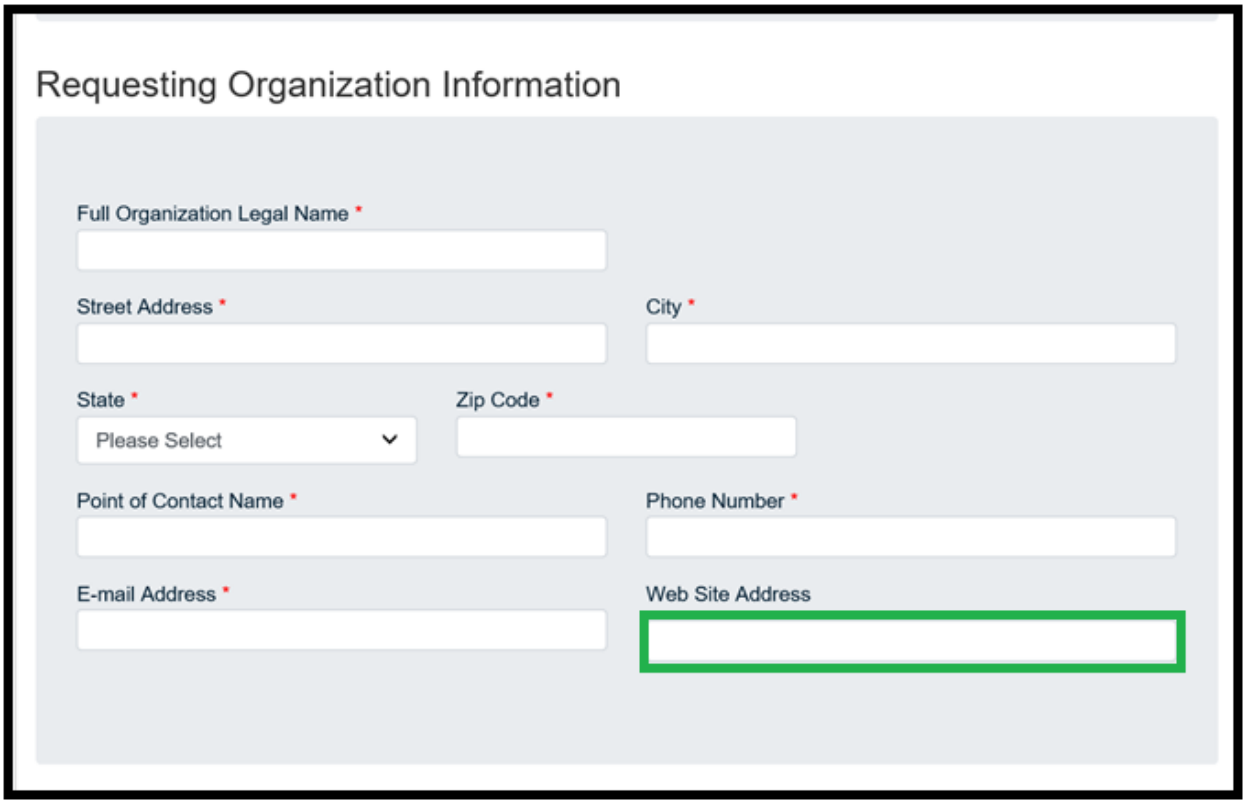
i. The product type selected will be Steel or Aluminum
ii. The class of product will correspond with the selected product type[2]
iii. The 10-digit Harmonized Tariff Schedule Code (HTSUS) should be entered with no spaces, dashes, letters, or punctuation
iv. If the request is for a renewal of a previously granted exclusion request, the ID number of the previously granted exclusion request should be entered.

STEP 2: ENTER THE REQUESTING ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

2a. The requesting organization[3] and importer of record are required fields. All fields with marked with an * are required. For any required field, do not write N/A.

[2] Steel – carbon and alloy flat, carbon and alloy long, semi-finished, stainless products, carbon and pipe and tube; Aluminum – slab, sow, billet, flat, plate, sheet, bars, rod, pipe, tube, foil, casting, forging.

[3] Requestor



All website addresses must contain http://www. or https://www. in the website address fields to be identified as a valid website.

2b. The parent company of the requesting organization must also be documented if different than the requesting organization. For example:

2c. The importer of record must be completed even if it matches the requesting organization.

*The importer of record should be the organization that is bringing the products into the U.S. from a non-U.S. producer. The importer of record should be the organization that is seeking exclusion. All fields marked with an * are required. For any required field, do not write N/A.*

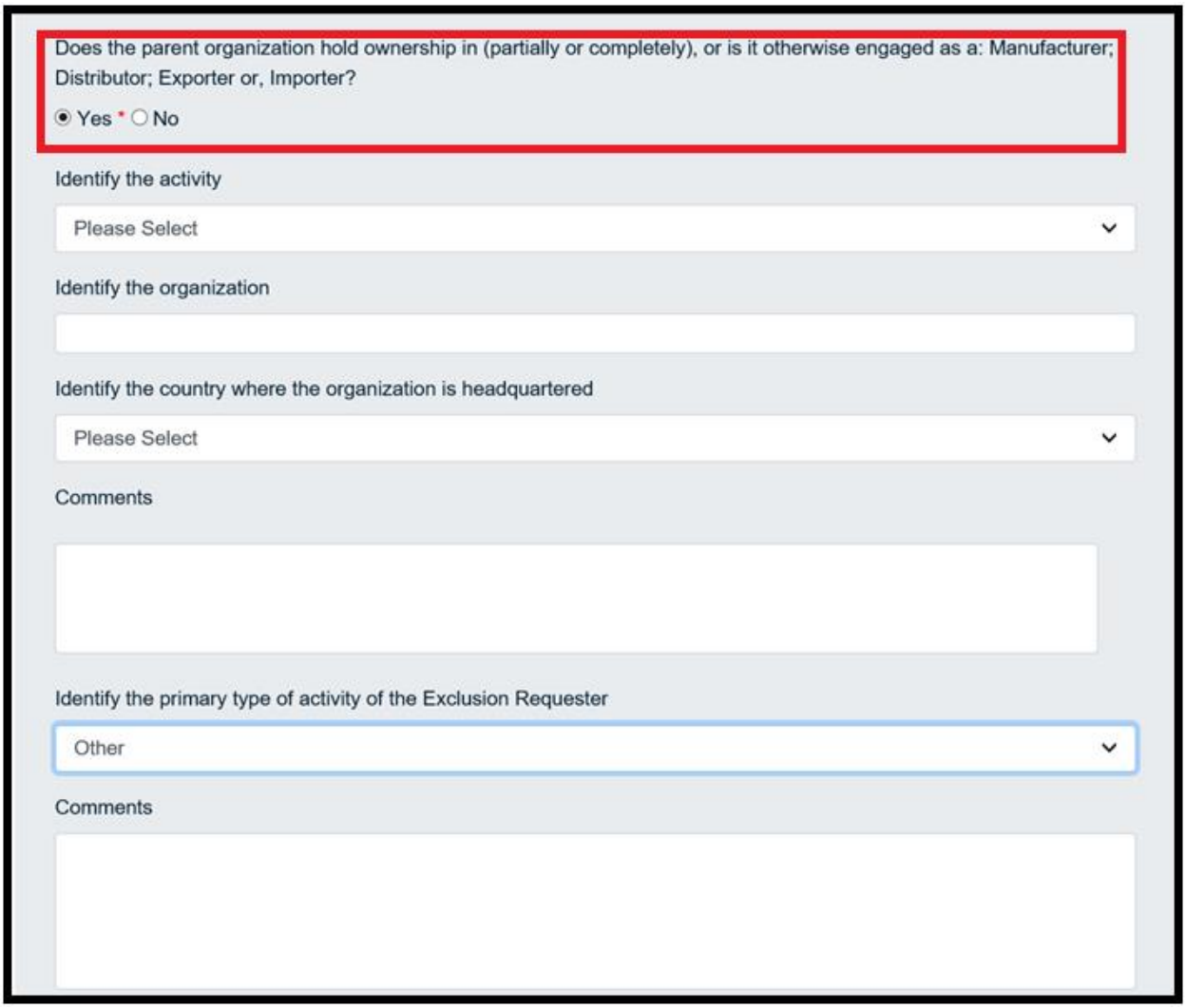
Select Next and continue to the next section.

If the organization has a representative other than the agent submitting the exclusion request on its behalf, the contact information must be disclosed if applicable.

2d. Exclusion Request Details

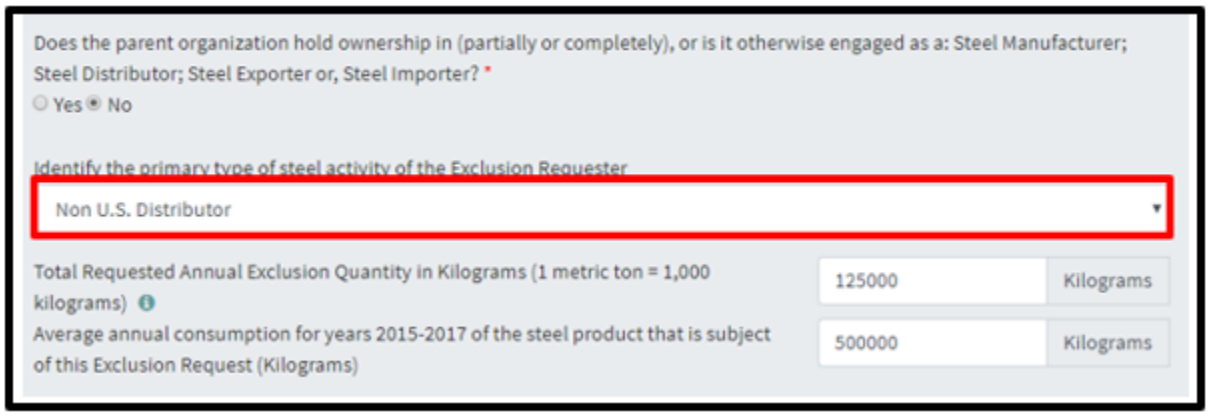
If the parent organization holds any ownership, the activity, country where the organization is headquartered, and primary activity[4] must be explained:

[4] Primary activity could include U.S. Distributor, Non-U.S. Distributor, U.S. Service Center, Non- U.S. Service Center, Manufacturer, or other



If 'other' is selected, a comment section will appear, and details about the selection can be documented.

2e. If the parent organization does not hold ownership, identify the primary type of steel activity. If other, explain:



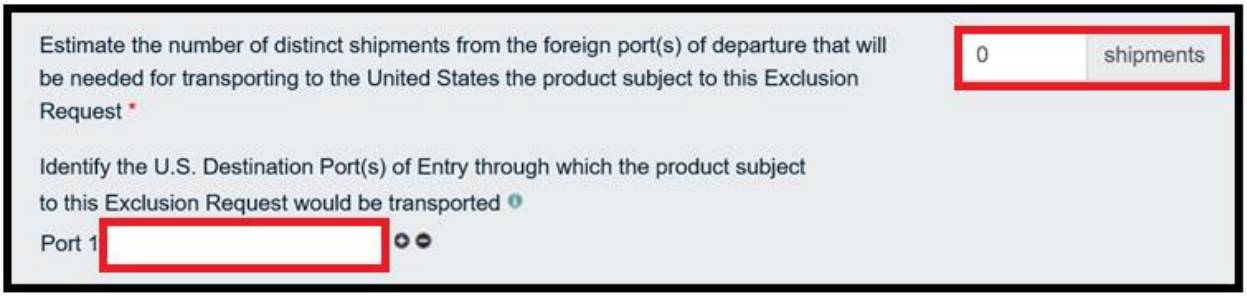
If 'other' is selected as the primary type of steel activity of the exclusion requestor, a comment section will appear, and details about the selection can be documented.

2f. The exclusion request must provide information on whether the product is manufactured in the United States, whether the product can be sufficiently supplied, and whether domestic producers can produce the product in a timely manner:

- The basis of the exclusion must be one of the drop-down options: insufficient availability, no U.S. production, or national security requirement.

- The percentage of product that the exclusion product applies to must be disclosed and the manufacturing and delivery times must be recorded in **days**

- The number of shipments and port information[5] must be documented. To add an additional port, click the addition button to add another field. Use the (+) and (-) buttons to add or subtract additional destination ports.



*Note the units of measurement and delivery/manufacturing time cannot be changed from current settings. All fields with marked with an * are required. For any required field, do not write N/A. If 'other' is selected to explain why your organization requires an exclusion, a comment section will appear, and details about the selection can be documented.

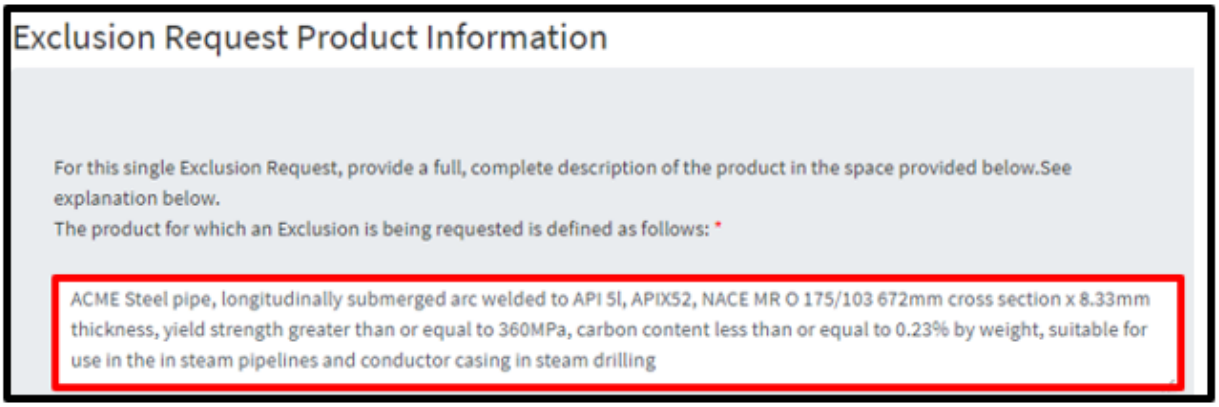
If the requestors are submitting the exclusion request on behalf of an international producer that produces products internationally, select 'Yes' and identify the non-U.S. producer.

Select and continue to the next section.

[5] To add more than one port of entry, select **+** icon. To remove a port of entry, select **–** icon.

STEP 3: ENTER EXCLUSION REQUEST PRODUCT INFORMATION

3a. A complete description of the product should be defined and disclosed:



- The description should only include information on a single product and not a range of products
- The description must be limited solely to physical properties (e.g., chemical requirements, mechanical requirements, dimensions, etc.) and exact descriptive terms/phrases covering the product subject to the Exclusion Request (e.g., “hot-rolled,” “seamless pipe,” “suitable for use in boilers,” “longitudinally submerged arc welded,” etc.)
- Physical properties must be defined based on actual, rather than nominal, measurements, references to specific dimensions[6] or measurements[7] will be interpreted as meaning the exact dimension or measurement
- Ranges[8] are allowed and should be identified based on the end points of the range rather than through references to absolute or percentage tolerances

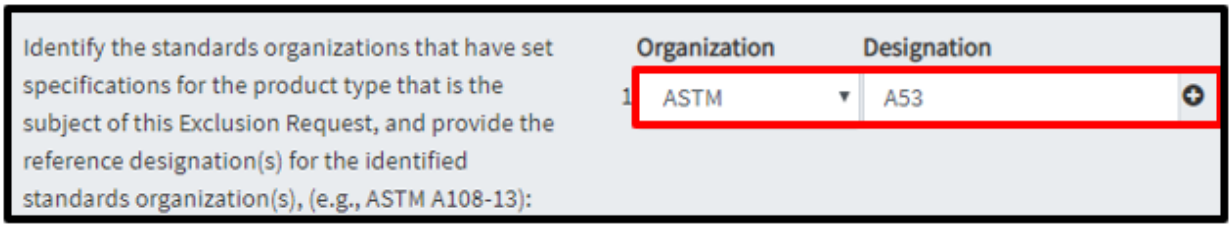
3b. Note that this section allows for multiple standard organizations[9] to be identified that have set specifications for the product type listed in exclusion request.

[6] e.g., “cross-sectional diameter of 5.50 mm”

[7] e.g., “yield strength of 300 MPa,” “carbon content 0.08%,” etc.

[8] e.g., “cross-sectional diameter falling within the range 5.35 mm and 5.65 mm,” “yield strength greater than or equal to 300 MPa,” “carbon content less than or equal to 0.15%, by weight,” etc.

[9] ATSM, SAE, British, DIN, EN, etc. These specifications are not interchangeable with HTSUS codes.

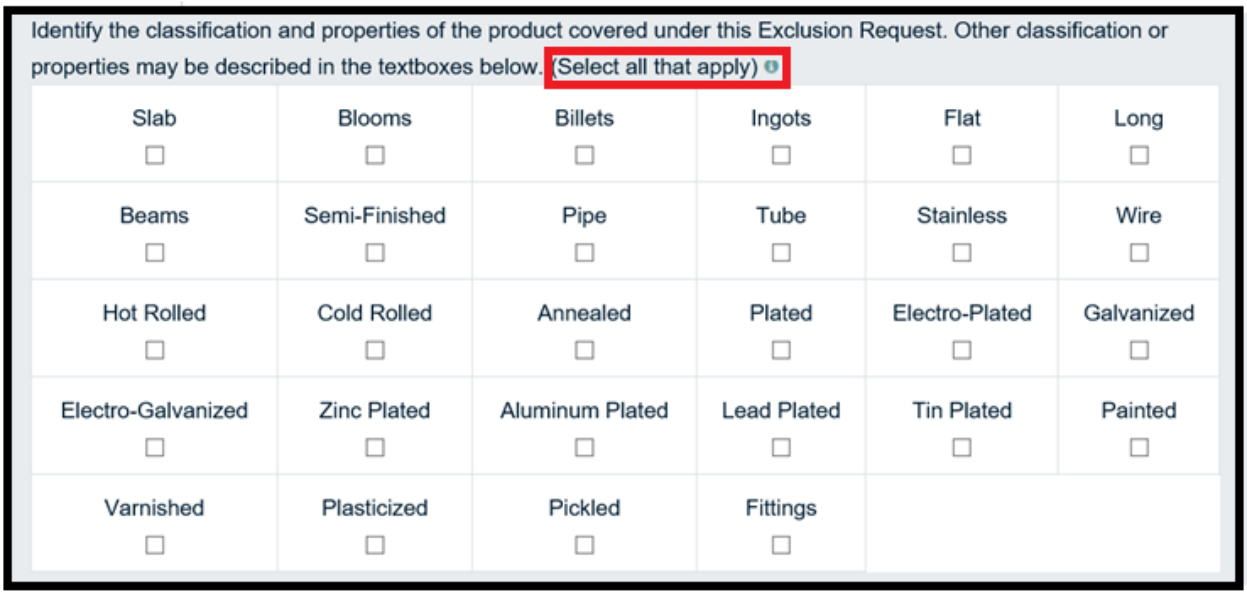


If 'Not Listed' is selected, type in the name of the organization and provide the designation.

Identify the classification and properties of the product covered under this exclusion request.

This should include both the starting materials for the steel product, (such as slab, bloom, billets, etc.) as well as treatments made to the product, (such as annealed, hot/cold rolled, tin plated, etc.). Use the comment box for anything that is not listed in the boxes.

The chemical composition for the product is outlined in 3b.



If the classification or property is not listed above, add to text boxes provided. Use comment section to give additional details to the property.

3c. Product Information – Description of properties

Identify the chemical composition of the specific steel product for which your organization seeks an exclusion. Numbers may appear rounded, but full values will be stored. The composition should have minimum and maximum values.

Please note that values below 1 should be entered with a zero and decimal point. For example: '0.4'.

Chemical	Aluminum	Antimony	Bismuth	Boron	Carbon
Minimum %	0	0	0	0	0
Maximum %	0	0	0	0	0
	Chromium	Cobalt	Copper	Iron	Lead
Minimum %	0	0	0	0	0
Maximum %	0	0	0	0	0

If the product includes a chemical(s) not listed, use the comment section to provide the name and composition percentages. *Note chemical composition is not proprietary information[10].

[10] See CBI

3d. Dimensions for the product must be for a single product and a single size, not a range of products and or sizes[11].

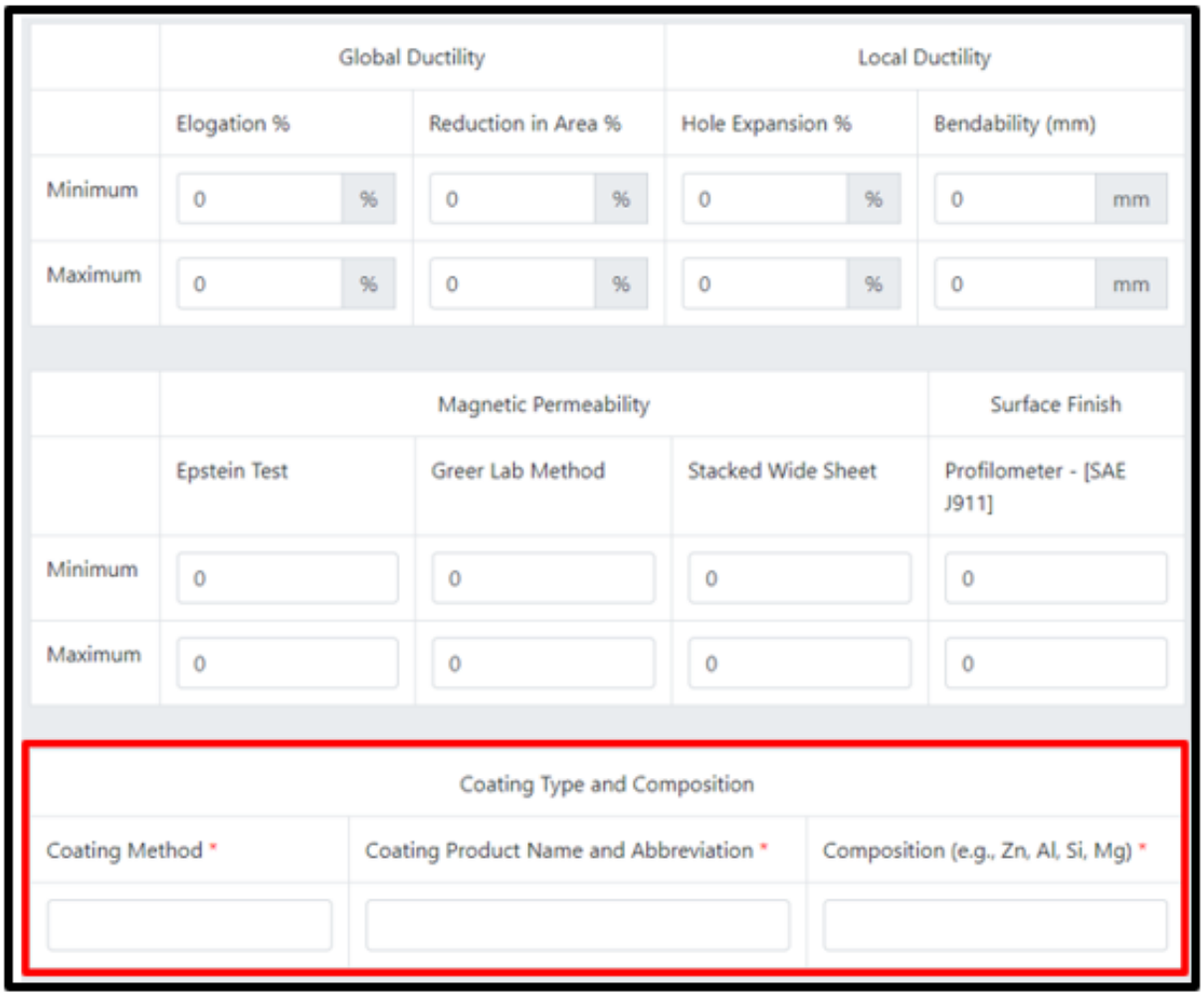
The dimensions must correspond to the product and should have a minimum and maximum value. If the minimum and maximum values are the same, they should be identified by entering the same number in both the minimum and maximum field[12]. This applies to product specifications, strength, and toughness if applicable.

*Note unit of measurement is in **millimeters** and cannot be altered. If there are any additional specifications, explain in comment box.

[11] A single request must be filed for each specific product, specific to dimensions and must correspond to product type

[12] Full values are stored, while numbers may appear rounded

3e. Performance data for ductility, magnetic permeability, surface finish should have minimum and maximum values. Coating type and composition values (see highlighted red rectangle below) including metal coating process, material type, weight, and thickness are required.



	Global Ductility		Local Ductility	
	Elogation %	Reduction in Area %	Hole Expansion %	Bendability (mm)
Minimum	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 mm
Maximum	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 mm

	Magnetic Permeability			Surface Finish
	Epstein Test	Greer Lab Method	Stacked Wide Sheet	Profilometer - [SAE J911]
Minimum	0	0	0	0
Maximum	0	0	0	0

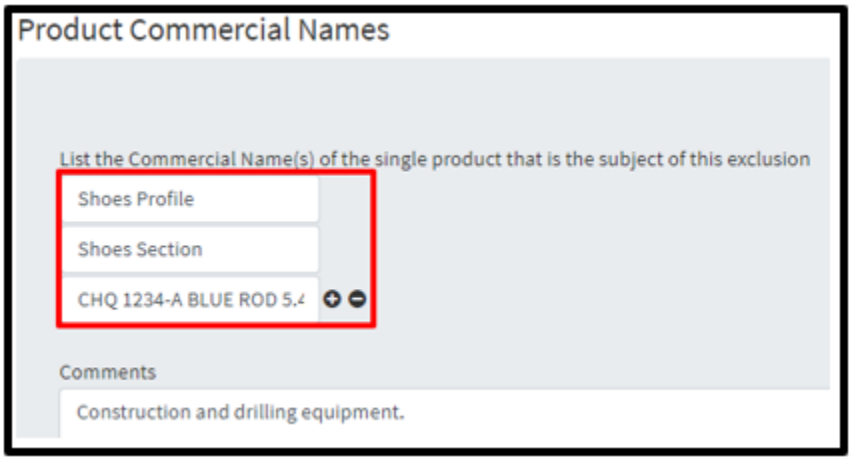
Coating Type and Composition		
Coating Method *	Coating Product Name and Abbreviation *	Composition (e.g., Zn, Al, Si, Mg) *

*Note if there are any additional methods used, identify them in the comment section. All fields with marked with an * are required. For any required field, do not write N/A.

Select Next and continue to the next section.

STEP 4: COMMERCIAL NAMES AND SOURCE COUNTRIES

4.a The commercial name for the product entry field can be more than one commercial product name. Add additional commercial names for the single product listed for exclusion by using the **+** or - buttons.



If a name needs to be explained or more details provided, add to comment box.

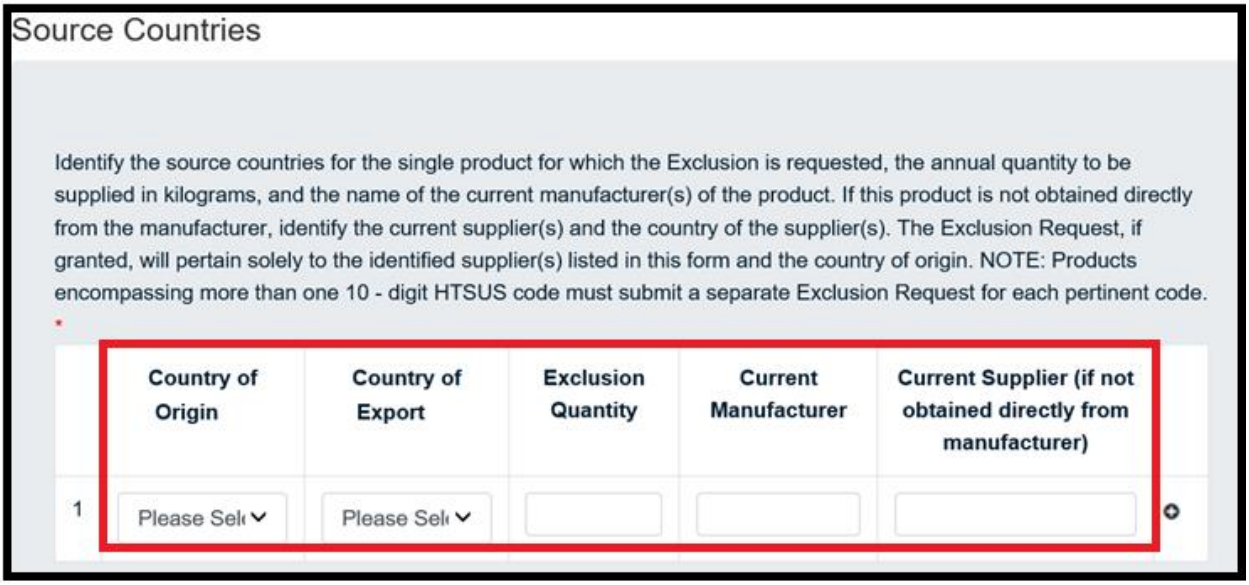
4b. The use(s) of the product should be outlined below, as well reasons why existing products are not comparable to the product at the subject of this request. All fields with marked with an * are required. For any required field, do not write N/A.

If the Exclusion is needed to support U.S. national security requirements (critical infrastructure or national defense systems), provide a detailed description of the specific uses of this single product in the separate comment section/box (not shown).

4c. Source countries: Identify the source countries for the single product for which the Exclusion is requested, the annual quantity to be supplied in kilograms, and the name of the

current manufacturer(s) of the steel product. If this product is not obtained directly from the manufacturer, identify the current supplier(s) and the country of the supplier(s).

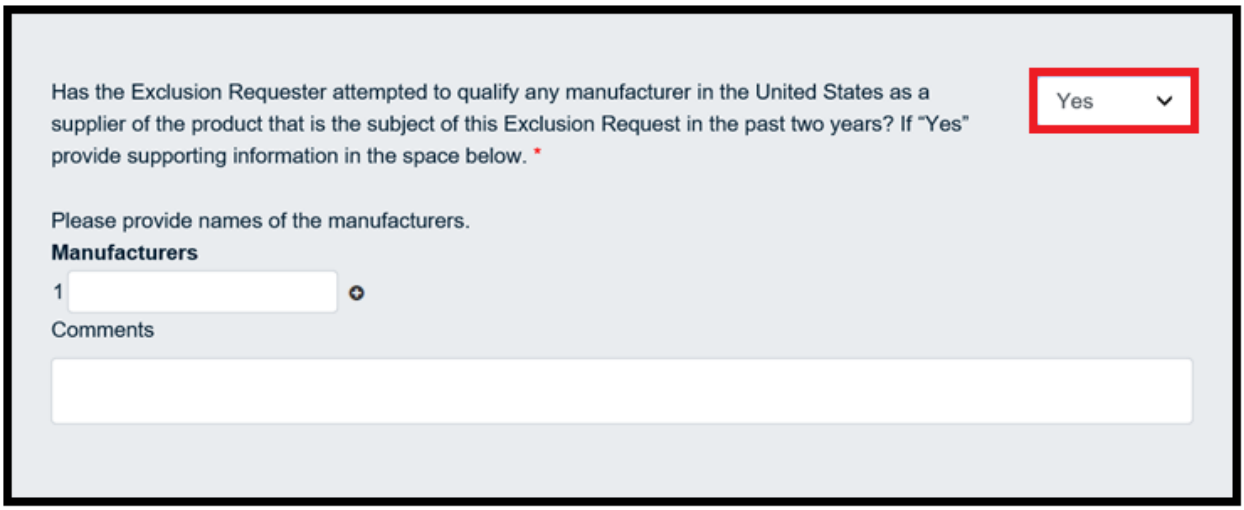
The country of origin, country of export, exclusion quantity, current manufacturer, and current supplier are required fields. Add or subtract additional countries of origin, export etc. by using the **+** or **-** button.



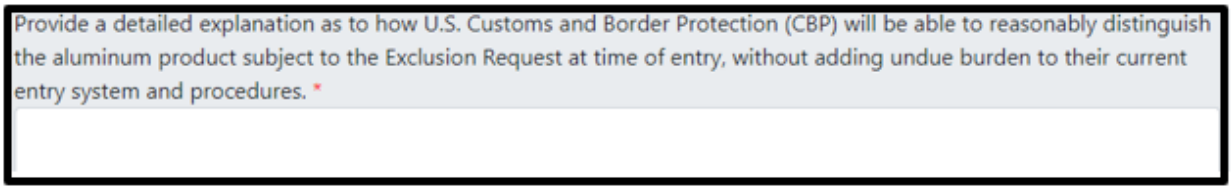
*Note the amount provided here should match the amount provided in the Total Requested Annual Exclusion Quantity in kilograms.

4d. Product Availability Information: This section outlines the product availability within the U.S. If a domestic party currently manufactures the product or a substitute, select 'Yes' and give details in the comment section.

If the answer to the following question is a 'Yes', a list of manufacturers will appear, a comment box will appear, and details about the response may be detailed.



4e. The Department of Homeland Security/Customs and Border Protection (CBP) reviews the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) code cited in the submission for accuracy. If CBP determines the code is inaccurate, the request is denied, and the requester provided CBP contact information. If CBP determines the HTSUS is accurate, the request is approved if there are no national security concerns and the decision posted on the portal.



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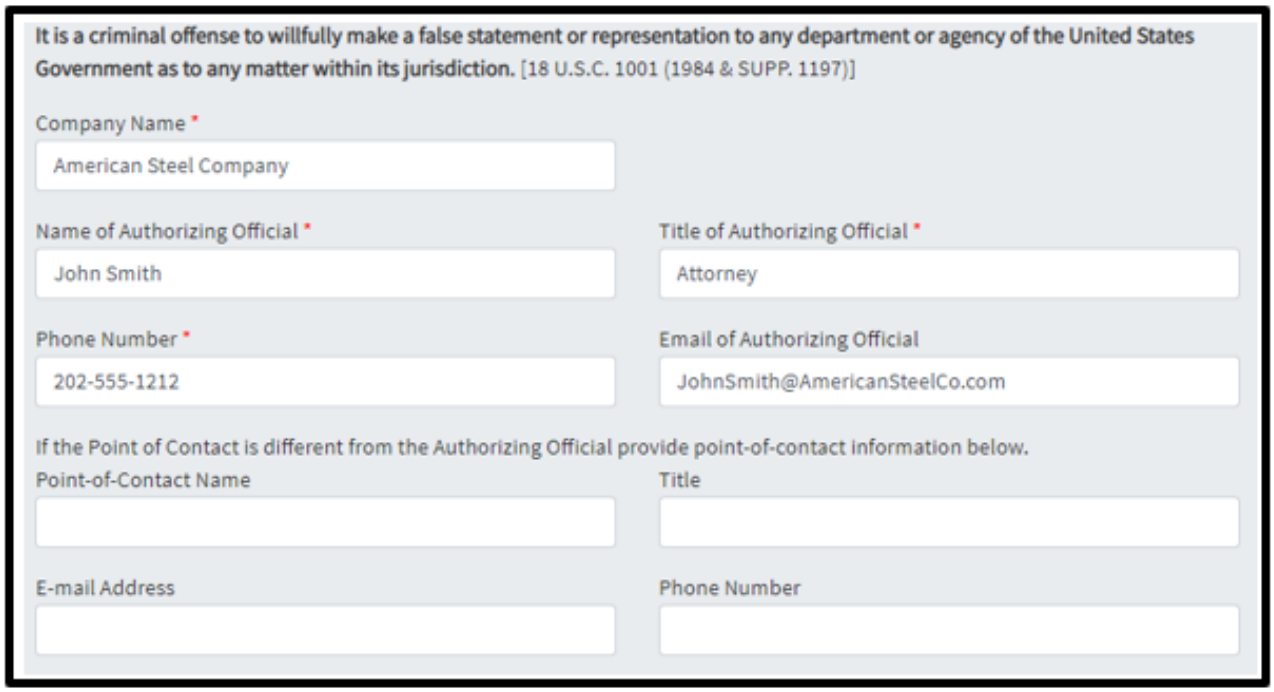

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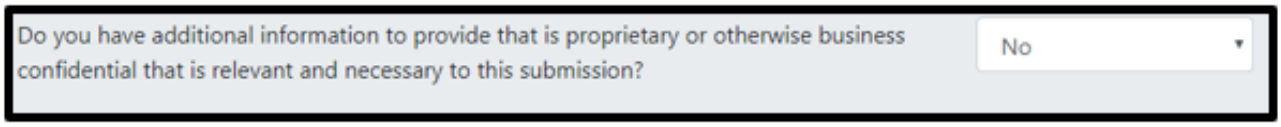

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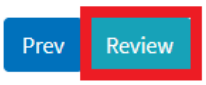
Select 

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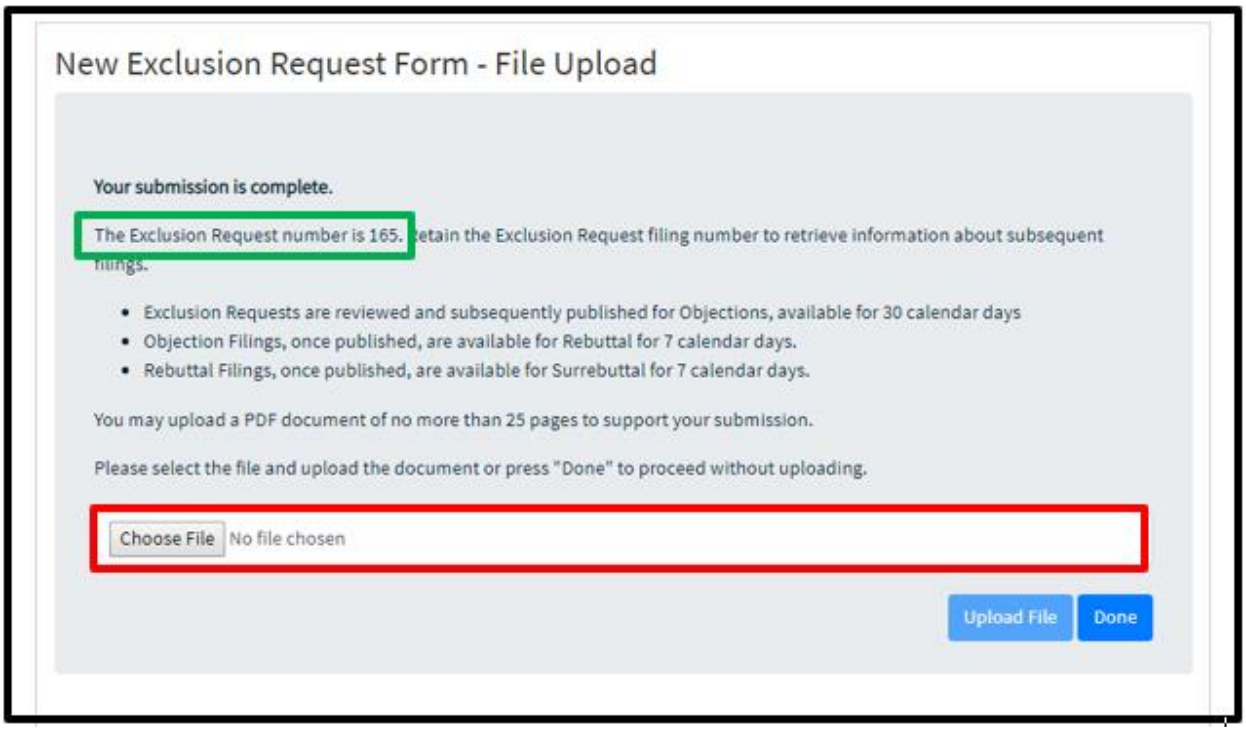

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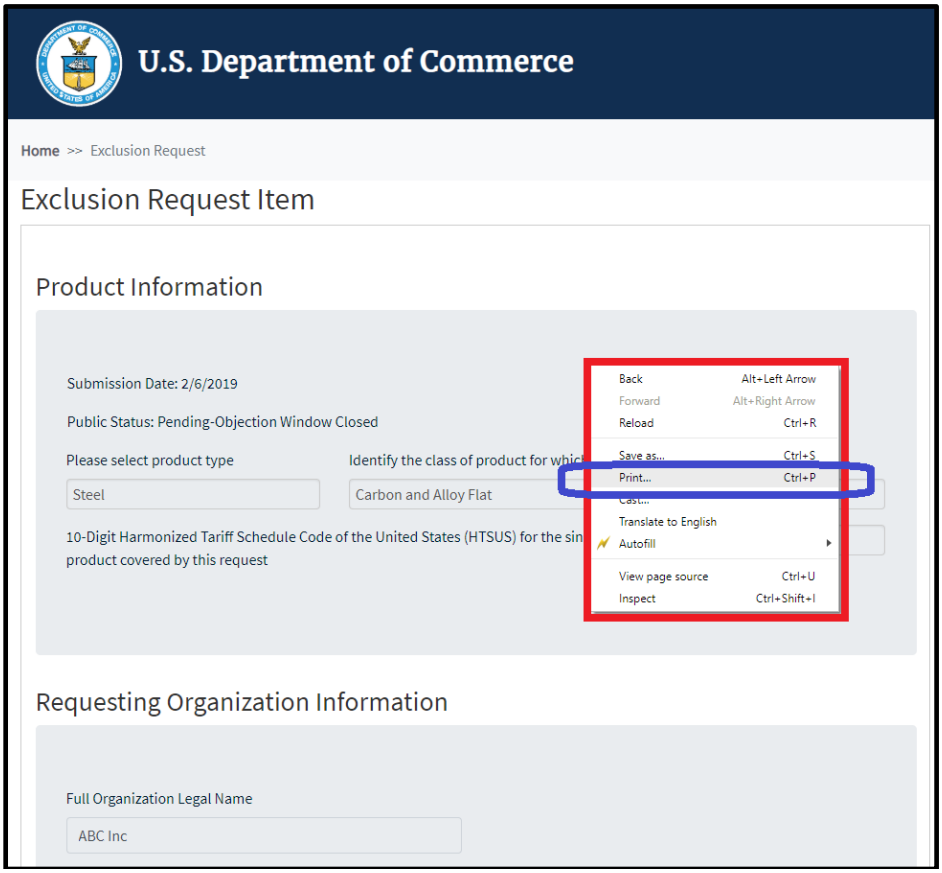


AUTOFILL

USING AUTOFILL TO DUPLICATE EXCLUSION REQUEST ENTRIES

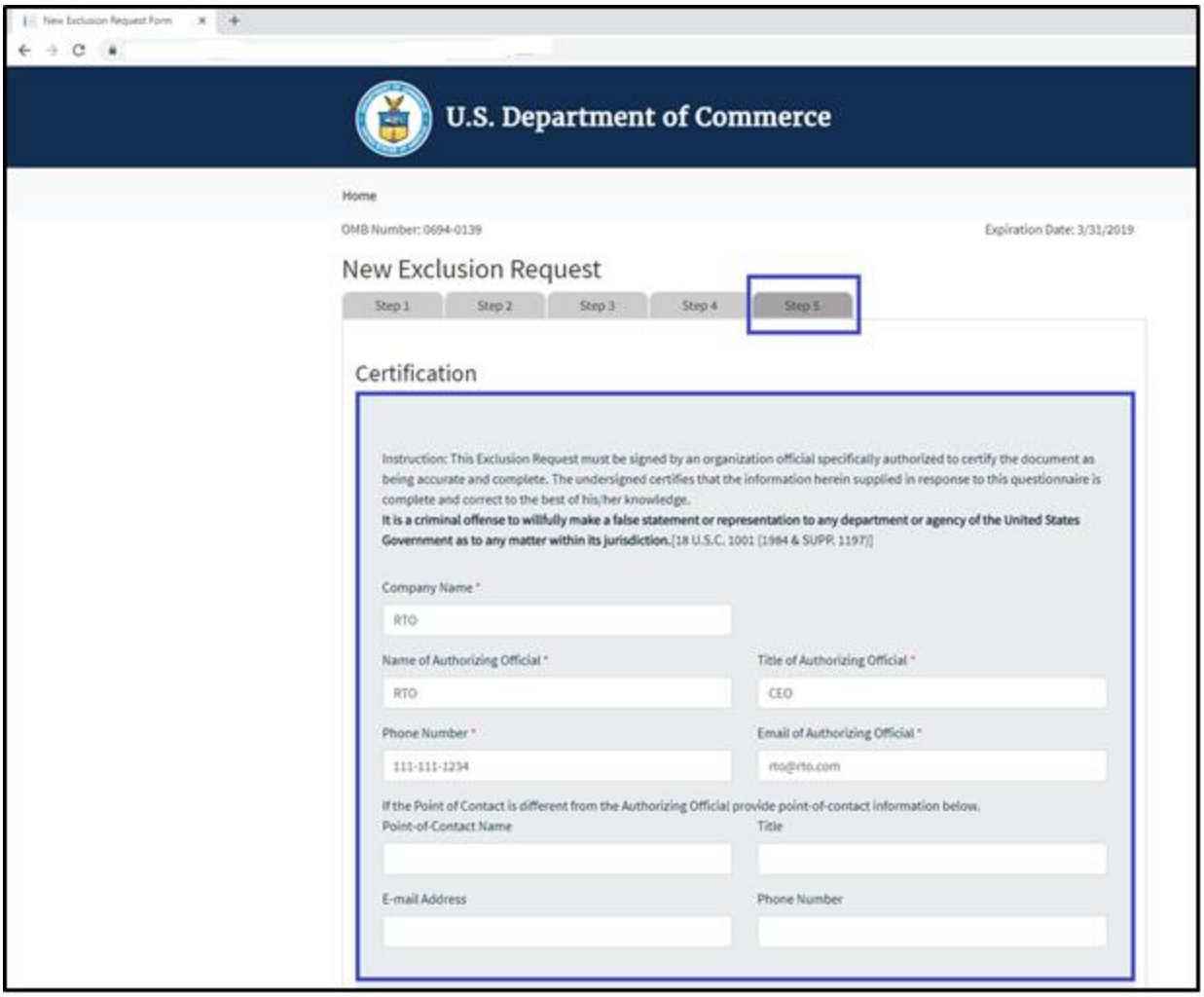
The autofill option found in web browsers allows you to fill out commonly entered information in a web form. This information is only remembered on your computer and will only be auto-filled in forms if your browser settings permit it. For instructions on how to download autofill on your browser please refer to the Appendix section of this guide.

GENERATING EXCLUSION REQUEST FORM AUTOFILL RULES

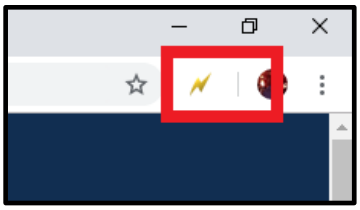
The following instructions explain how to enable the 'Autofill' feature on your Chrome browser.

Step 1: Download the Autofill add-on to your browser. For instructions, please see the Appendix section.

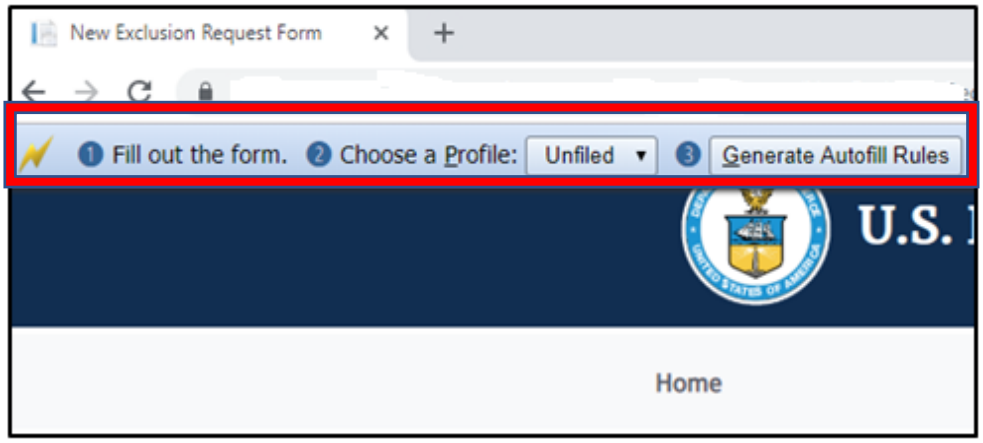
Step 2: Go to the 232 Portal and complete filling out the Exclusion Request form.



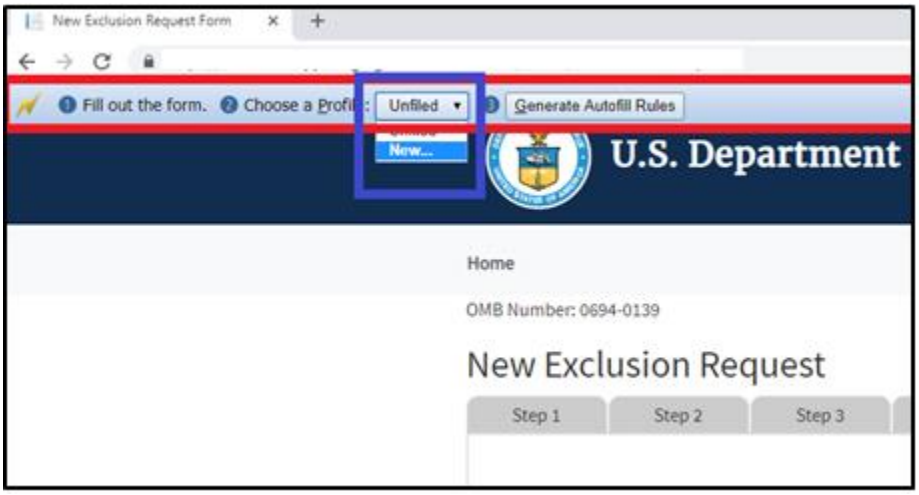
2a. Once you have completed Steps 1-5 of the Exclusion Request form, click on the 'Autofill' logo on the Chrome menu, located on the right-hand upper corner of your browser.



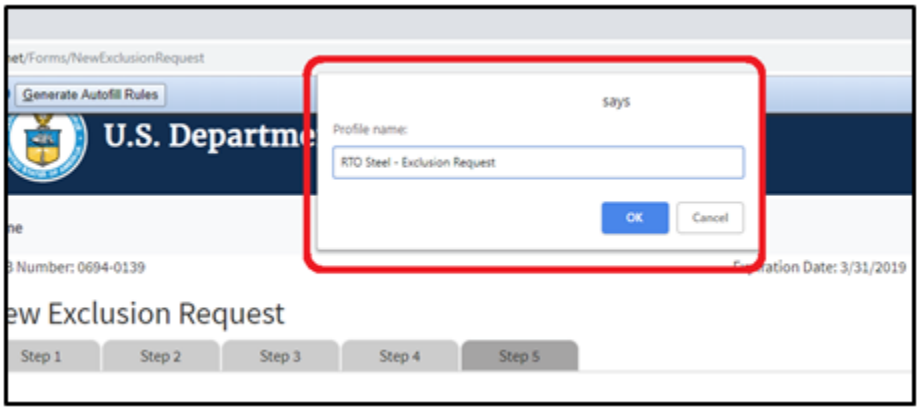
2b. Complete the steps below displayed on the Autofill task bar. This option allows you to quickly save all the form data that you've entered into a new profile that you can use at a later time to autofill form fields.



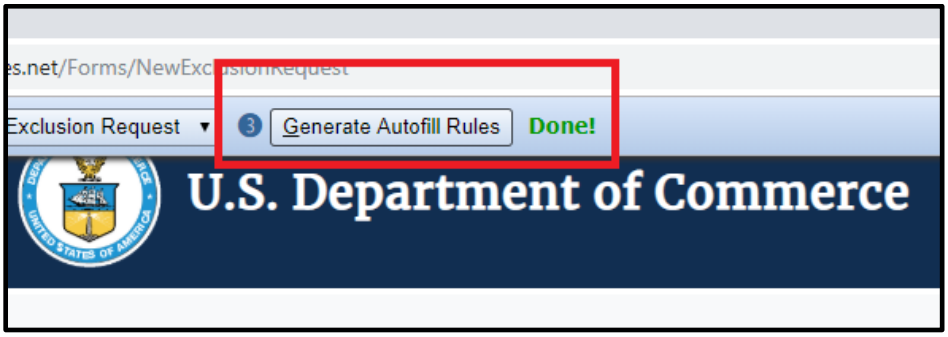
2c. Create a New Profile by selecting 'New' from the dropdown menu on 2) Choose a Profile:



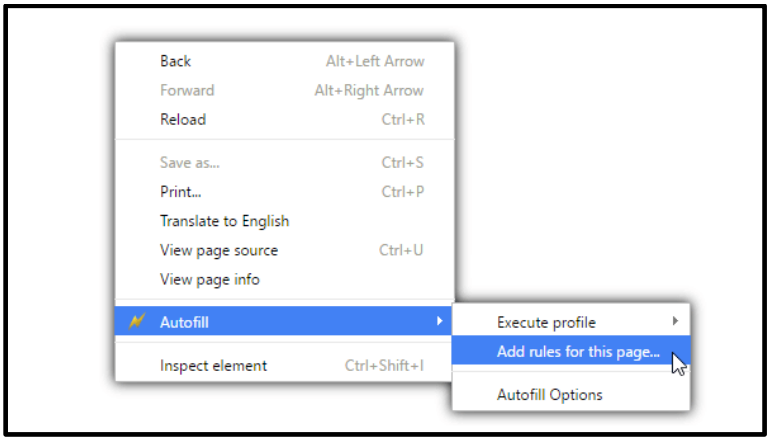
2d. Save New Profile name. For example: "RTO Steel – Exclusion Request" and click OK.



2e. Click on 'Generate Autofill Rules'. You will see a confirmation message that reads "**Done!"**



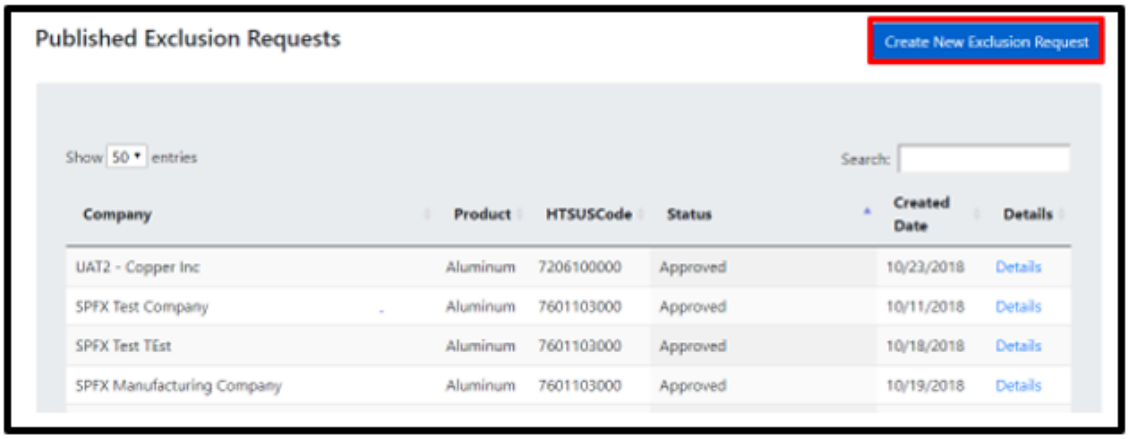
Note: *Alternatively, after you have completed filling out the form you can right-click anywhere at the page, go to Autofill and select "Add rules for this page "then follow the instructions above from 2d. on how to create a New Profile.*



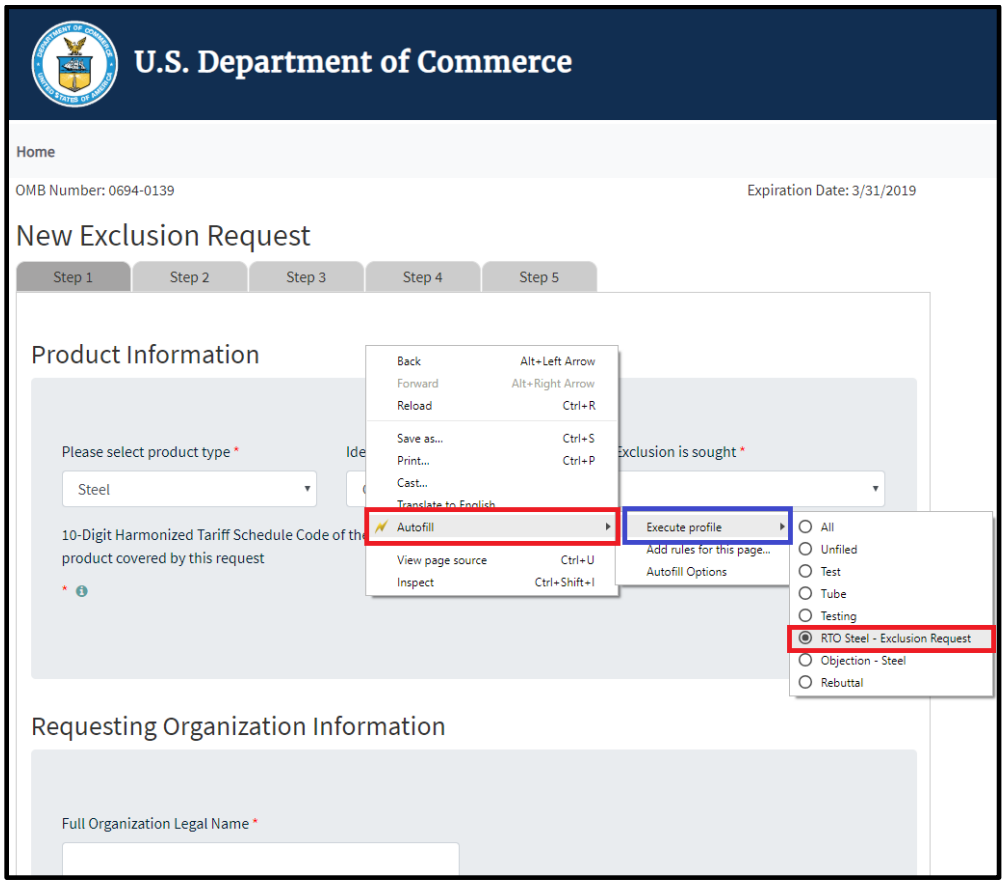
Now that you have created an Autofill Profile, you can use this profile to auto-populate other Exclusion Request forms.

USING AN AUTOFILL PROFILE TO FILL IN EXCLUSION REQUEST FIELDS AUTOMATICALLY

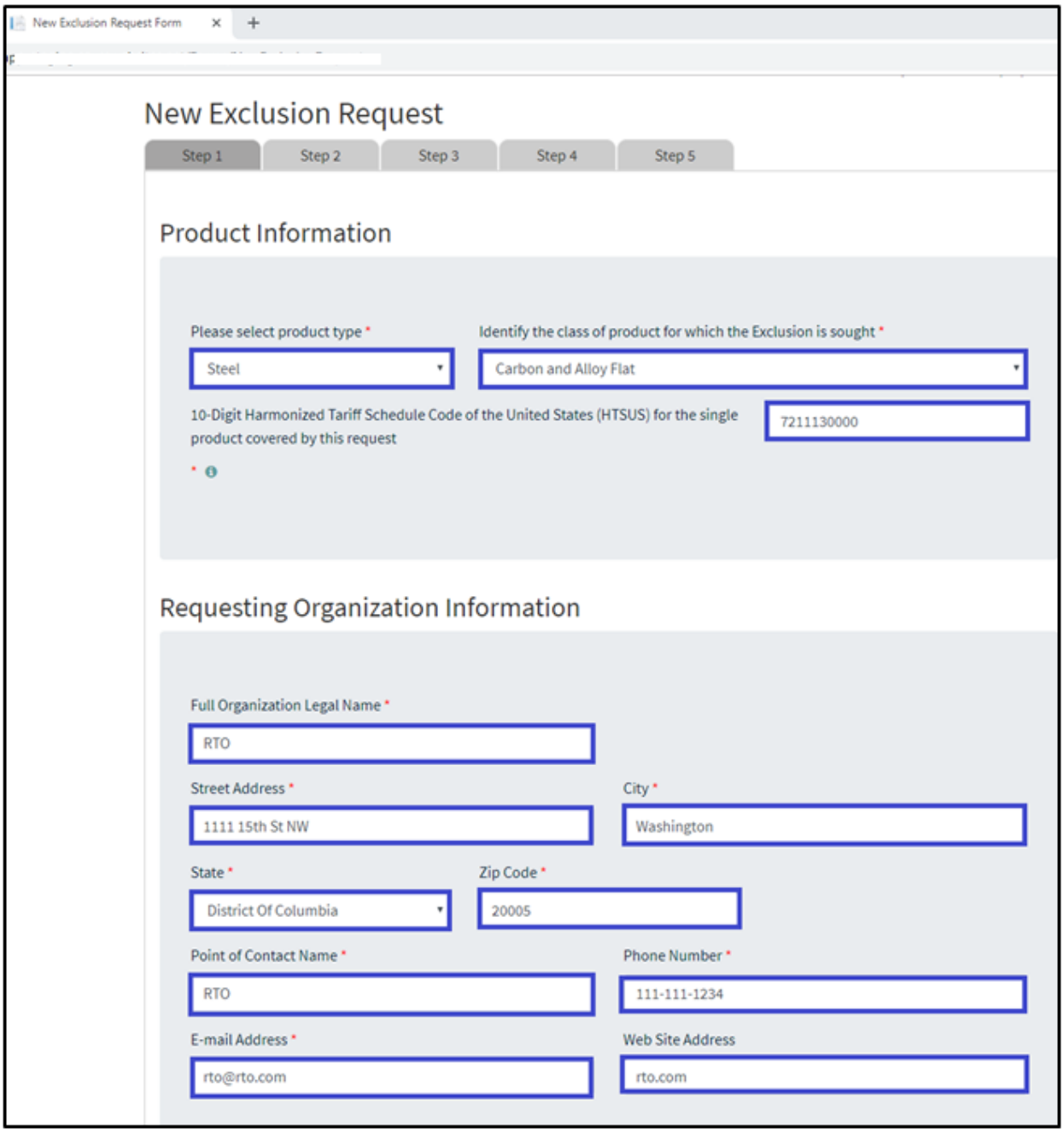
3a. Create a new submission form. In this example, an Exclusion Request. First, on the main page select 'Create New Exclusion Request' icon.



3b. Right-click anywhere on the *Exclusion Request* form, and select 'Autofill', then 'Execute Profile', and select the profile you want to use to autofill the form. For example: "RTO Steel – Exclusion Request."



The fields on the form will automatically populate with the data from the profile selected.



Step 2 through 5 of the form will be auto-filled too.

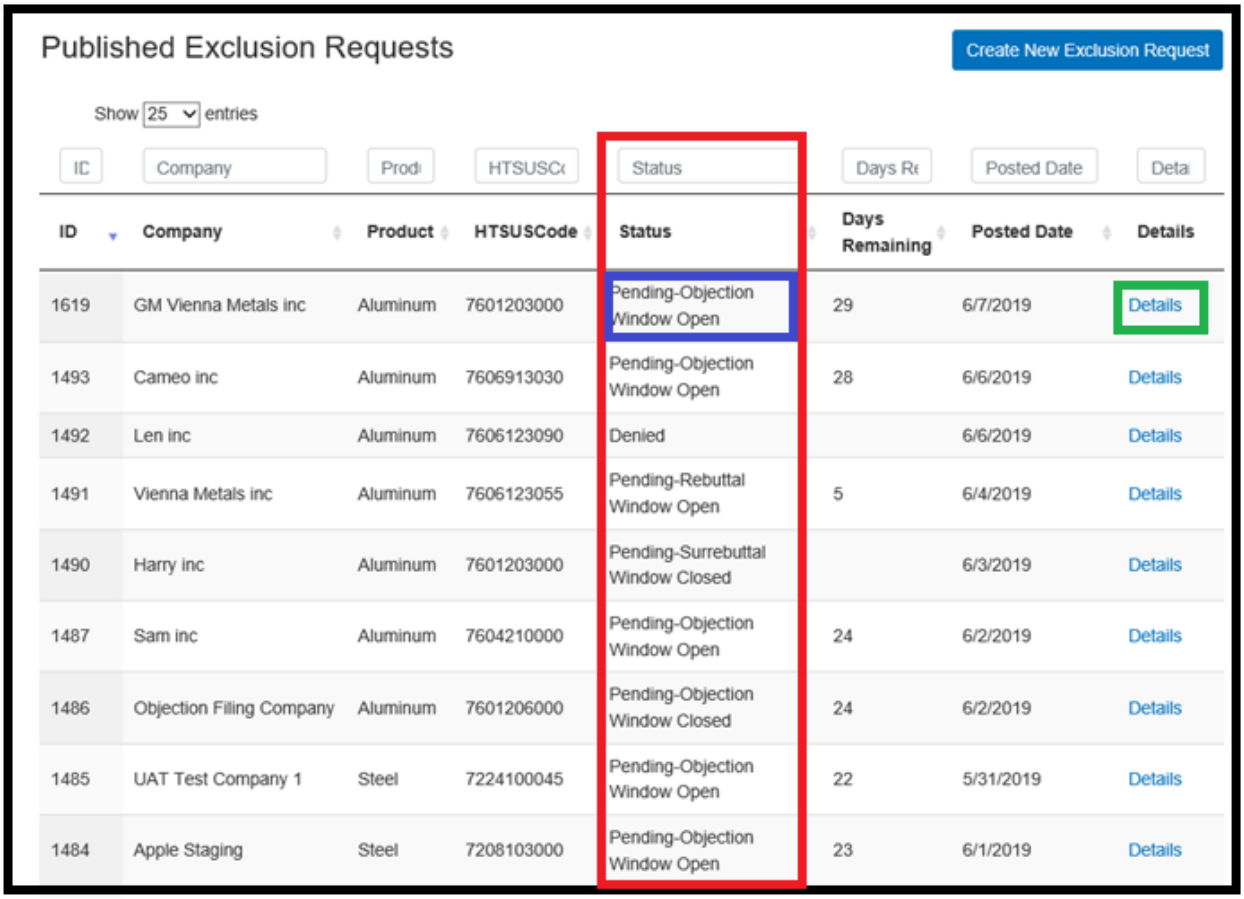
OBJECTION REQUESTS

CREATING A NEW OBJECTION REQUEST

Objection Filing Requirements: Any producer in the United States may file an objection to an Exclusion Request. Each objection request should be specific to a product type based on an exclusion request.

To begin creating the objection request, search for the exclusion request using the search box and entering the **EXCLUSION REQUEST ID** – or sorting by criteria, or manually searching for the exclusion request.

For an objection to be filed, the status of the exclusion request must be 'Pending-Objection Window Open'. To the right on the same row, select 'Details'.



Once 'Details' has been selected, the exclusion request, as well as attachments, are visible for review.

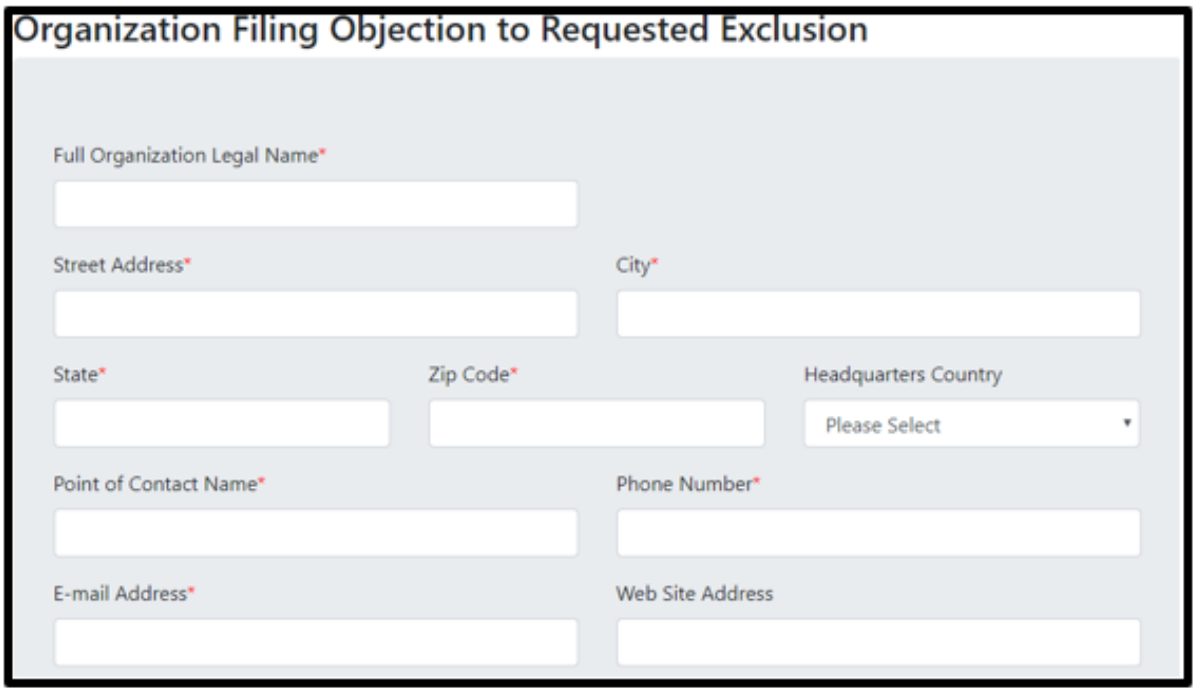
At the bottom of the screen, select ‘Create Objection Filing’.

For an objection filing to be considered, organizations must provide factual information on:

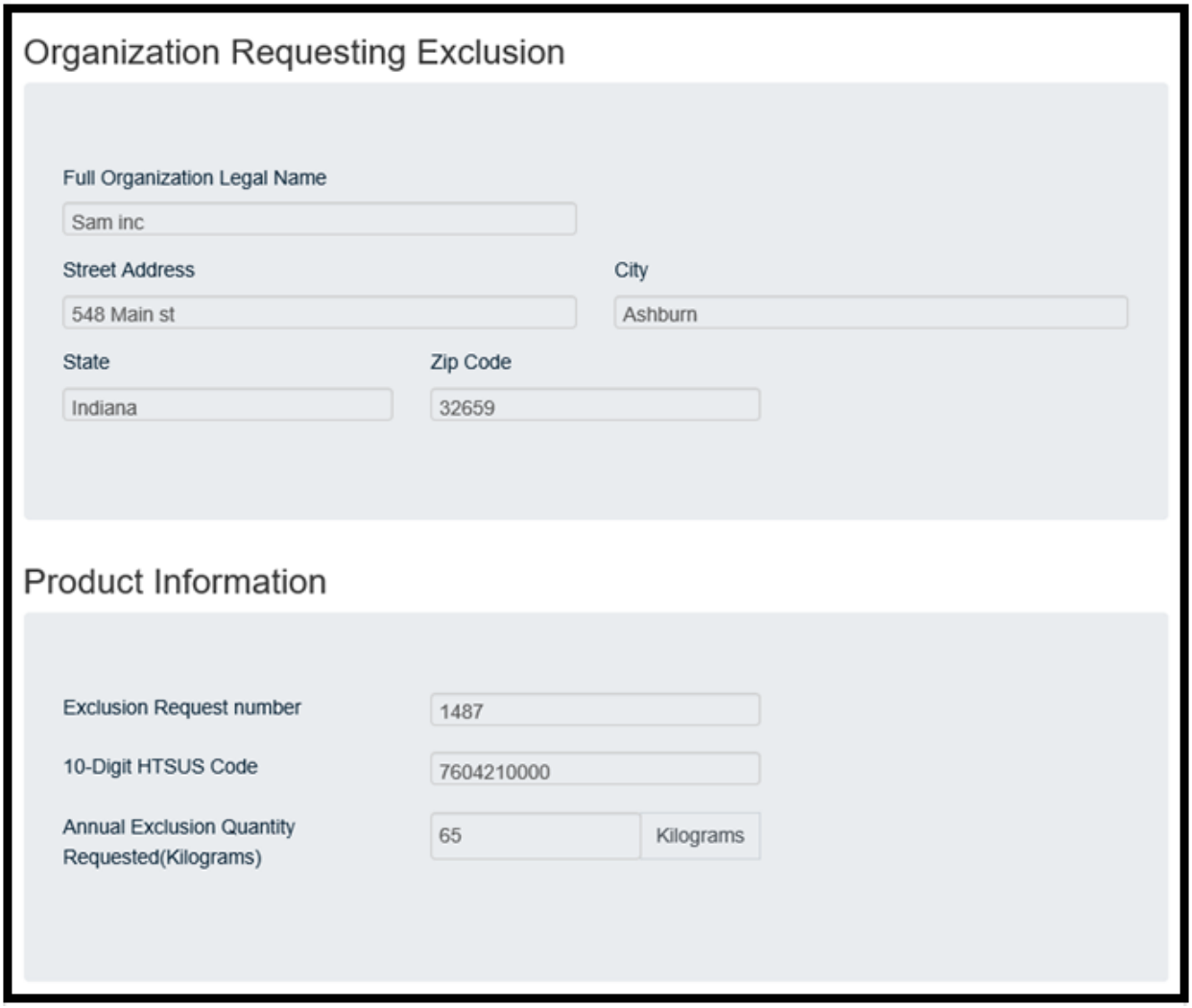
i. the steel or aluminum products that they manufacture in the United States,
ii. the production capabilities at steel or aluminum manufacturing facilities that they operate in the United States
iii. the availability and delivery time of the products that they manufacture relative to the specific steel or aluminum product that is subject to an Exclusion Request.

STEP 1: ENTER ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

The objector (organization) is a required field. All fields with marked with an * are required. For any required field, do not write N/A.



The “Organization Requesting Exclusion” information and “Product Information” are automatically transferred from the original request to the objection filing. The exclusion request identification number corresponds to the specific exclusion request, as does the HTSUS code.



The HTSUS code should correspond to the correct HTSUS number of the product subject to objection. If the objector is filing an objection on the inconsistencies of HTSUS codes, that will be noted in ‘Reasons for Objection’.

*Note the annual exclusion quantity requested is not the same as the average annual consumption. The unit of measurement is in kilograms and cannot be changed.

Select Next and continue to the next section

STEP 2: REASONS FOR OBJECTION

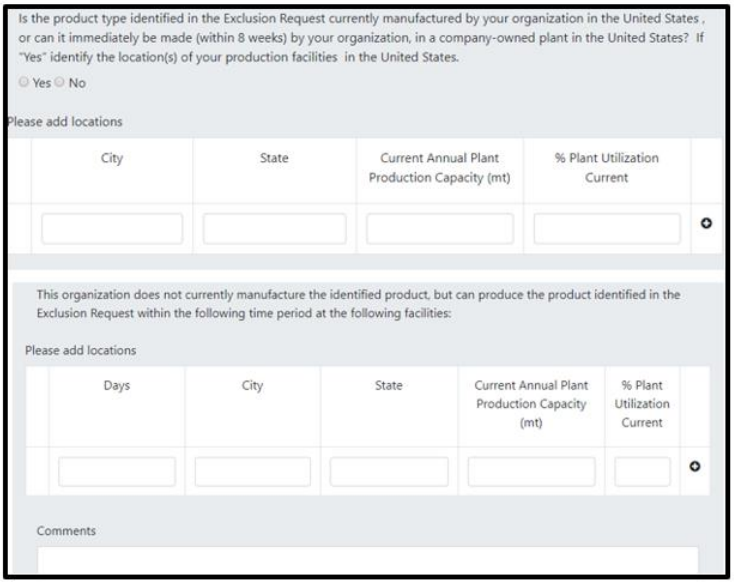
Organizations submitting an objection filing on an Exclusion Request should provide specific information on the product that their company can provide that is comparable to the steel product that is the subject of the Exclusion Request.

This information should include:

i. discussion on the suitability of its product for the application identified by the Exclusion Requestor
ii. a full technical description of the properties of the product it manufactures relative to specifications provided in the Exclusion Request posted on the portal, including information on dimensions, strength, toughness, ductility, surface finish, coatings, and other relevant data.

The objection request should pertain to the following: standard product, special order product, or custom product.

If the identical or substitute product specified in the exclusion request can be domestically manufactured in a period of less than 8 weeks, identify the location, timeframe and plant production information.



Multiple facilities and locations can be added or subtracted by selecting the + or - icon. The format is the same for substitute products.

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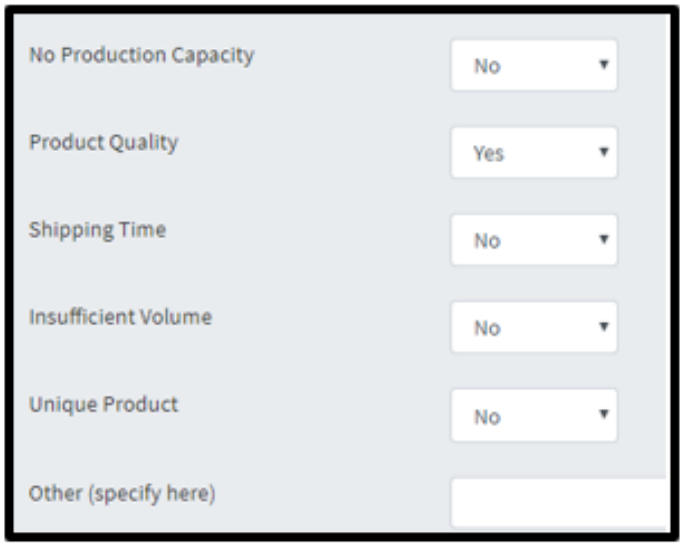
STEP 3: CHALLENGING THE OBJECTION

3a. The reason that the exclusion request is being challenged should be outlined using the following criteria:



Use the comment box to discuss the suitability of your organization's steel product compared to the product identified by the Requestor.

3b. Provide a full technical description of the properties of the product it manufactures relative to specifications cited in the Exclusion Request posted in the portal. Identify the chemical composition of the specific product for which your organization can manufacture at a company-owned production facility in the United States. Numbers may appear rounded, but full values will be stored. The composition should have minimum and maximum values.

Chemical	Aluminum	Antimony	Bismuth	Boron	Carbon
Minimum %	0	0	0	0	0
Maximum %	0	0	0	0	0
	Chromium	Cobalt	Copper	Iron	Lead
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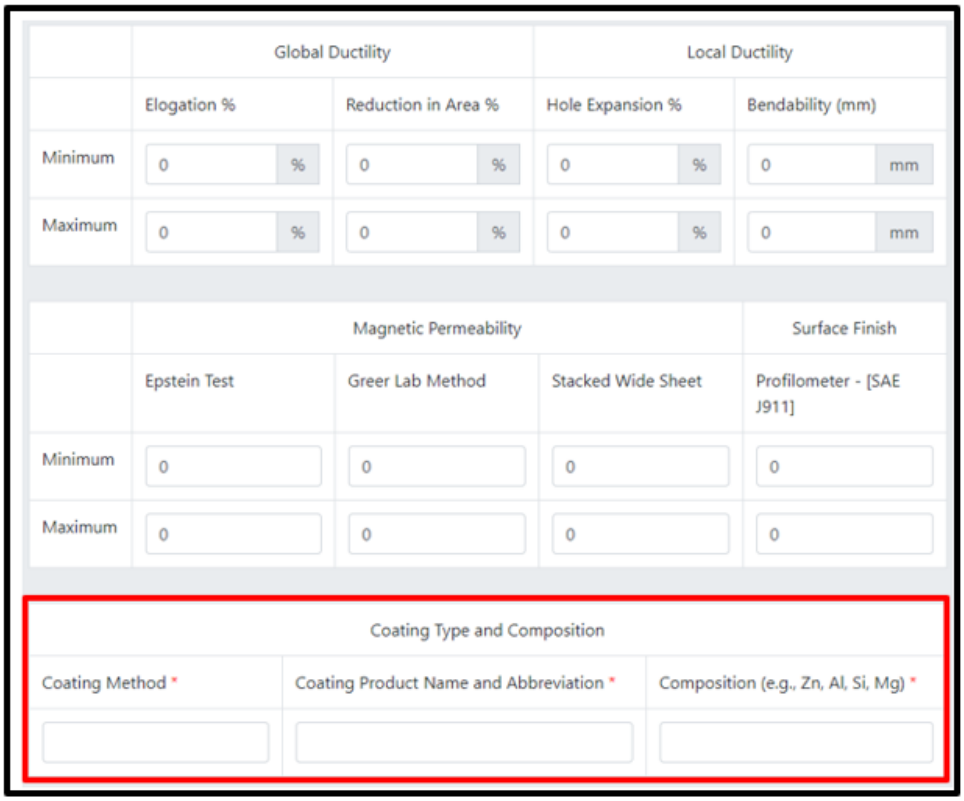
Maximum %	0	0	0	0	0

If the product includes a chemical(s) not listed, use the comment section to provide the name and composition percentages. *Note chemical composition is not proprietary information[13].

3c. Performance data for ductility, magnetic permeability, surface finish should have minimum and maximum values. Coating type and composition values including metal coating process, material type, weight, and thickness are required[14].



*Note if there are any additional methods used, identify them in the comment section. All fields with marked with an * are required. For any required field, do not write N/A

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STEP 4: QUANTITY AND TIME

4a. This section should document the percentage of product that can be covered under the objection request. The available quantity should show that domestic product is available in

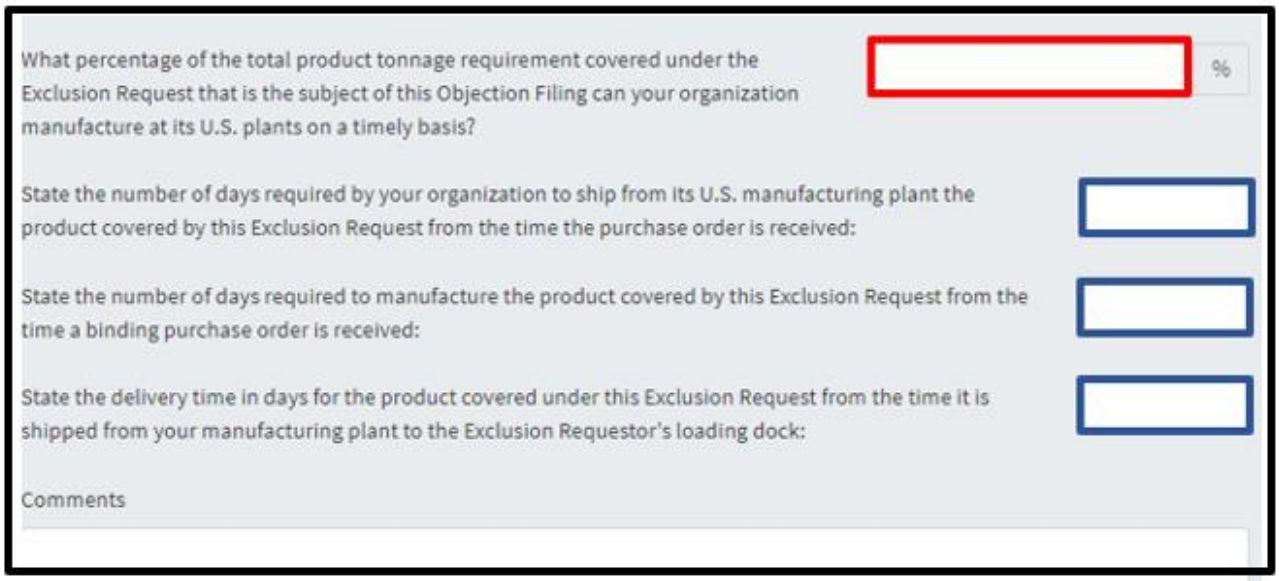
[13] See CBI

[14] Add coating weight and thickness where applicable

sufficient quantity, and/or the objector can produce and supply the percentage of steel product mentioned at the subject of the request.

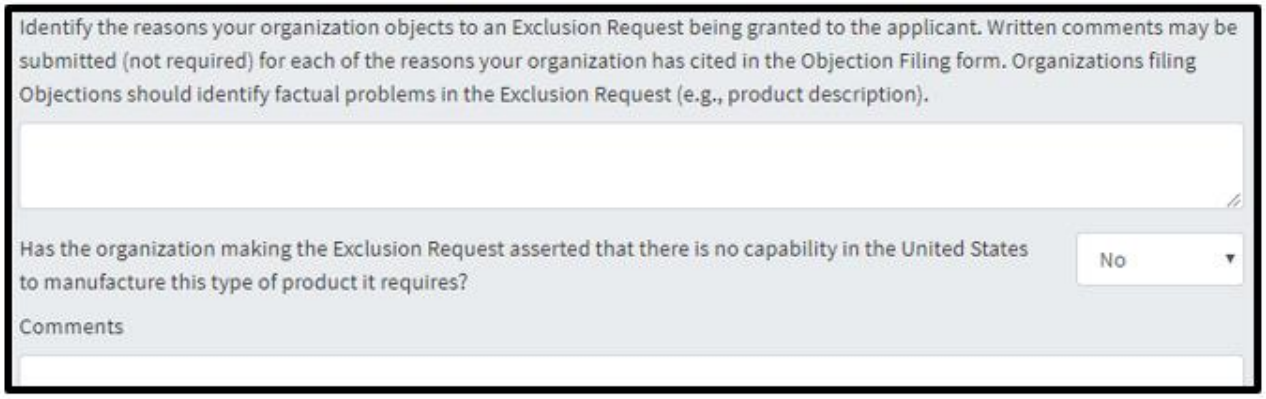
Manufacturing time and delivery time should be detailed to include:

- if the product is made in the U.S. at or can be manufactured at U.S facilities
- if the objector can manufacture the product within the time frame specific to the request
- the time it takes to manufacture the product from the time the purchase order has been completed
- the time it takes to ship the product once manufacturing has been completed
- domestic steel product is available for timely delivery from the time the purchase order is received until the product is ready to ship

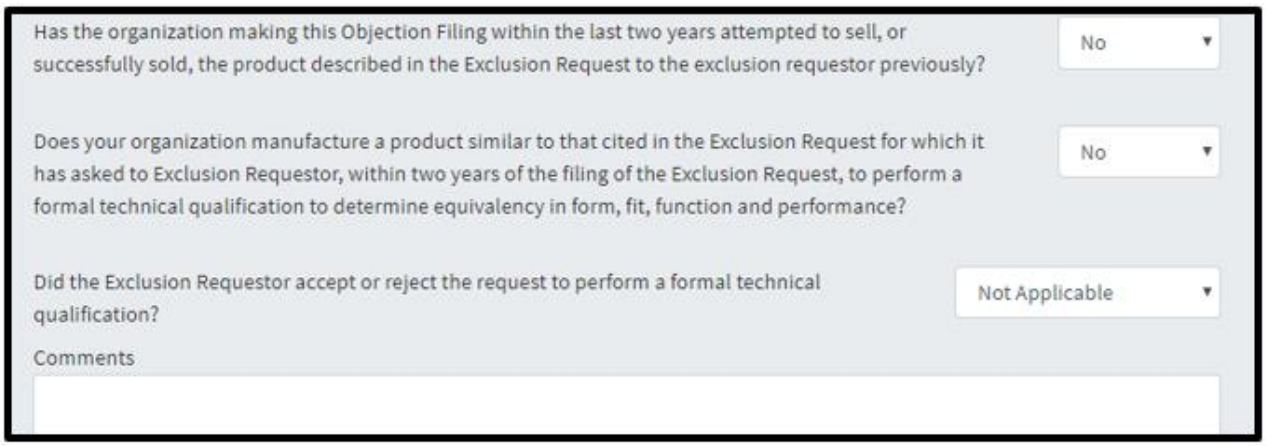


Use the comment section to include any additional details on quantity and manufacturing/delivery time.

4b. The following sections allow the objector to justify the objection request.



4c. If there has been any attempt to purchase or sell the product to the requestor in the last two years, select 'Yes' and detail in the comment section.



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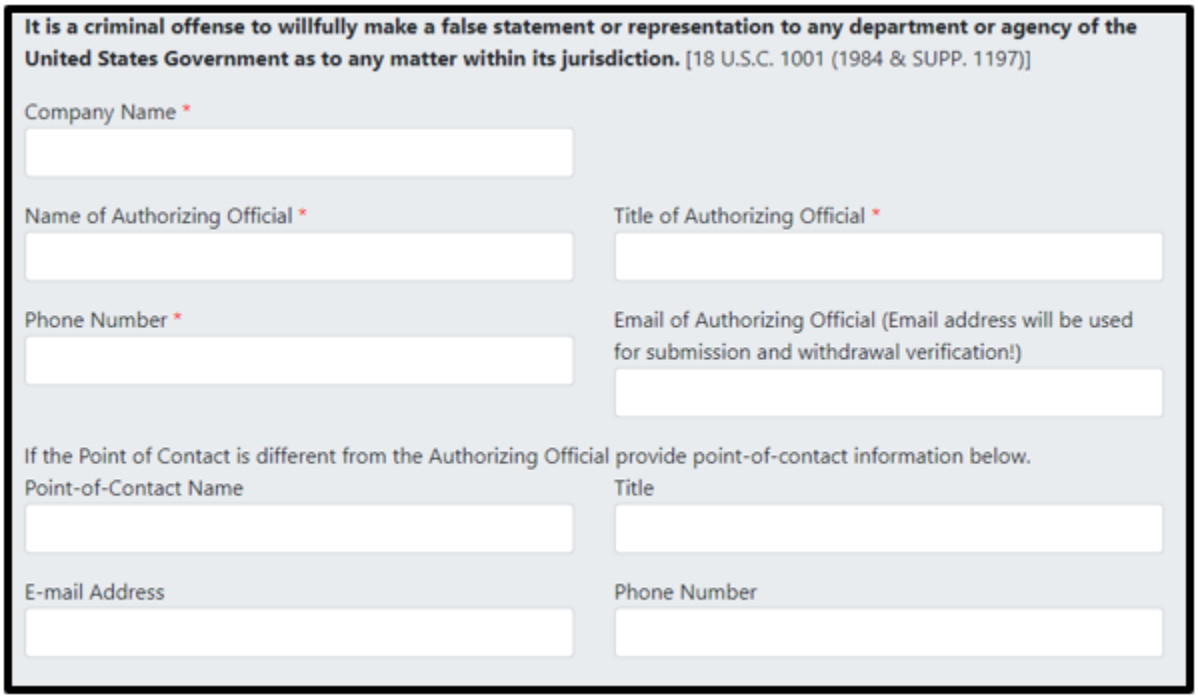

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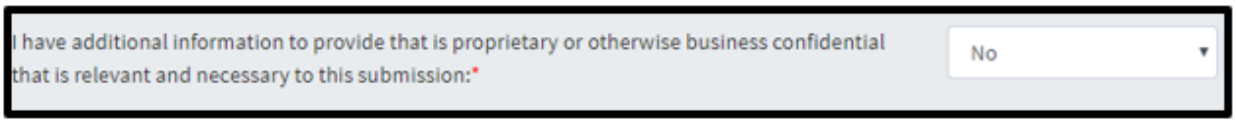
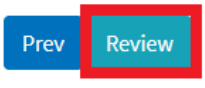


Select 

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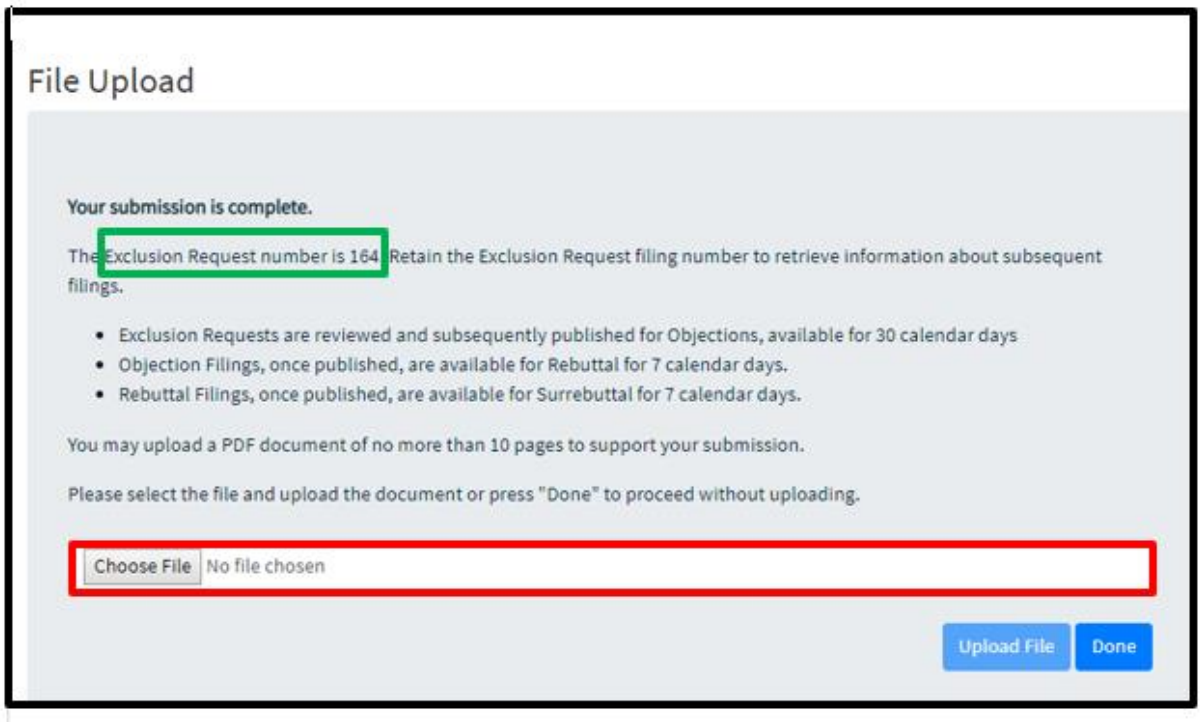

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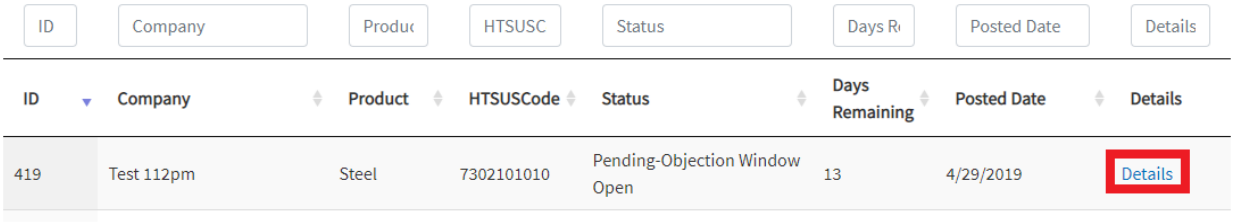

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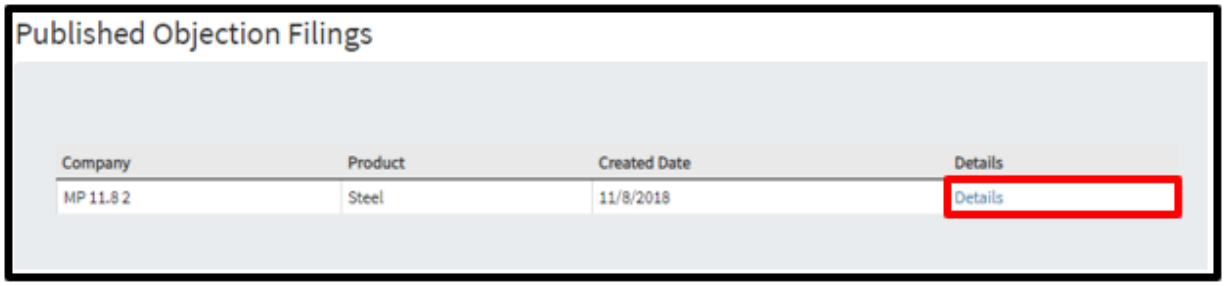
At the end of the submitted request, there is a section 'Published Objection Filings' which will have the posted objection filing. 'Details' will allow users to view the submitted objection filing and submit a rebuttal.



The requestor will have **7 days** to submit their rebuttals to the objection.

All Objections Filings will be reviewed for completeness. Only fully completed Objection filings will be considered and posted for public review.

PRINTING THE OBJECTION FILING

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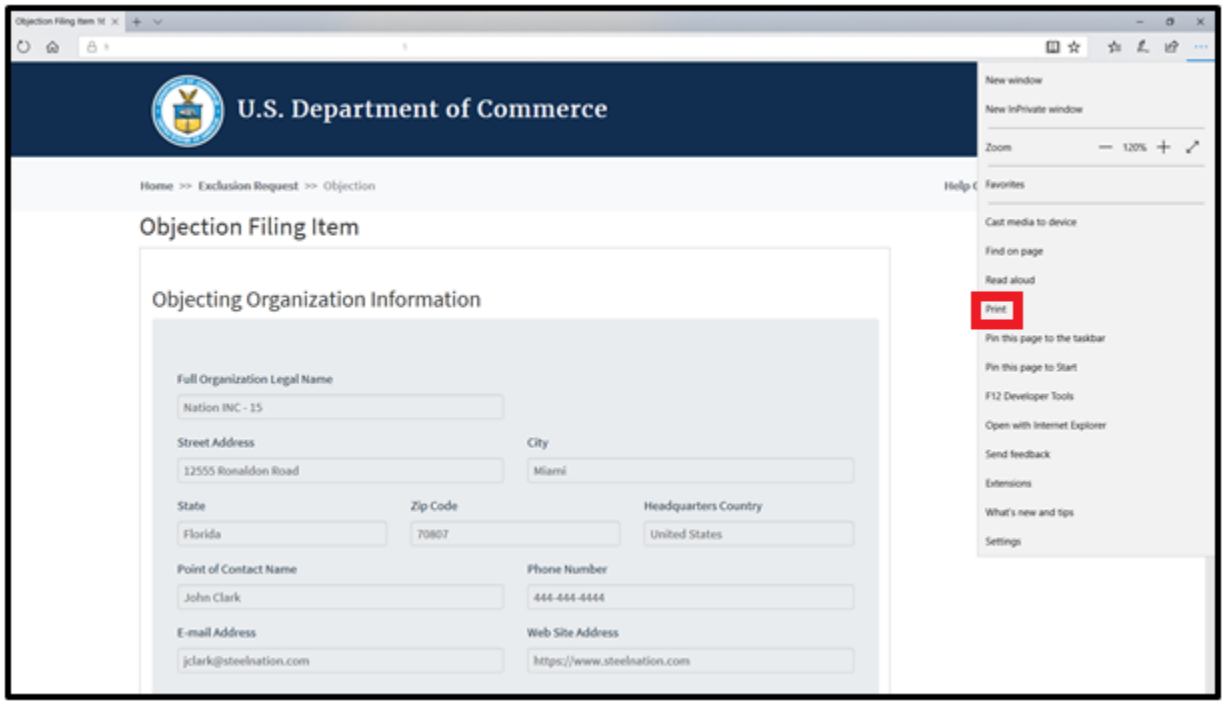

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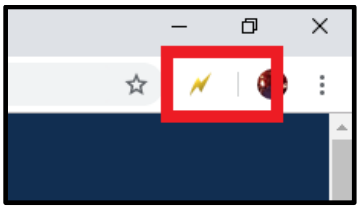

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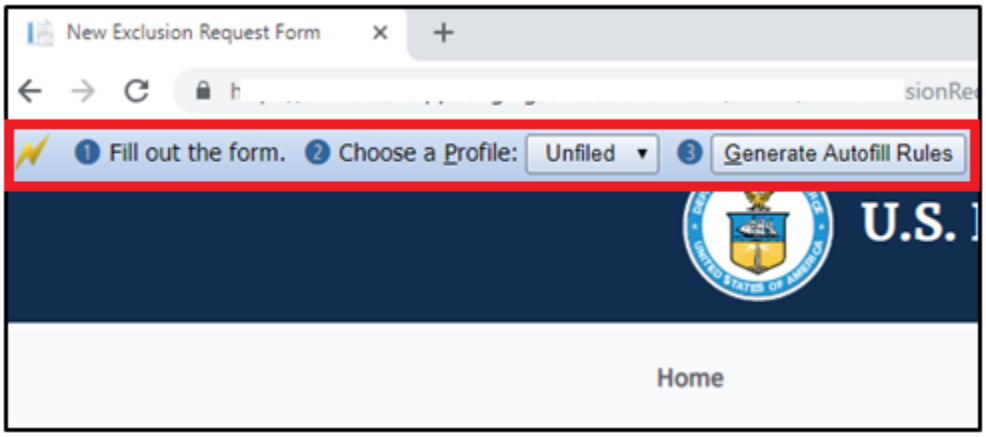
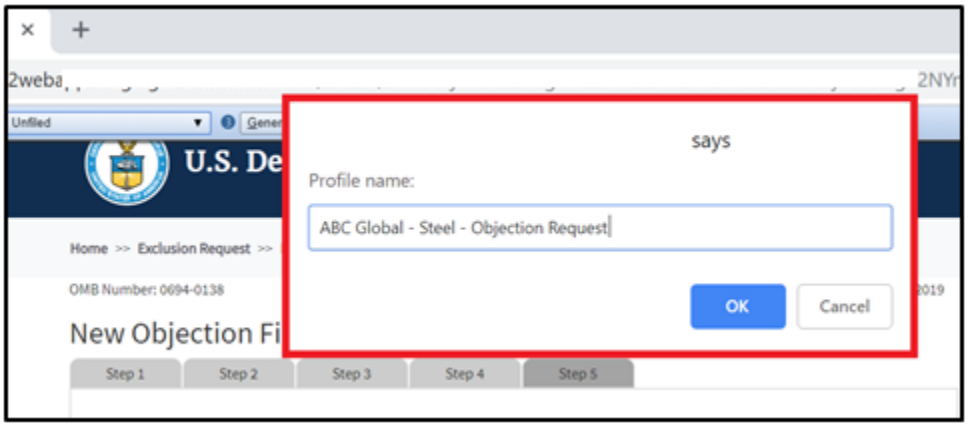


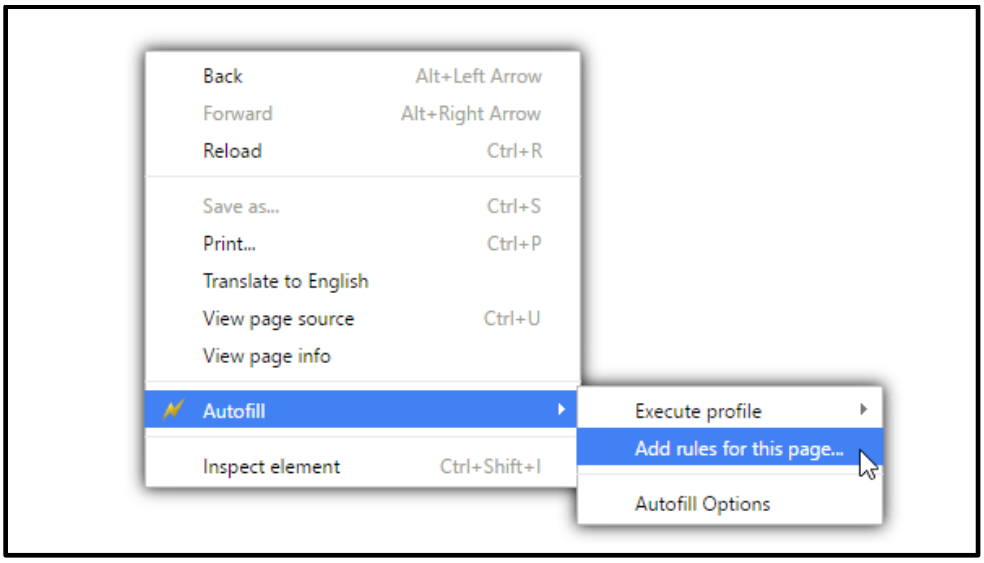
2c. Create a New Profile by selecting 'New' from the dropdown menu on 2) Choose a Profile:

2d. Save New Profile name. For example: "ABC Global – Steel – Objection Request" and click OK.



2e. Click on 'Generate Autofill Rules'. You will see a confirmation message that reads "**Done!"**

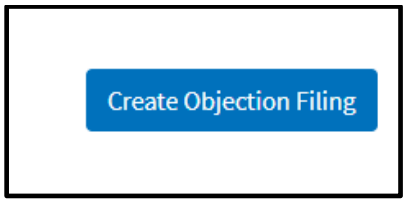
Note: *Alternatively, after you have completed filling out the form you can right-click anywhere at the page, go to Autofill and select "Add rules for this page "then follow the instructions above from 2d. on how to create a New Profile.*



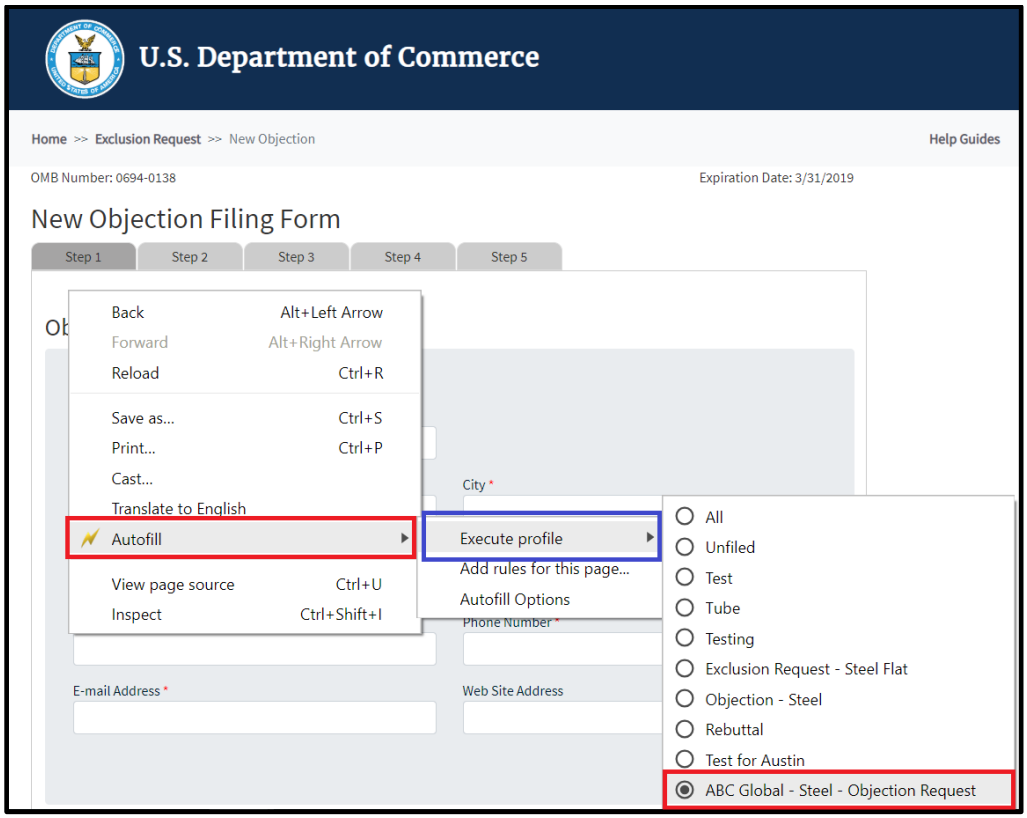
Now that you have created an Autofill Profile, you can use this profile to auto-populate other Exclusion Request forms.

USING AN AUTOFILL PROFILE TO FILL IN OBJECTION FORM FIELDS AUTOMATICALLY

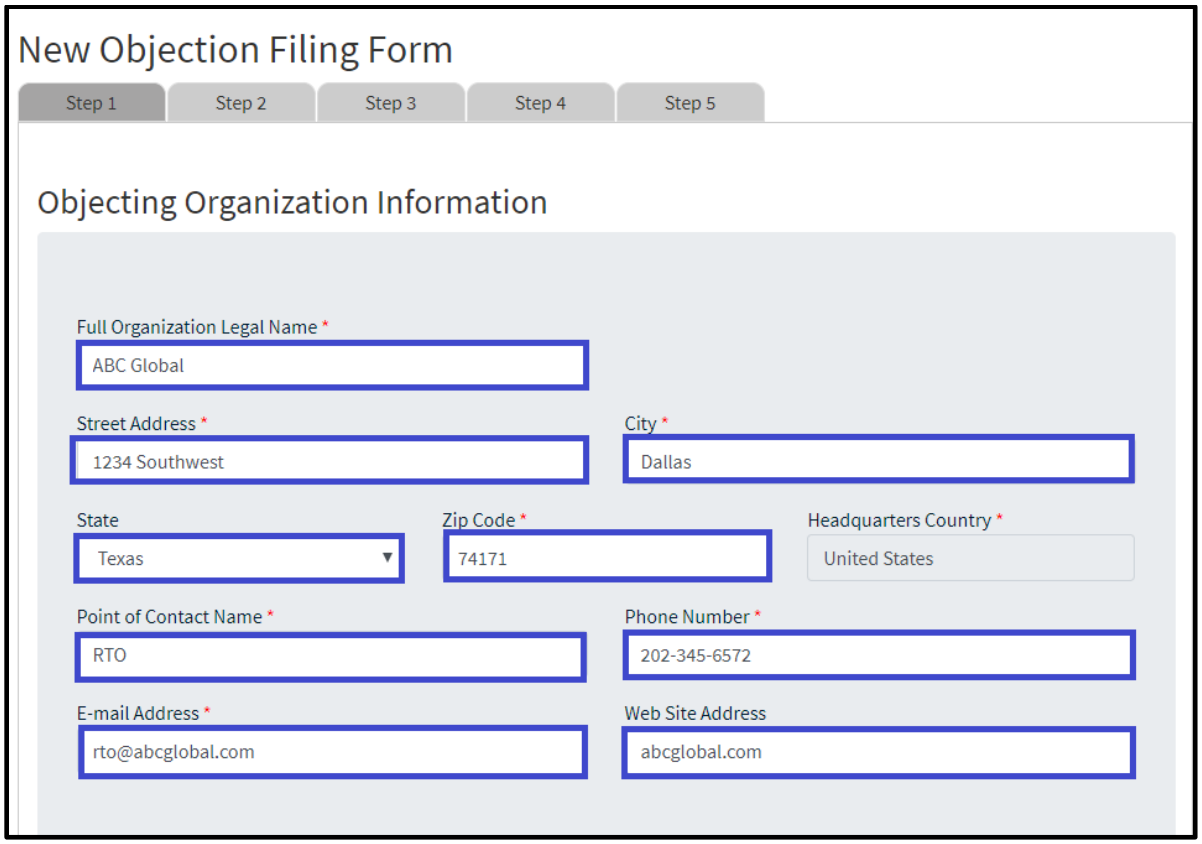
3a. Create a New Objection Filing Form.



3b. Right-click anywhere on the New Objection Filing Form and select 'Autofill', then 'Execute Profile', and select the profile you want to use to autofill the form. For example: "ABC Global – Steel – Objection Request."



The fields on the form will automatically populate with the data from the profile selected:



Step 2 through 5 of the form will be auto-filled too.

REBUTTAL REQUESTS

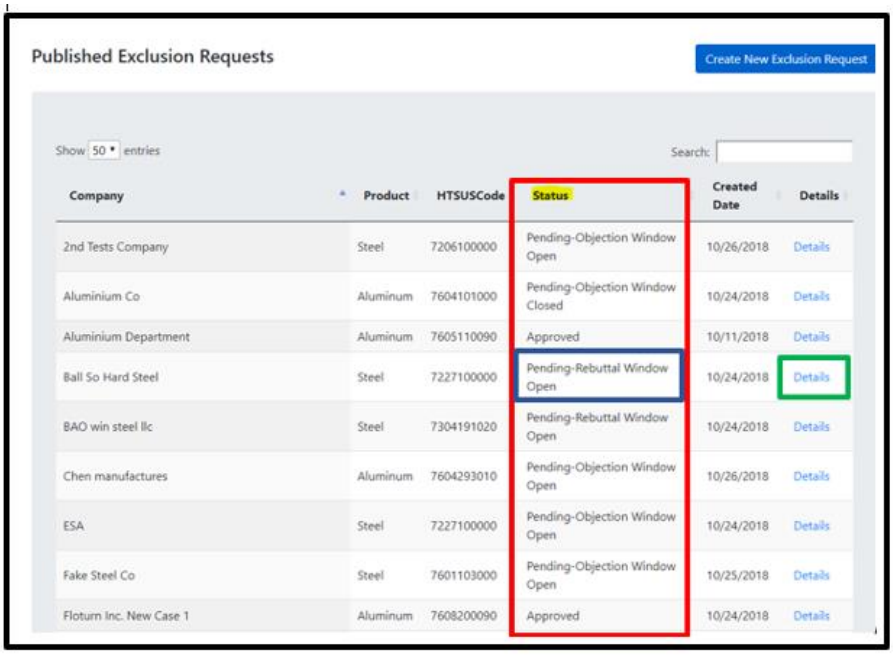
CREATING A REBUTTAL

Rebuttals to objections will be allowed only from individuals or organizations that have submitted an exclusion request. Rebuttal periods will last for **seven (7) days**, and the Commerce Department will open rebuttal periods once it has posted all the complete objections received on an exclusion request.

STEP 1: SEARCH FOR THE OBJECTION

After the objection comment period closes for your exclusion request, use the search box to find the exclusion request[15]. Have the search criteria available to locate the specific exclusion request.

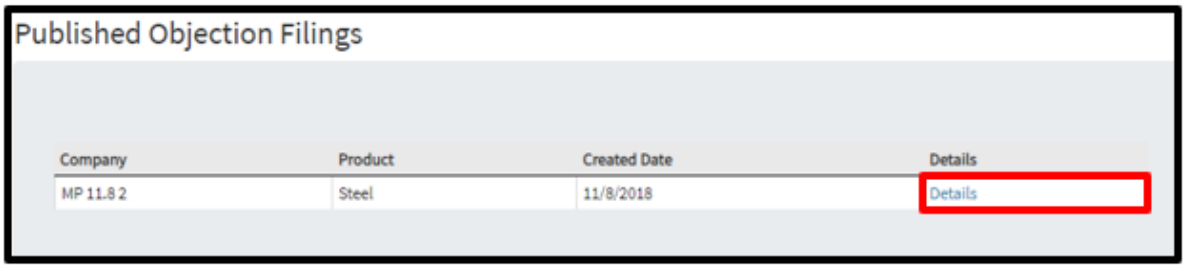
To begin creating the rebuttal objection request, search for the exclusion request using the search box and entering the **EXCLUSION REQUEST NUMBER** – or sorting by criteria, or manually searching for the exclusion request.



[15] As a courtesy, the Commerce Department maintains an Excel spreadsheet available on www.commerce.gov that identifies all rebuttals filed against your objections. Please note, however, that these instructions are not meant to be considered binding and are only suggested guidance. While this spreadsheet is updated daily, parties should rely on the documents from www.regulatons.gov to identify the universe of exclusion requests, objections, and comments.

On the home screen, enter the Company in the search box and then under status ‘Pending-Rebuttal Window Open’ should be shown.

To the right on the same row, ‘Details’ will allow users to view the original exclusion request and view the objection.



At the bottom of the submitted request, there is a section ‘Published Objection Filings’ which will have the submitted objection request. ‘Details’ will allow users to view the submitted objection request and submit a rebuttal.

Scroll to the bottom of the objection request to the attachment section and select ‘Create Objection Rebuttal’.

STEP 2: ENTER REBUTTING ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

2a. The rebutting organization would be the requestors of the original exclusion request and should match previously submitted information. The requesting organization is a required field.

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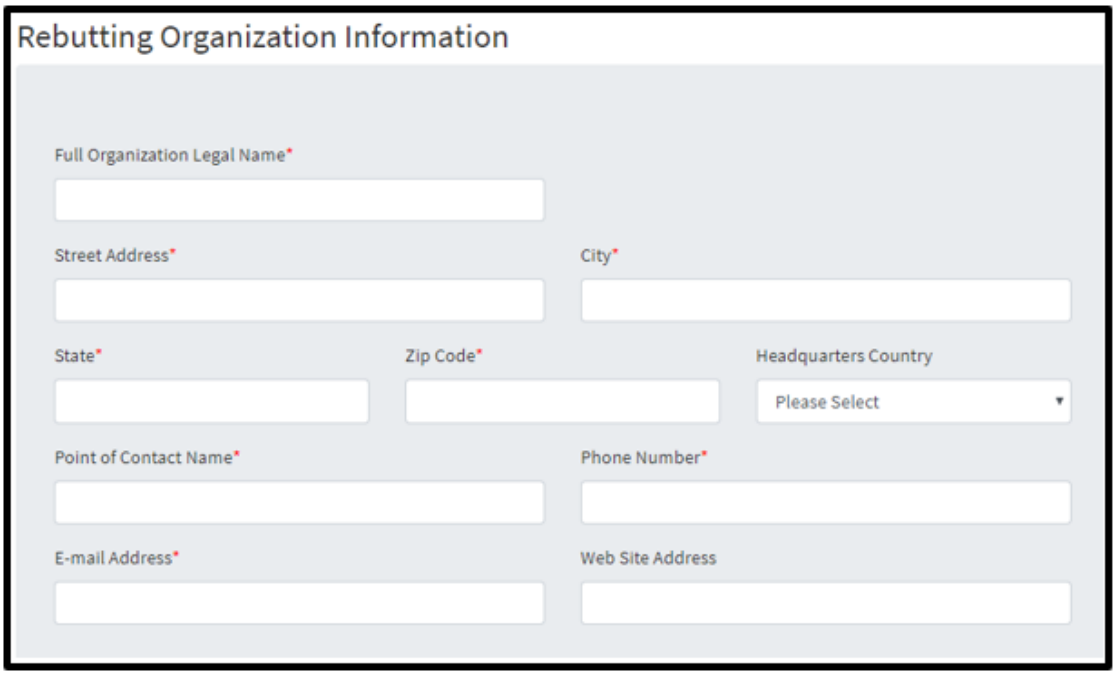
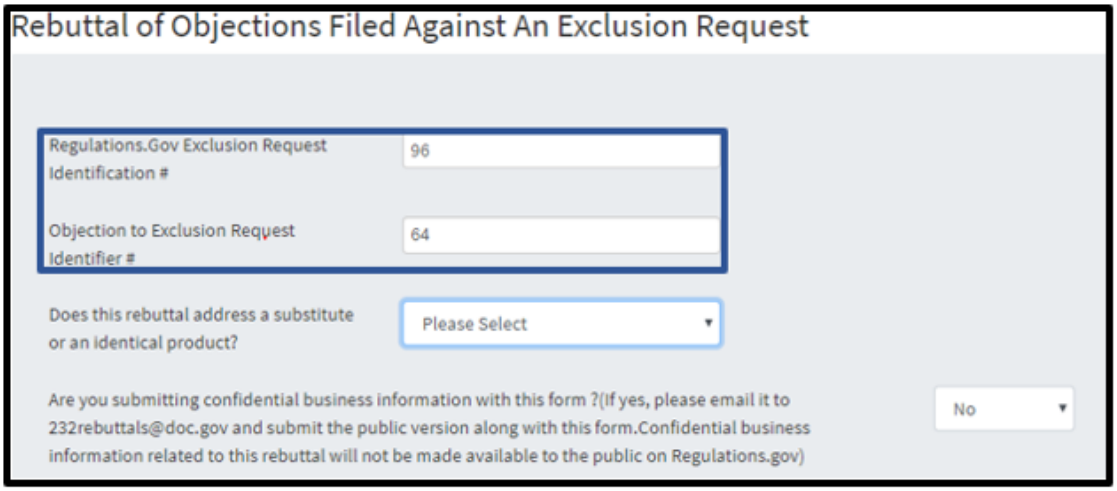


2b. The rebuttal form will include the request identification number and the objection to the exclusion request number. These identification numbers can be used in the search feature.



*Note the exclusion request identification # (Page 38) and the objection to the exclusion request identifier # (Page 48). These are unique identifiers that can be used to search for the related cases and can be used to create rebuttals and surrebuttals.

The rebuttal request should pertain to a substitute product or identical product.

To include CBI information with the rebuttal request, see CBI.

2c. The basis of the rebuttal should challenge the objector's ability to:

i. make the substitute/identical product in a reasonable amount of time
ii. manufacture a product that is of sufficient quality standards as mentioned in the original exclusion request
iii. can supply the requested amount as specified in exclusion request
iv. can deliver the product from the manufacturing facility to its destination in a timely manner

If the rebuttal is challenging manufacturing time, quality, available quantity, and/or delivery time, select 'Yes' and continue to Step 3.

If the rebuttal is challenging the objector on the basis other than the above factors, explain the rebuttal basis under 'Other' and provide the rebuttal basis in detail in Step 3.

Select Next and continue to the next section.

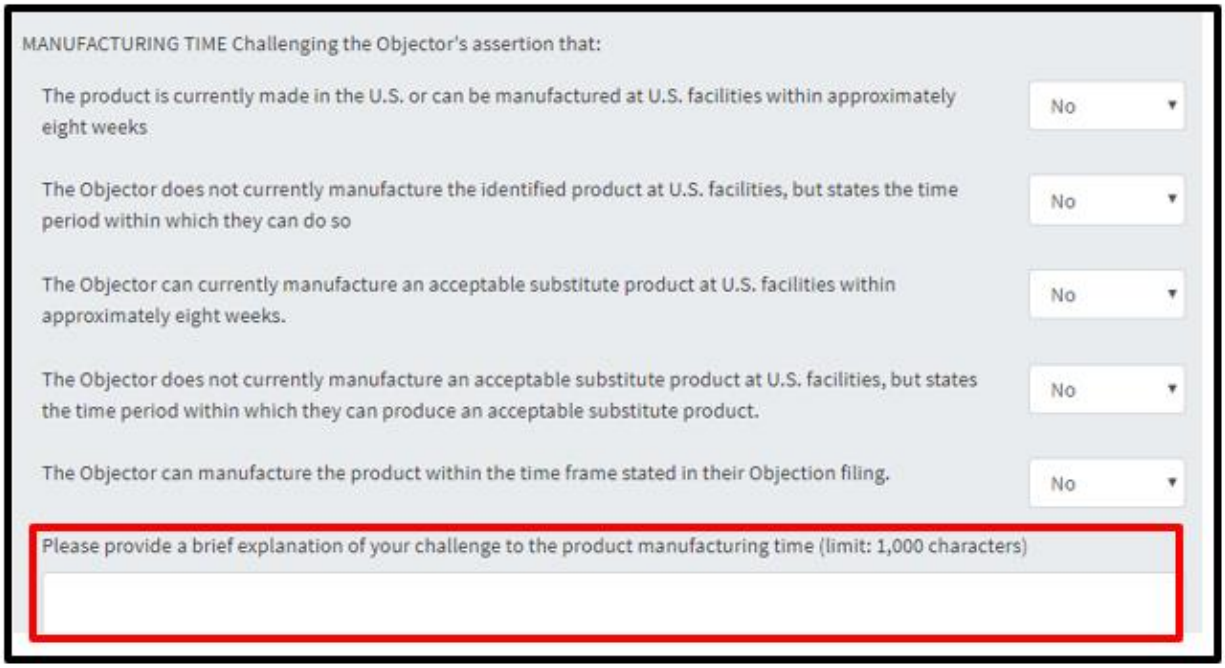
STEP 3: BASIS FOR REBUTTAL OF OBJECTION FILINGS

The rebutters will have the ability to identify the specific challenge they are refuting. Each section manufacturing time, quality, available quantity, and delivery time must have ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ responses.

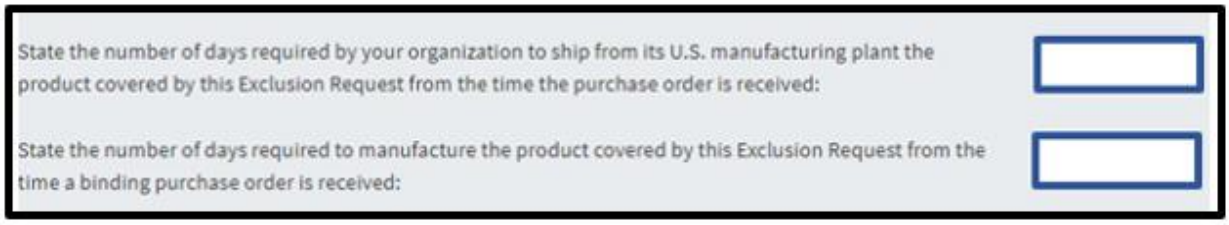
Example: If ‘Yes’ is selected under ‘Manufacturing Time’, the corresponding section ‘Manufacturing Time challenging the objector’s assertion that’ must have one of its subcategories with an answer of ‘Yes’.

If a ‘Yes’ answer for the statement is selected, you must provide your reasoning to why the point(s) are invalid for each statement and section.

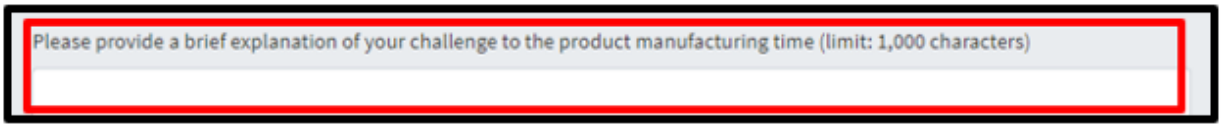
If the product cannot be made in a suffienct time frame, select ‘Yes’ to appropriate claim and provide reasoning in the comment section.



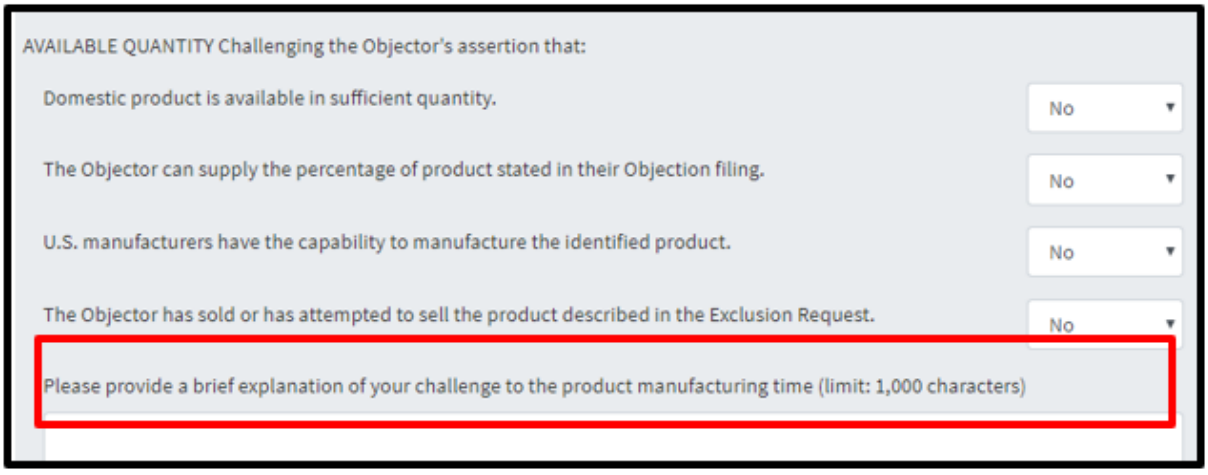
Manufacturing time in the objection may be found in the spaces below, but not limited to comment or other documents throughout the objection.



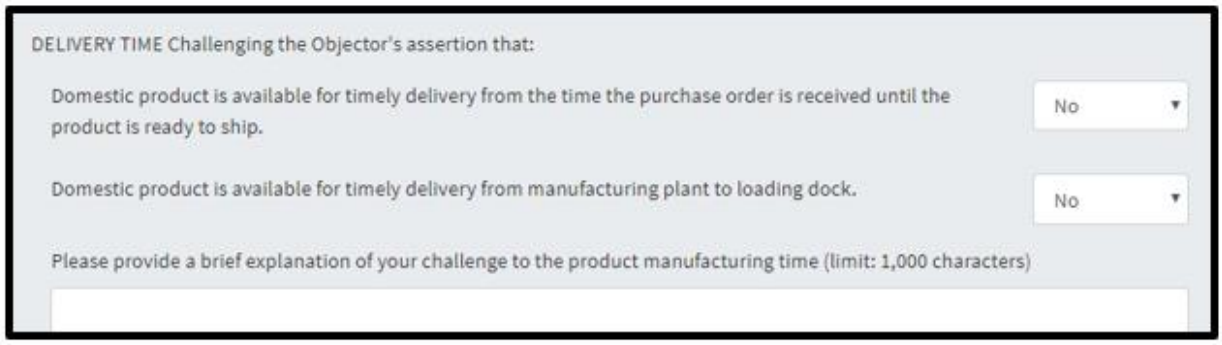
If a product in the objection request is not of identical, substitute, or adequate (interchangeable) quality, under the quality factor, select 'Yes' and provide a detailed description on why the product does not meet quality requirements.



If the quantity in the objection is not a sufficient amount necessary to meet the capacity as mentioned in the exclusion request, select 'Yes' where appropriate and detail the reasoning in the comment section.



If the product at the subject of the request cannot be delivered in a timely manner, select 'Yes' where appropriate and detail the reasoning in the comment section.



Delivery time in the objection may be found in the space below, but not limited to comment or other documents throughout the objection.

Select and continue to the next section.

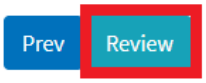
SUBMITTING THE REBUTTAL FILING

STEP 4: CERTIFICATION

This rebuttal objection must be signed by an organization official specifically authorized to certify the document as being accurate and complete.

The organization information must match the organization submitting the rebuttal request.

The undersigned certifies that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of his/her knowledge. All fields with marked with an * are required. For any required field, do not write N/A.

Select 

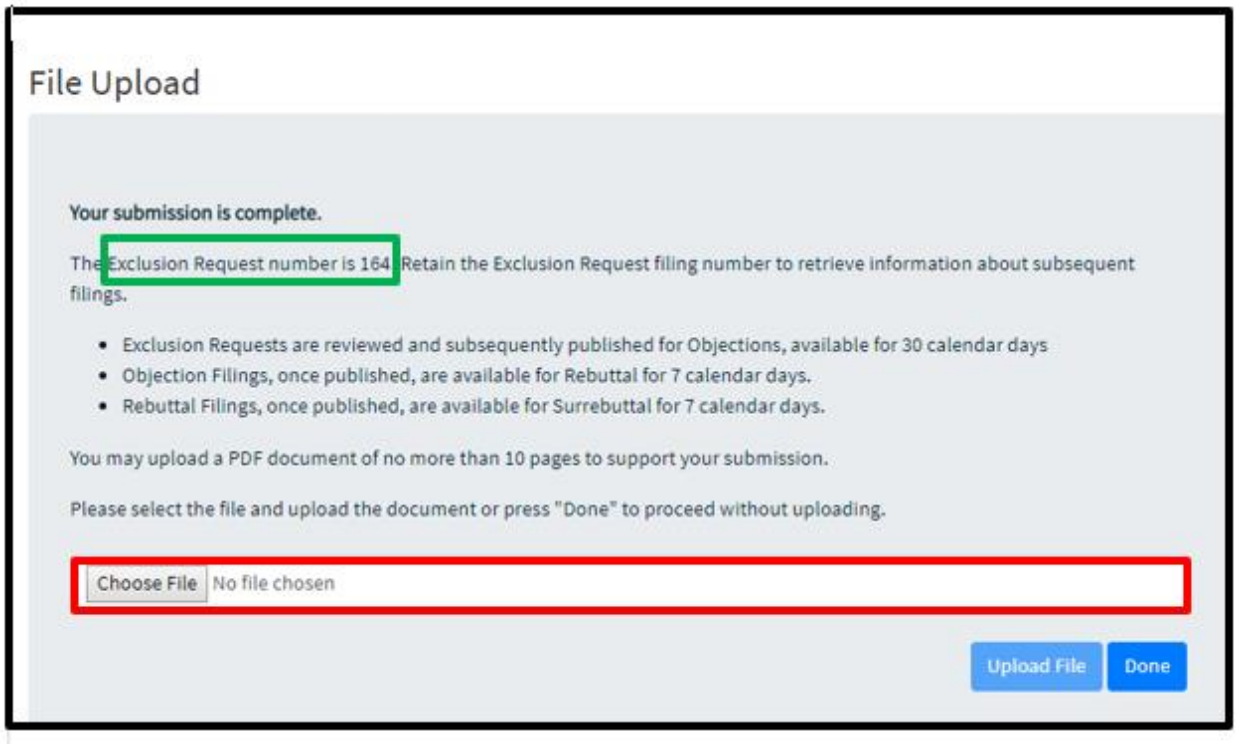
After selecting 'Review', a final check will be conducted on your filing to ensure all required fields have been correctly filled. If any required fields have been left blank or are incorrectly filled, a red exclamation point will appear, showing which section requires corrections. Once all required fields are completed, and 'Review" is selected, an additional screen will appear, allowing users to print a copy of their submission for their records.

To submit the request, select

After, an additional screen will appear, indicating the **Objection Rebuttal number**. This number will allow you to search for the specific filing and allow surrebutters to find and respond to the rebuttal. Please retain this number for your records.

To upload supporting documents to the **rebuttal** request, it must be in the form of a PDF. Select 'Choose File', Click on the documents you wish to upload from your folder and select 'Ok'. Once it appears in the file bar, select 'Upload File' then select 'Done'. (Note: for CBI information with the rebuttal request, see CBI.)

If you do not wish to upload a document, select 'Done'.

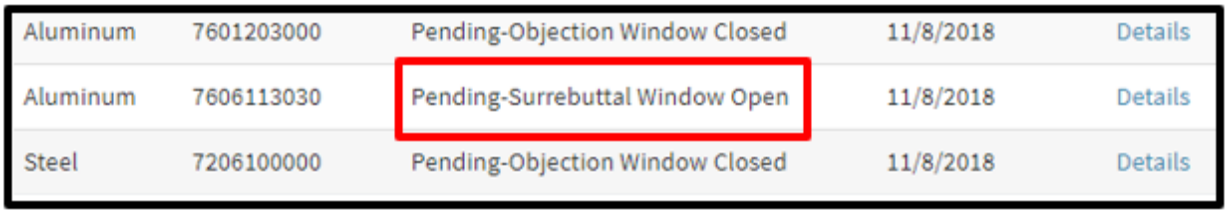


CONFIRMATION

Once the objection rebuttal has been submitted, it enters a pending period for review, and once posted, gives surrebutters the opportunity to rebut the objection rebuttal.

After submission, the objection rebuttal can be found under 'My Dashboard' by the user that submitted the objection.

Once posted, the objection rebuttal will appear in the details of the exclusion request and objection filing it is linked to. On the homepage, to the right on the same row of an exclusion request ID, 'Details' will allow users to view the posted exclusion requests and see any posted objections and objection rebuttals.



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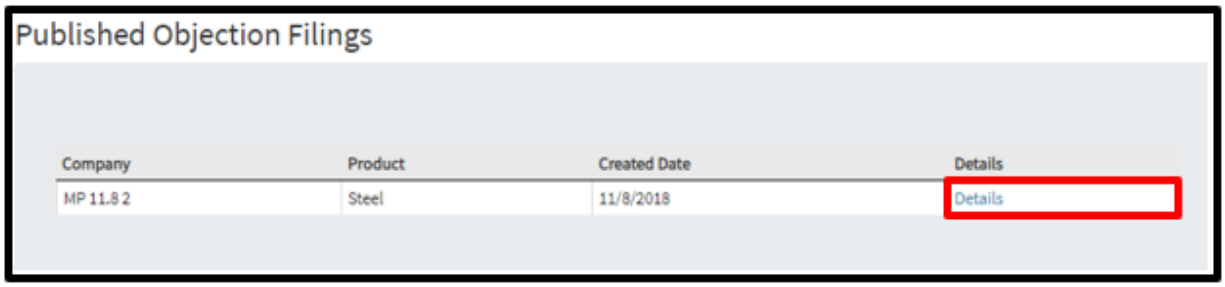
Aluminum	7606113030	Pending-Surrebuttal Window Open	11/8/2018	Details
Steel	7206100000	Pending-Objection Window Closed	11/8/2018	Details

At the end of the submitted request, there is a section 'Published Objection Filings' which will have the posted objection filing and posted objection rebuttal. 'Details' will allow users to view the posted objection filing, posted objection rebuttal, and submit a surrebuttal.



The surrebutters will have **seven (7) days** to submit their surrebuttals to the objection rebuttal.

All rebuttal filings will be reviewed for completeness. Only fully completed objection rebuttal filings will be considered and posted for public review.

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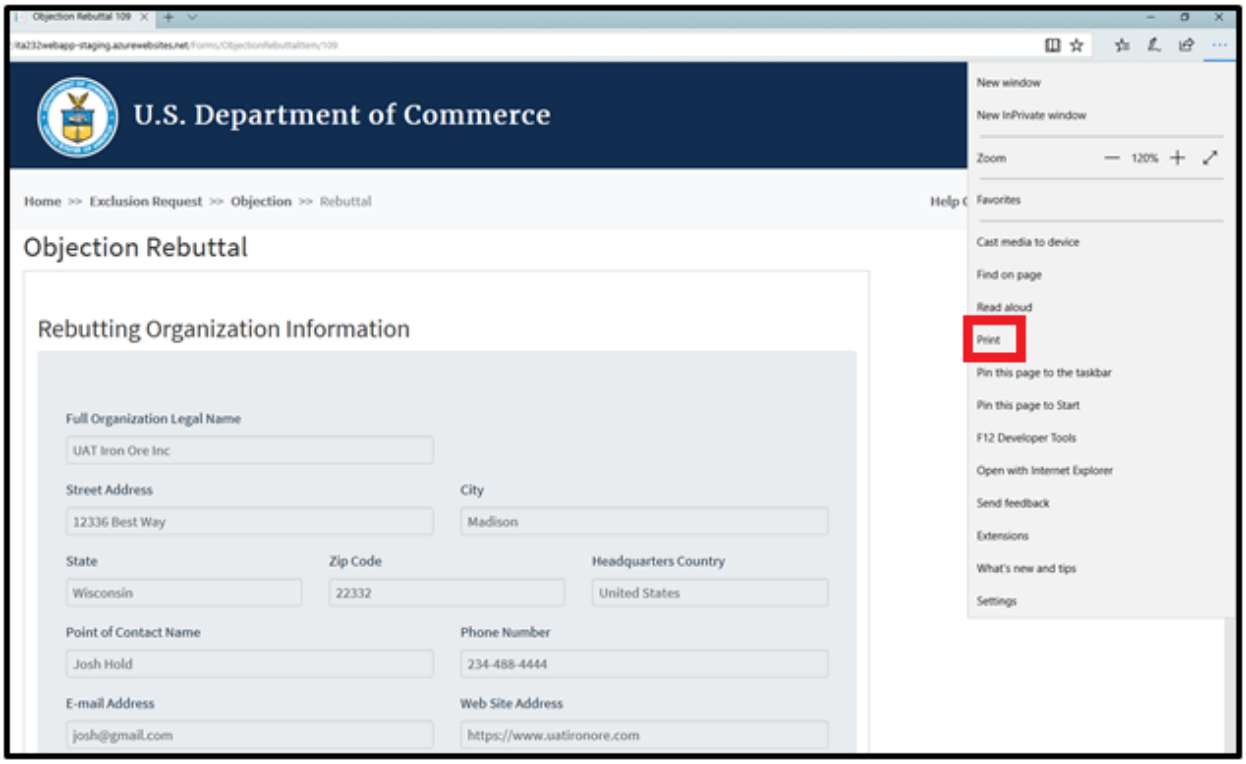

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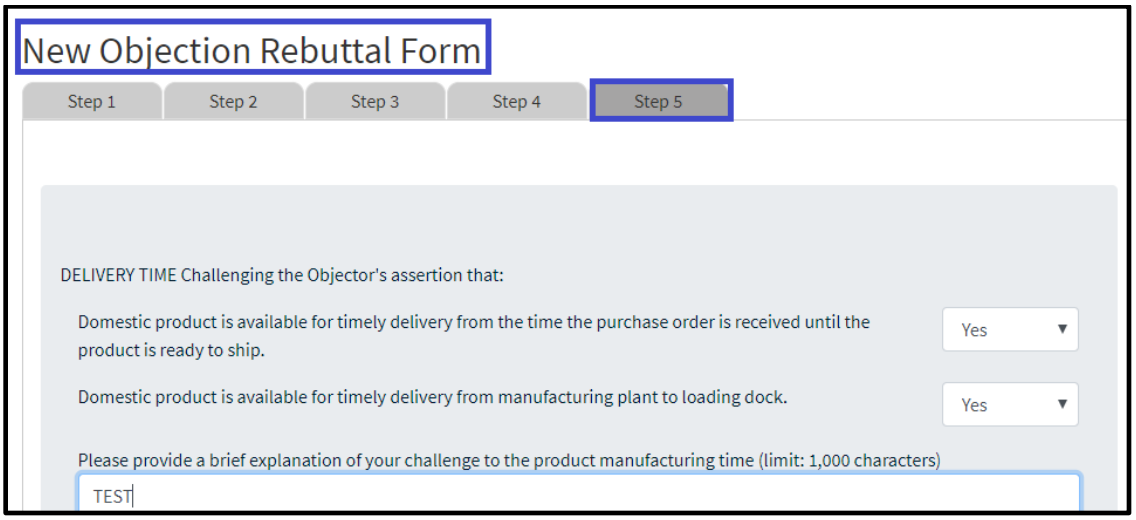
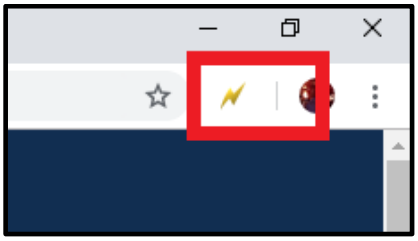


2a. Once you have completed Steps 1-5 of the Objection Rebuttal form, Click on the 'Autofill' logo on the Chrome menu, located on the right-hand upper corner of your browser.



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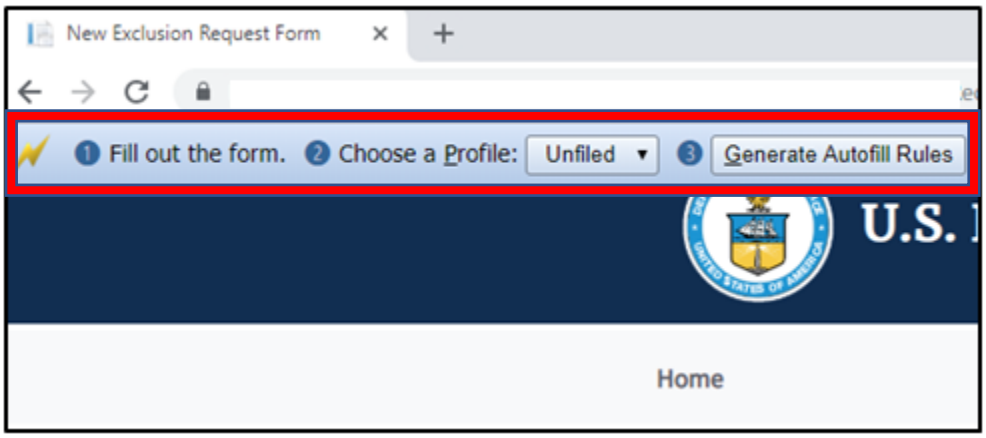
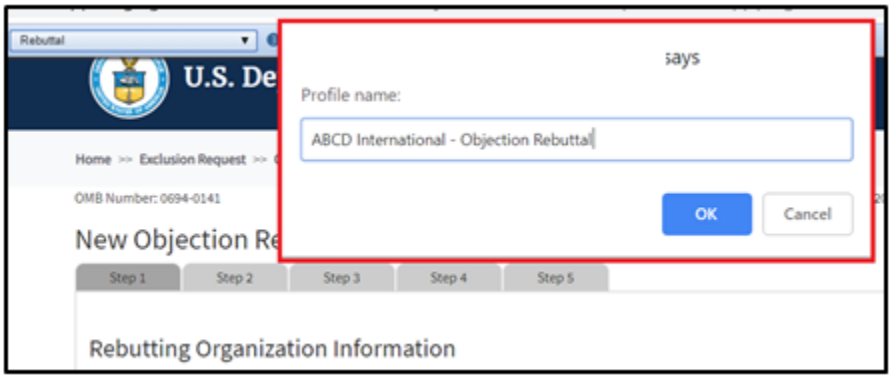


2c. Create a New Profile by selecting 'New' from the dropdown menu on 2) Choose a Profile:

2d. Save New Profile name. For example: "ABCD International – Objection Rebuttal" and click OK.



2e. Click on 'Generate Autofill Rules'. You will see a confirmation message that reads "**Done!"**

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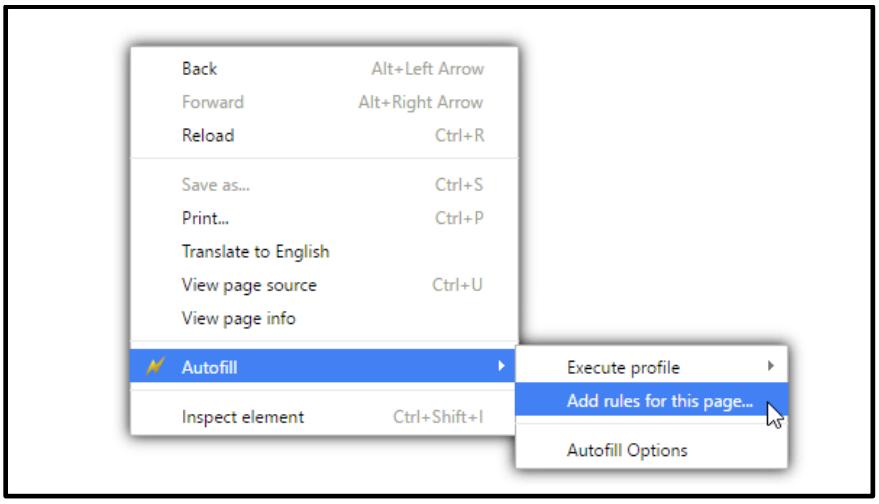

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Step 1: Create a New Objection Filing Form.

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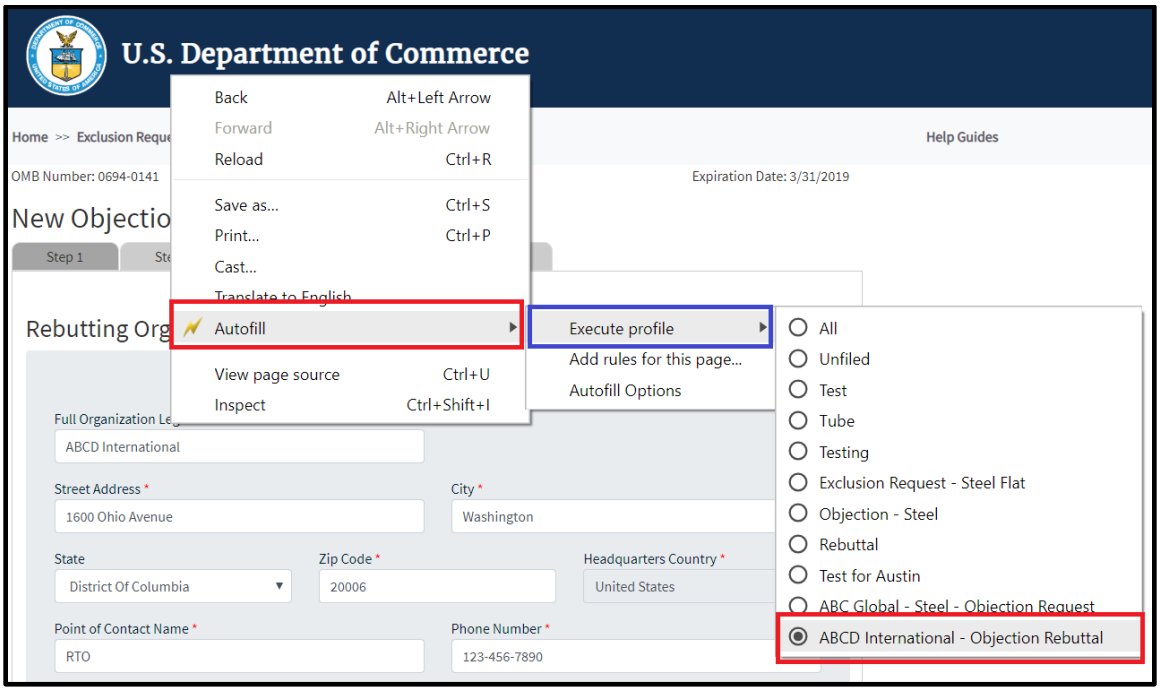

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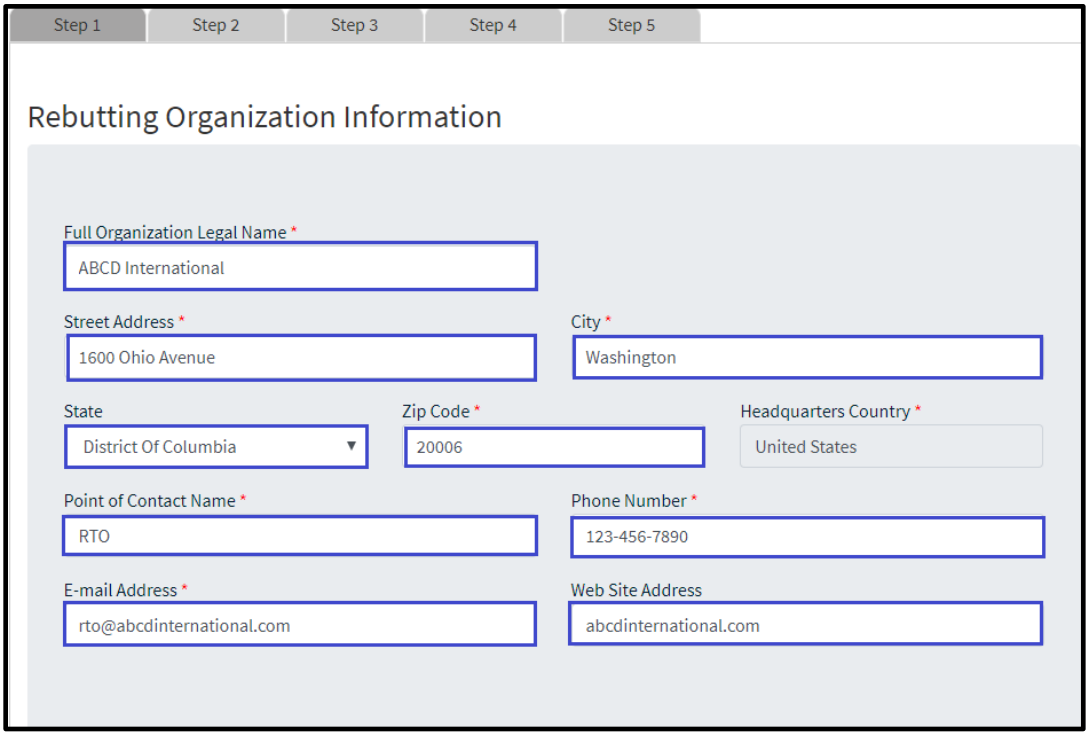

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SURREBUTTAL REQUESTS

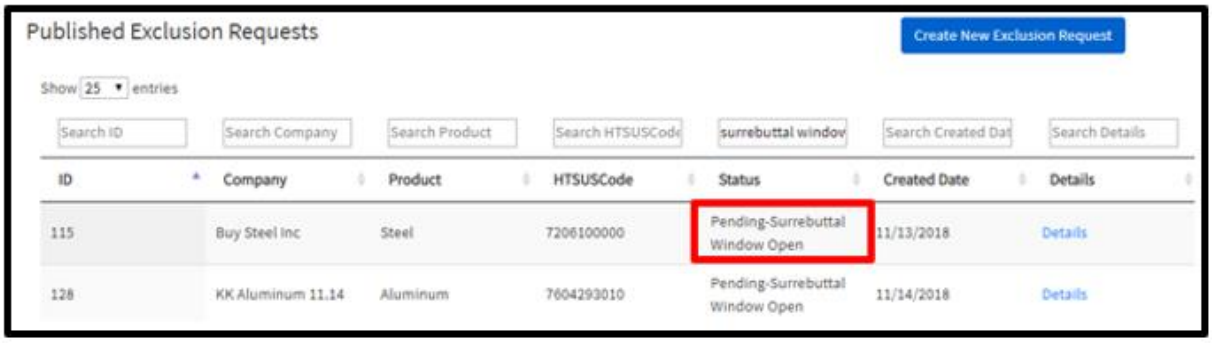
CREATING A SURREBUTTAL

SURREBUTTALS TO REBUTTALS WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY FROM INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE SUBMITTED AN OBJECTION REQUEST. SURREBUTTAL PERIODS WILL LAST FOR SEVEN DAYS, AND THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT WILL OPEN SURREBUTTAL PERIODS ONCE IT HAS POSTED ALL THE COMPLETED REBUTTALS RECEIVED ON AN EXCLUSION REQUEST.

STEP 1: SEARCH FOR THE REBUTTAL

After the objection comment period closes for the rebuttal, use the search box to find the exclusion request that pertains to the rebuttal you want to surrebut. Have the search criteria available to locate the specific exclusion request.

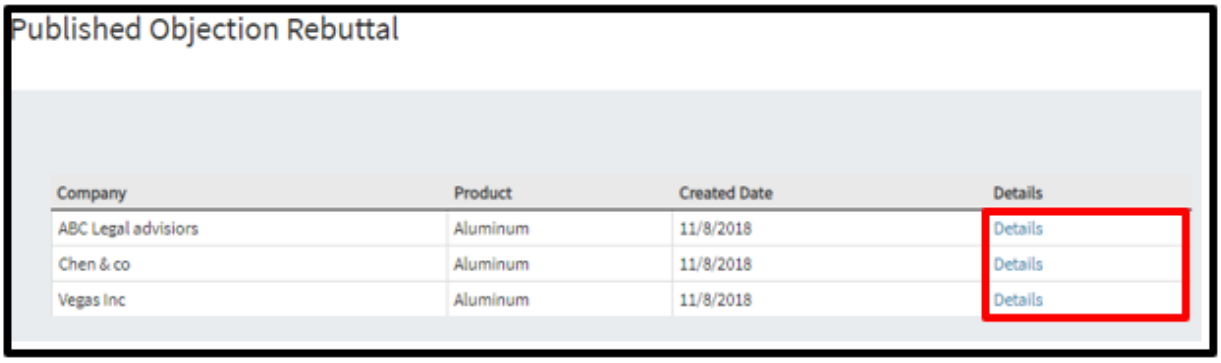
To begin creating the surrebuttal, search for the exclusion request using the search box and entering the **EXCLUSION REQUEST NUMBER** – or sorting by criteria, or manually searching for the exclusion request.



On the home screen, enter the Company in the search box and then under status 'Pending-Surrebuttal Window Open' should be shown.

To the right on the same row, 'Details' will allow users to view the original exclusion request view the objection.

*Note the search criteria can include the exclusion request number, the objection to the exclusion request identifier, as well as company criteria:



At the bottom of the submitted request, there is a section 'Published Objection Filings' which will have the submitted objection request. 'Details' will allow users to view the submitted objection request, the submitted rebuttal and submit a surrebuttal.

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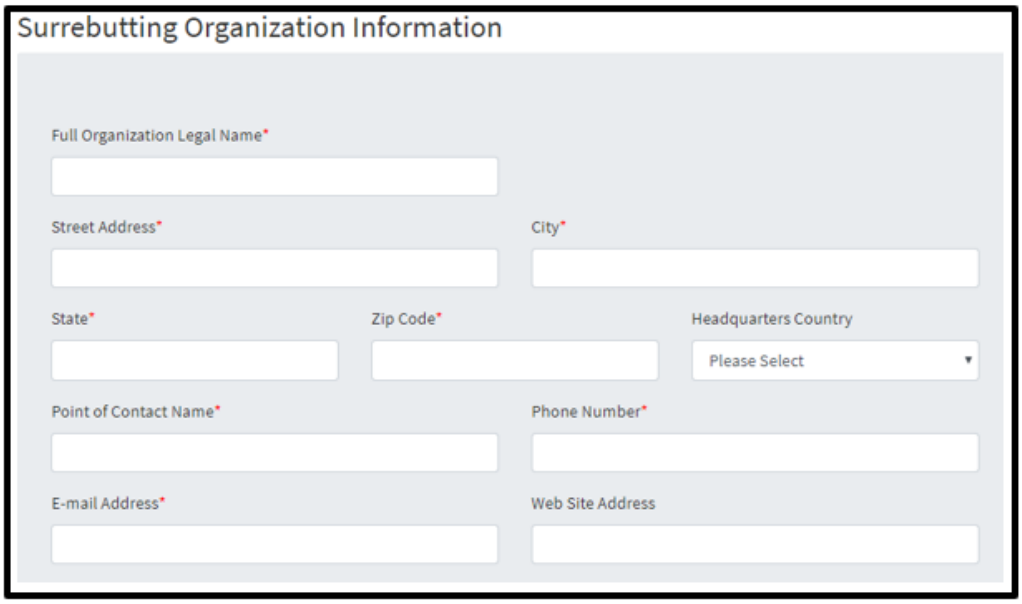


2b. The surrebuttal form will include the exclusion request identification number and the objection to the exclusion request number. These identification numbers can be used in the search feature.

*Note the exclusion request identification # (Page 38) and the objection to the exclusion request identifier # (Page 48). These are unique identifiers that can be used to search for the related cases and can be used to create rebuttals and surrebuttals.

The surrebuttal request should pertain to a substitute product or identical product.

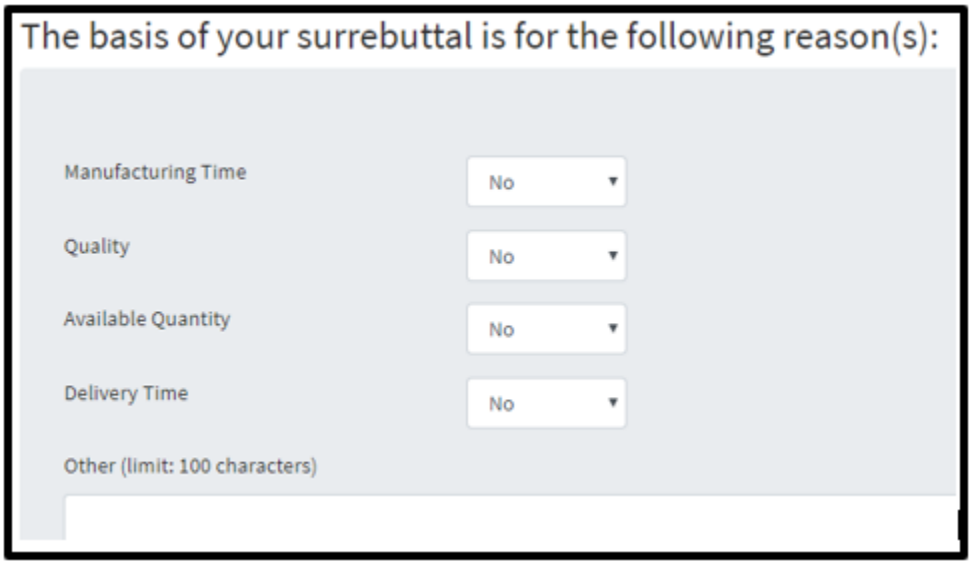
To include CBI information with the surrebuttal, see CBI.

2c. The basis of the surrebuttal should challenge the rebutter's ability to:

i. make the substitute/identical product in a reasonable amount of time
ii. manufacture a product that is of sufficient quality standards as mentioned in the original exclusion request
iii. can supply the requested amount as specified in exclusion request
iv. can deliver the product from the manufacturing facility to its destination in a timely manner

If the surrebuttal is challenging manufacturing time, quality, available quantity, and/or delivery time, select 'Yes' and continue to Step 3.

If the surrebuttal is challenging the rebutter on the basis other than the above factors, explain the rebuttal basis under 'Other' and provide the rebuttal basis in detail in Step 3.



Select Next and continue to the next section.

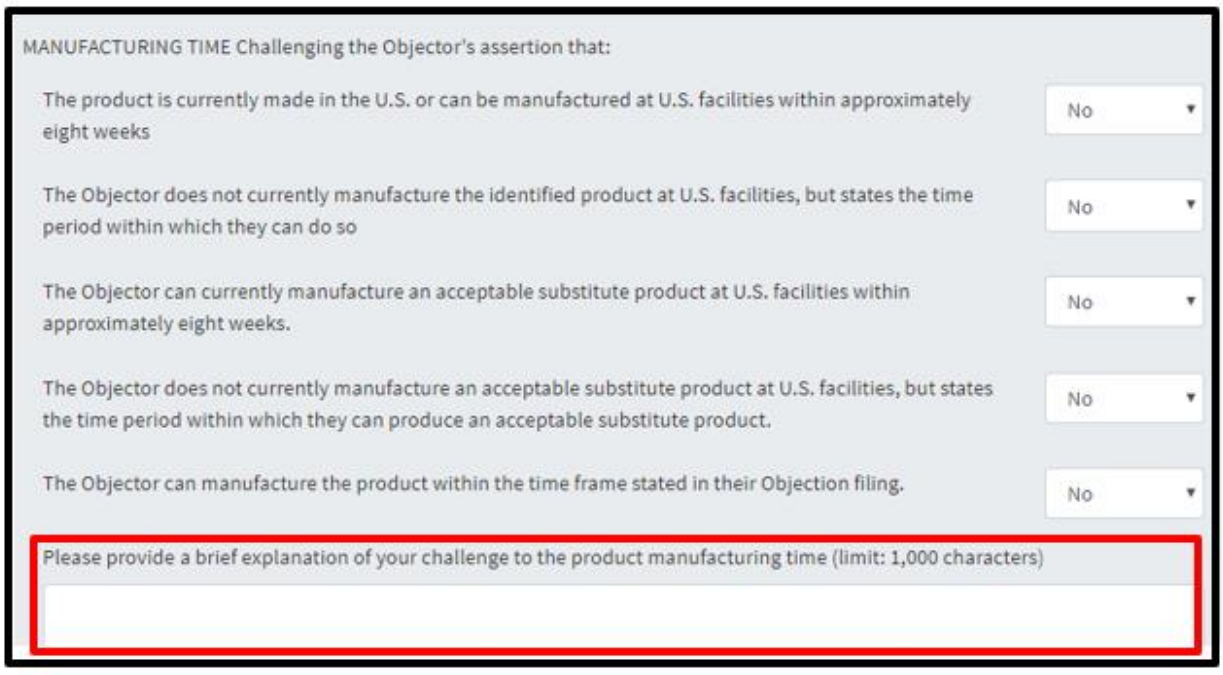
STEP 3: BASIS FOR REBUTTAL OF OBJECTION FILINGS

The surrebutters will have the ability to identify the specific challenge they are refuting. Each section manufacturing time, quality, available quantity, and delivery time must have 'Yes' or 'No' responses.

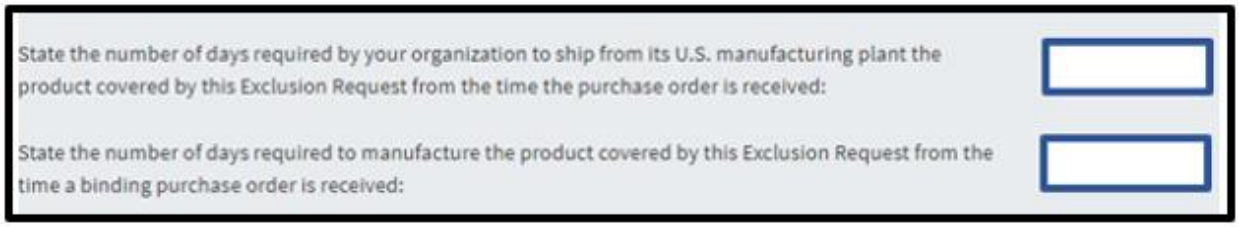
Example: If 'Yes' is selected under 'Manufacturing Time', the corresponding section 'Manufacturing Time challenging the objector's assertion that' must have one of its subcategories with an answer of 'Yes'.

If a 'Yes' answer for the statement is selected, you must provide your reasoning to why the point(s) are invalid for each statement and section.

If the product cannot be made in a suffienct time frame, select 'Yes' to appropriate claim and provide reasoning in the comment section.

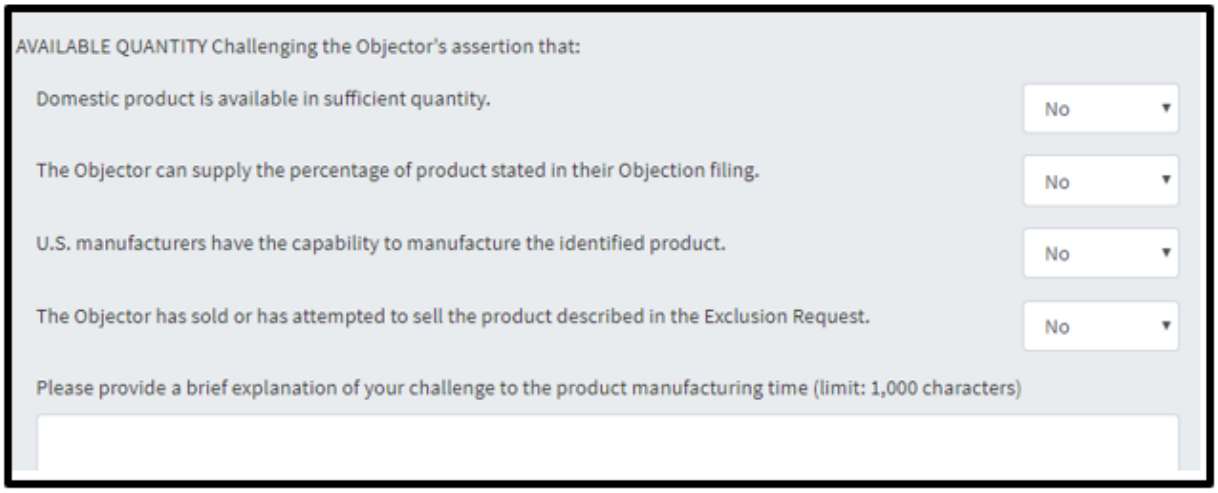


Manufacturing time in the surrebuttal may be found in the spaces below, but not limited to comment or other documents throughout the objection.

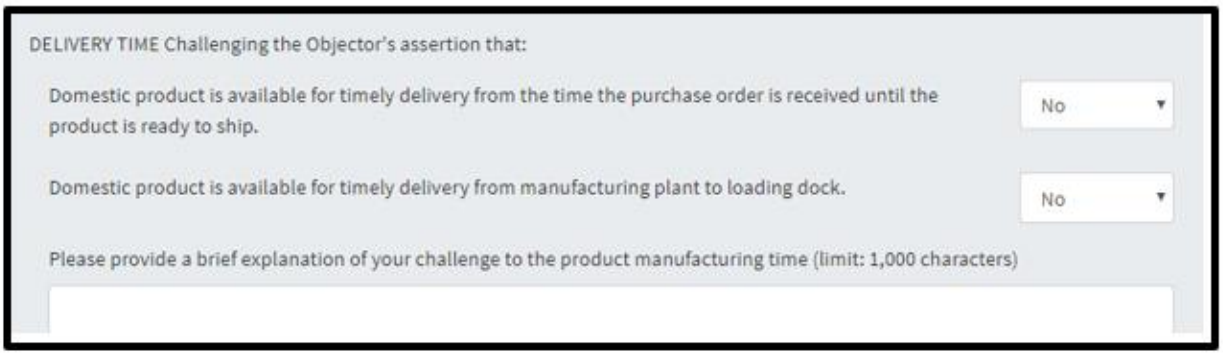


If a product in the surrebuttal is not of identical, substitute, or adequate (interchangeable) quality, under the quality factor, select 'Yes' and provide a detailed description on why the product does not meet quality requirements.

If the quantity in the surrebuttal is not a sufficient amount necessary to meet the capacity as mentioned in the exclusion request, select 'Yes' where appropriate and detail the reasoning in the comment section.



If the product at the subject of the request cannot be delivered in a timely manner, select 'Yes' where appropriate and detail the reasoning in the comment section.



Delivery time in the objection may be found in the space below, but not limited to comment or other documents throughout the surrebuttal.

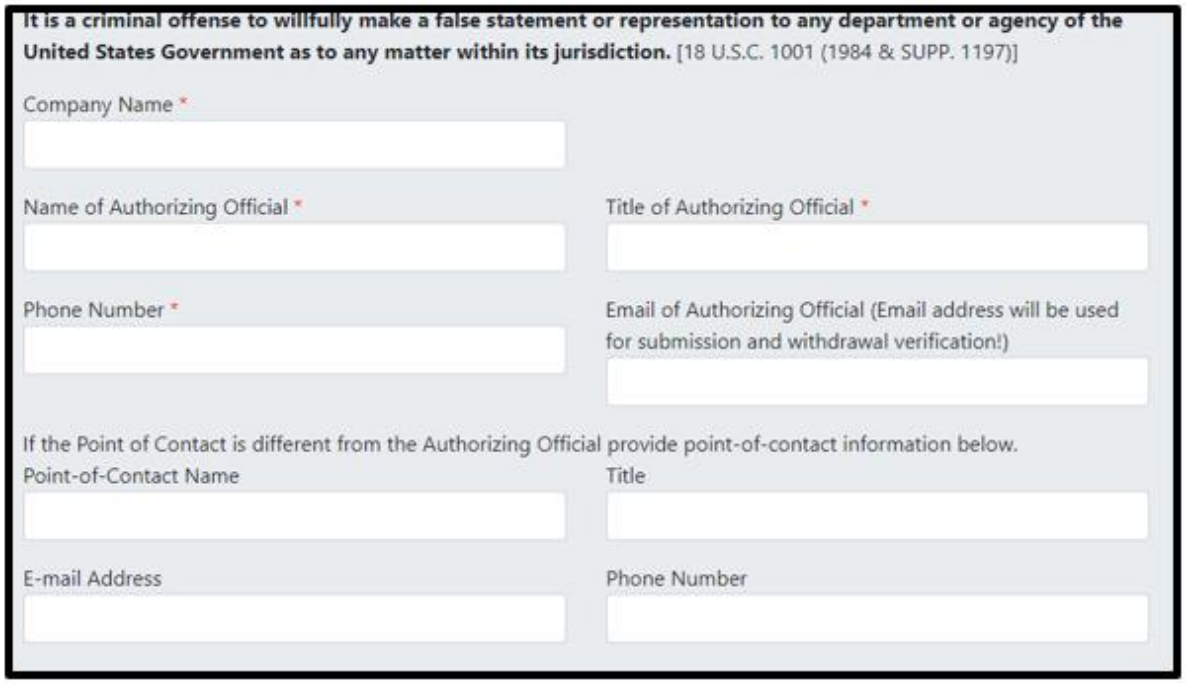
Select

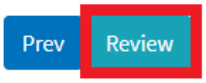
and continue to the next section.

STEP 4: CERTIFICATION

This surrebuttal must be signed by an organization official specifically authorized to certify the document as being accurate and complete.

The undersigned certifies that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of his/her knowledge. All fields with marked with an * are required.



Select 

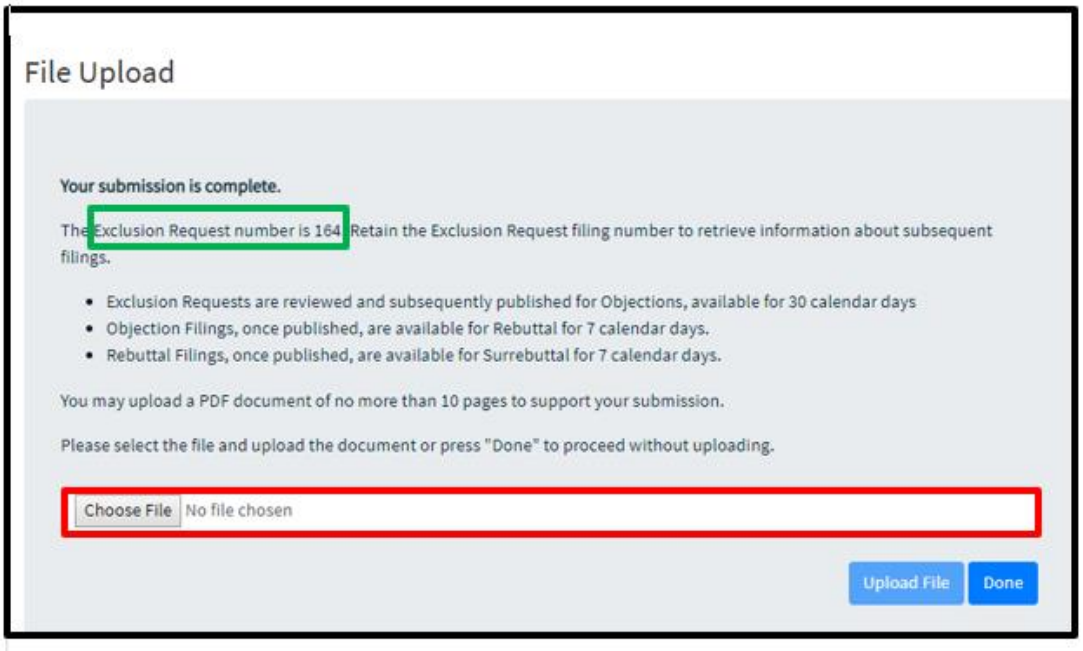
After selecting 'Review', a final check will be conducted on your filing to ensure all required fields have been correctly filled. If any required fields have been left blank or are incorrectly filled, a red exclamation point will appear, showing which section requires corrections. Once all required fields are completed, and 'Review" is selected, an additional screen will appear, allowing users to print a copy of their submission for their records.

To submit the request, select

After, an additional screen will appear, indicating the **Surrebuttal number**. This number will allow you to search for the specific filing. Please retain this number for your records.

To upload supporting documents to the **surrebuttal** request, it must be in the form of a PDF. Select 'Choose File', Click on the documents you wish to upload from your folder and select 'Ok'. Once it appears in the file bar, select 'Upload File' then select 'Done'. (Note: for CBI information with the rebuttal request, see CBI.)

If you do not wish to upload a document, select 'Done'.



SUBMITTING A SURREBUTTAL FILING

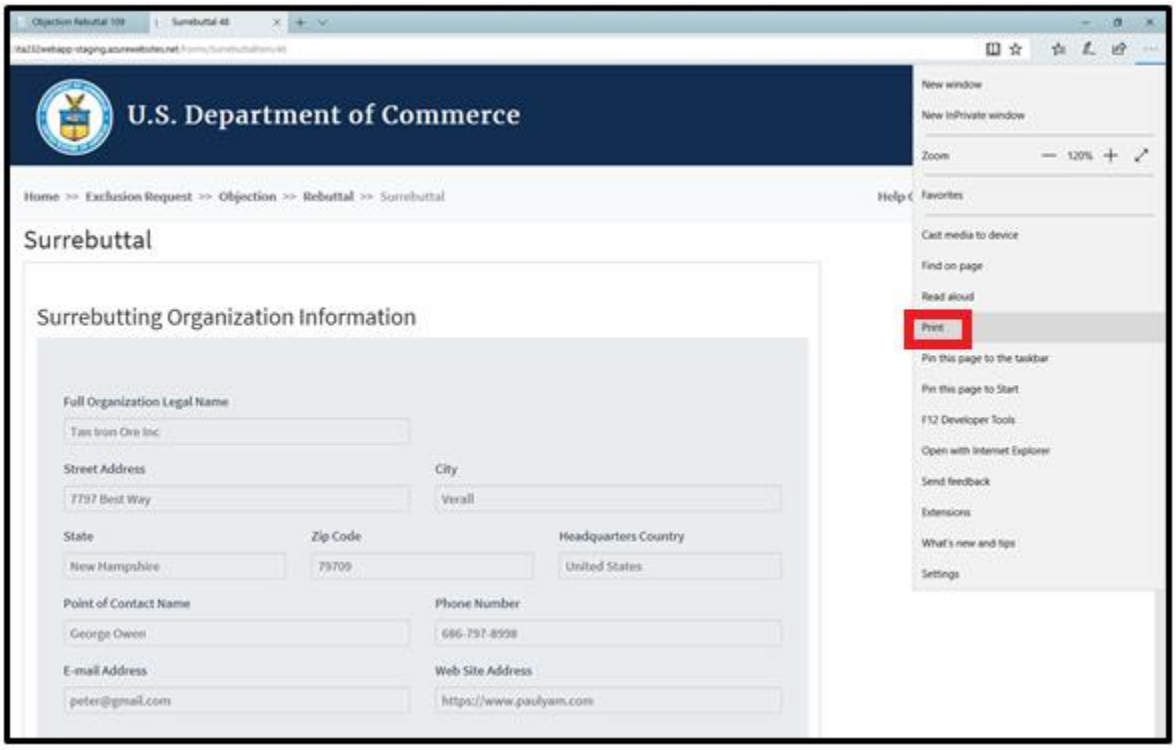
CONFIRMATION

Once the surrebuttal request has been submitted, it enters a pending period for review.

All surrebuttal filings will be reviewed for completeness. Only fully completed objection filings will be considered and posted for public review.

PRINTING THE SURREBUTTAL FILING

To print a Surrebuttal filing submission. Simply go to 'Settings' on the upper right corner of your browser and click on Print page or right click anywhere on the page and select "Print."



AUTOFILL

USING AUTOFILL TO DUPLICATE SURREBUTTAL FILING ENTRIES

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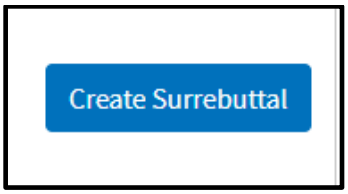
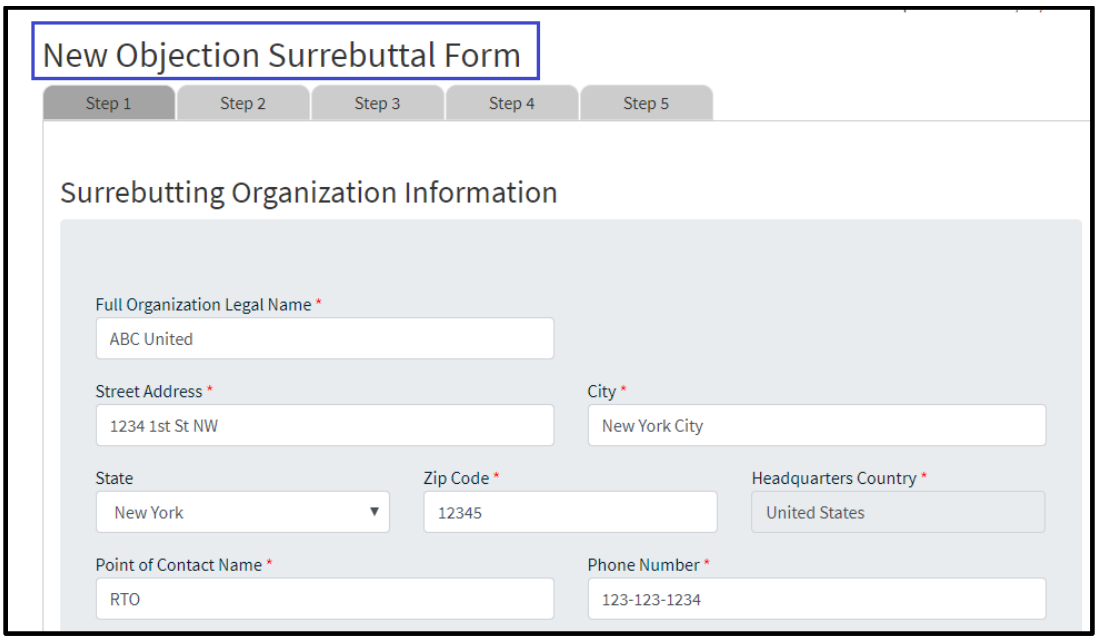
GENERATING SURREBUTTAL FORM AUTOFILL RULES

The following instructions explain how to enable the 'Autofill' feature on your Chrome browser.

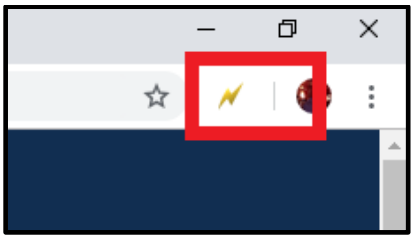
Step 1: Download the Autofill add-on to your browser. For instructions, please see the Appendix section.

Step 2: Go to the 232 Portal and complete filling out the Objection Surrebuttal form.

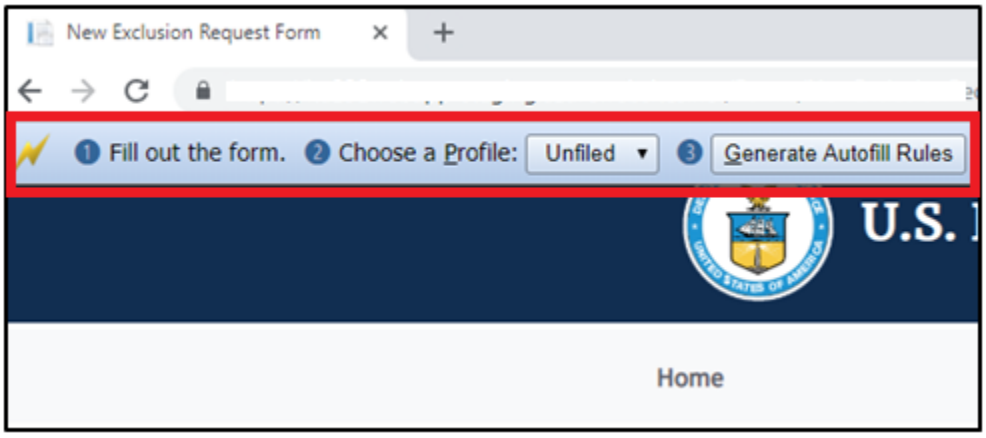




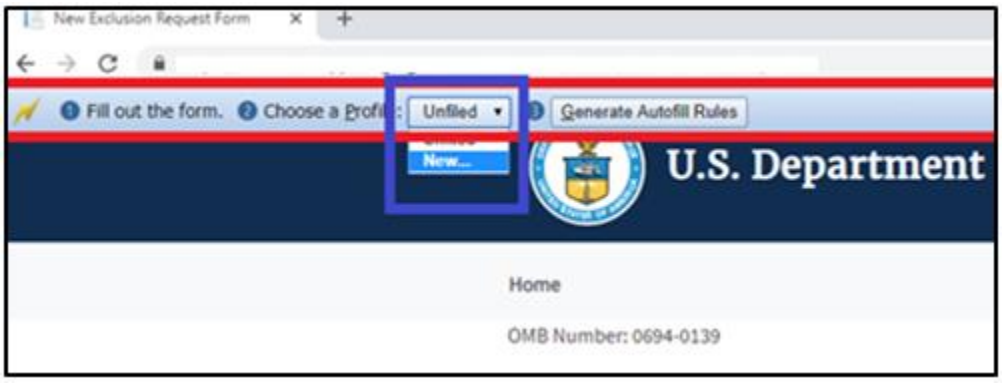
2b. Once you have completed Steps 1-5 of the Objection Surrebuttal form, click on the 'Autofill' logo on the Chrome menu, located on the right-hand upper corner of your browser.



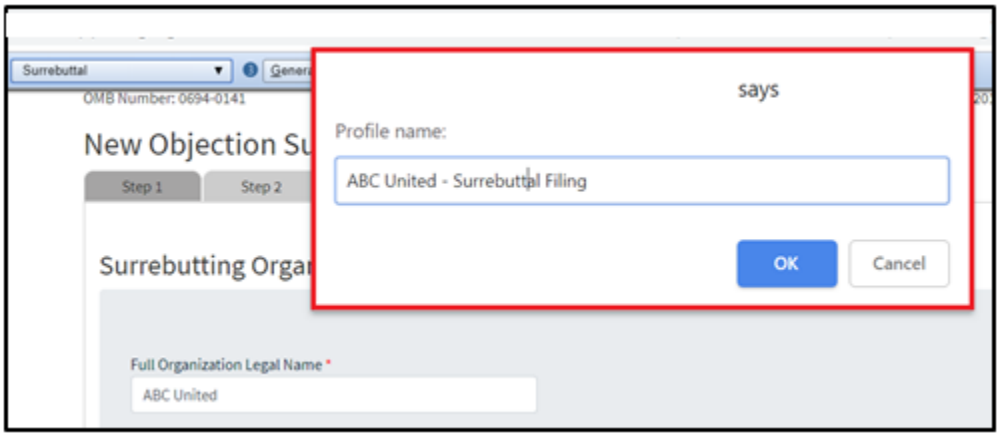
2c. Complete the steps below displayed on the Autofill task bar. This option allows you to quickly save all the form data that you've entered into a new profile that you can use at a later time to autofill form fields.



2d. Create a New Profile by selecting 'New' from the dropdown menu on 2) Choose a Profile:

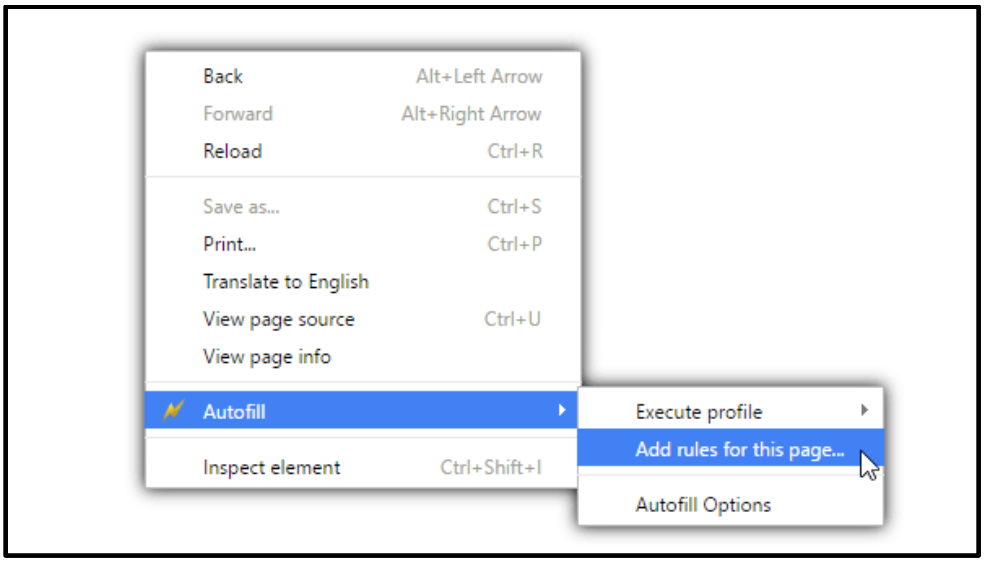


2e. Save New Profile name. For example: "ABC United – Surrebuttal Filing" and click OK.



2f. Click on 'Generate Autofill Rules'. You will see a confirmation message that reads "**Done!"**

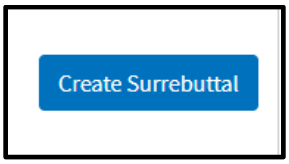
Note: *Alternatively, after you have completed filling out the form you can right-click anywhere at the page, go to Autofill and select "Add rules for this page "then follow the instructions above from 2d. on how to create a New Profile.*



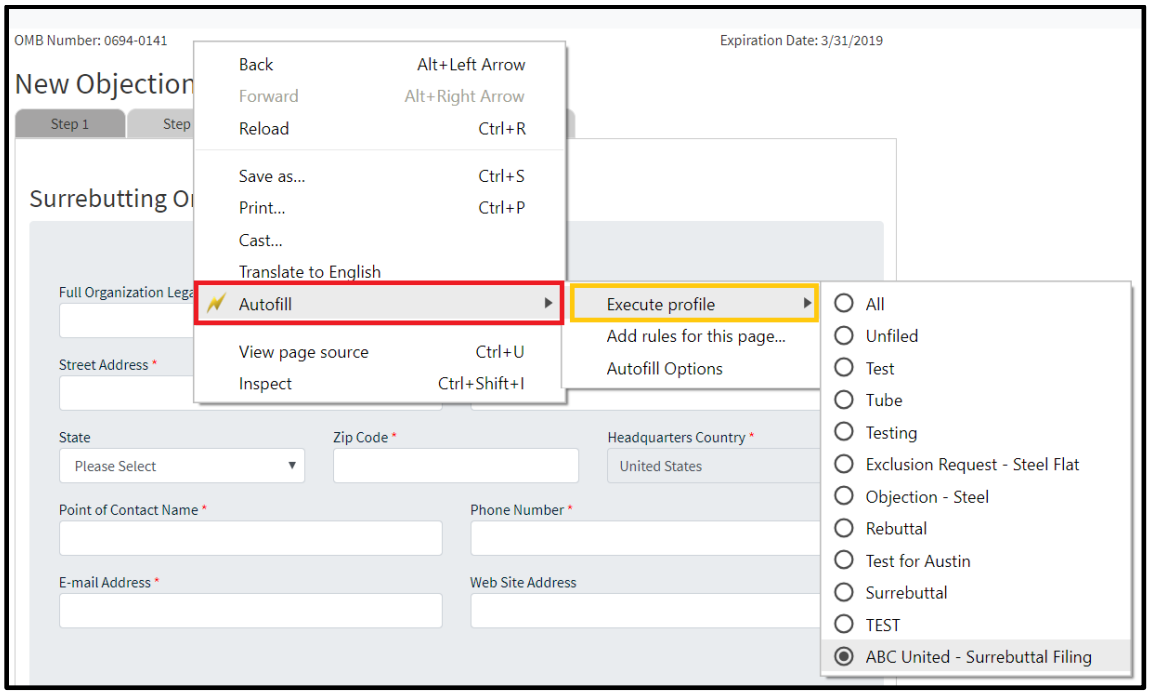
Now that you have created an Autofill Profile, you can use this profile to auto-populate other Exclusion Request forms.

USING AN AUTOFILL PROFILE TO FILL IN SURREBUTTAL FORM FIELDS AUTOMATICALLY

Step 3: Create a new Surrebuttal Filing Form.



3a. Right-click anywhere on the New Objection Rebuttal Form and select 'Autofill', then 'Execute Profile', and select the profile you want to use to autofill the form. For example: "ABC United – Surrebuttal Filing."



The fields on the form will automatically populate with the data from the profile selected:

Step 2 through 5 of the form will be auto-filled too.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Your supporting documentation should

i. Be no more than ten pages, and,
ii. Include public documents and public versions of your confidential business information (CBI) documentation.

If confidential business information (CBI) is part of your requests, you must mark the appropriate sections by selecting 'Yes' where appropriate.

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION (CBI)

SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION (CBI)

Only as an alternate submission, you may email your CBI Rebuttal document to 232rebuttals@doc.gov or CBI Surrebuttal 232surrebuttals@doc.gov on the same day you submit your request on the 232 submission portal.

a) The email subject line must include the original 232 Exclusions Portal Exclusion Request (ER) ID # and the body of the email must include the 232 Exclusions Portal Rebuttal (RB) ID #, or Surrebuttal (SR) ID # you received from the 232 Exclusions Portal when you successfully submitted your rebuttal or surrebuttal.

b) An adequate public version, adhering to the requirements outlined in the regulation, must simultaneously accompany the submission of each surrebuttal form. If the submitting person claims that summarization is not possible, the claim must be accompanied by a full explanation of the reasons supporting that claim. Generally, numerical data will be considered adequately summarized if grouped or presented in terms of indices or figures within 10 percent of the actual figure. If an individual portion of the numerical data is voluminous (e.g., 5 pages of numerical data), at least one percent of the numerical data, representative of that portion must be summarized. Submit no more than 5 pages of supporting CBI documentation. Any information that is attached to the rebuttal/surrebuttal forms rather than submitted in the manner specified above will be made public.

c) If you do not file a public version of the CBI, Commerce will not consider your request to be properly submitted and will exclude it from the analysis.

MY DASHBOARD

VIEWING MY DASHBOARD

The user dashboard tracks the filings of individual user login profiles. Here, users will be able to view only exclusion requests, objection filings, objection rebuttals, and surrebuttals they have filed, even before they have been posted publicly. 'My Dashboard' allows users to verify their filings based on various criteria including ID, company, product, HTSUS code, status, days remaining, and posted date.

STEP 1: NAVIGATE TO MY DASHBOARD

1a. After a successful login, users can navigate to My Dashboard anytime by selecting 'My Dashboard'.

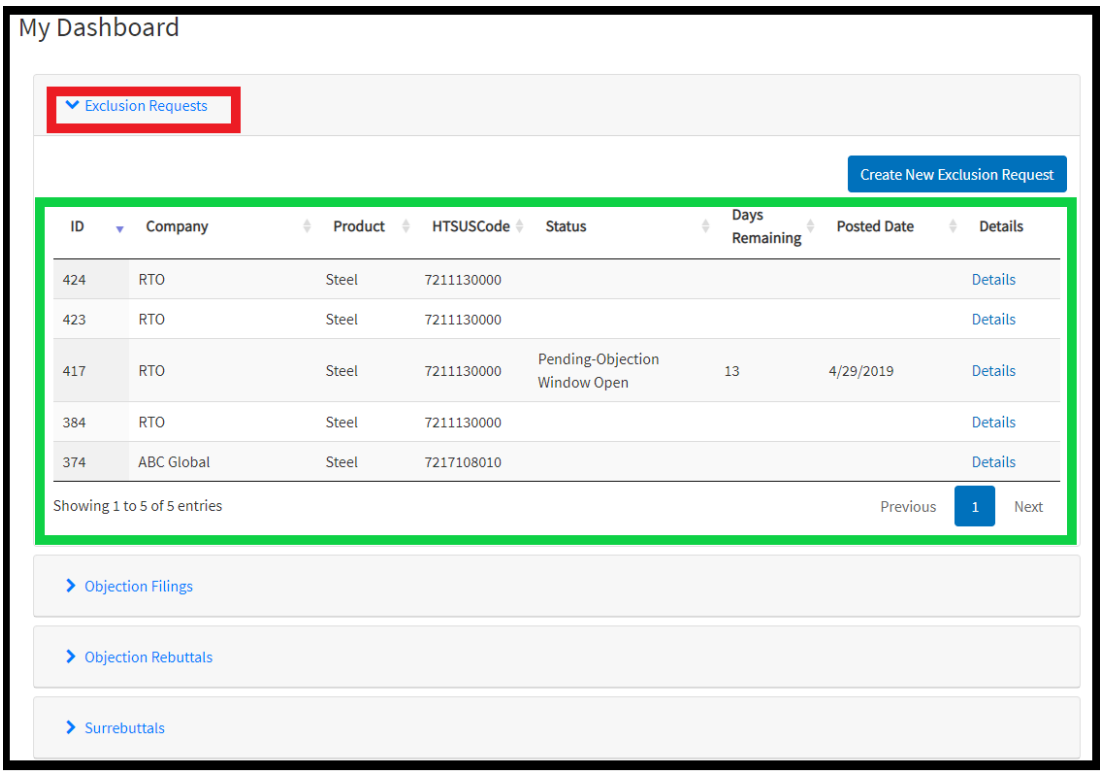
1b. After selecting 'My Dashboard', users will be taken to the My Dashboard page.

USING MY DASHBOARD

STEP 1: VIEW EXCLUSION REQUEST FILINGS

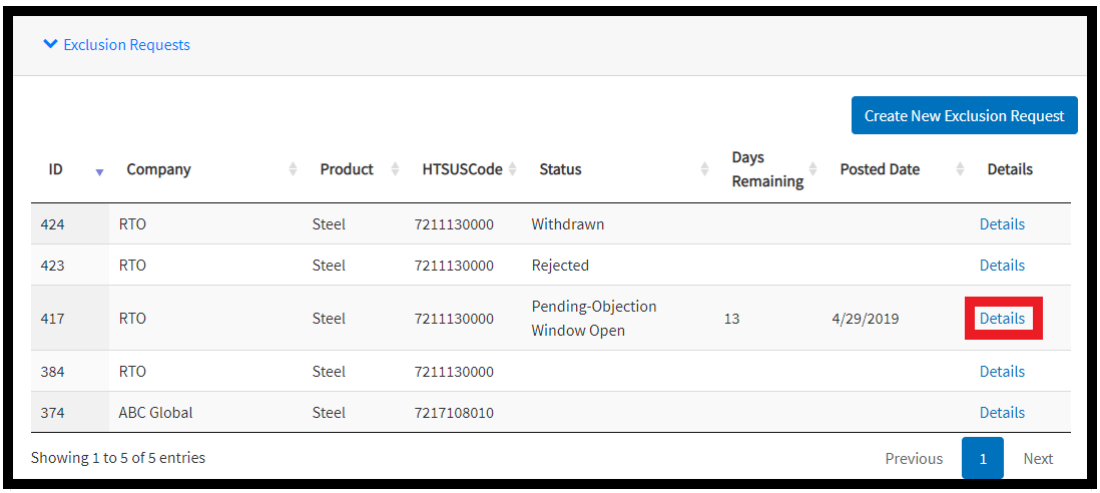
1a. For a user to view any of their submitted exclusion request filings, select 'Exclusion Requests'.

1b. After selecting the filing type, a dashboard dropdown will appear, showing any filing of that type that a user has submitted. (Note: if a user has not filed any exclusion requests, no documents will appear in the dashboard dropdown for that respective filing type.)



1c. Under the 'Exclusion Requests' dashboard dropdown, the 'Status' column will only show a status if the request has been posted, rejected, or withdrawn.

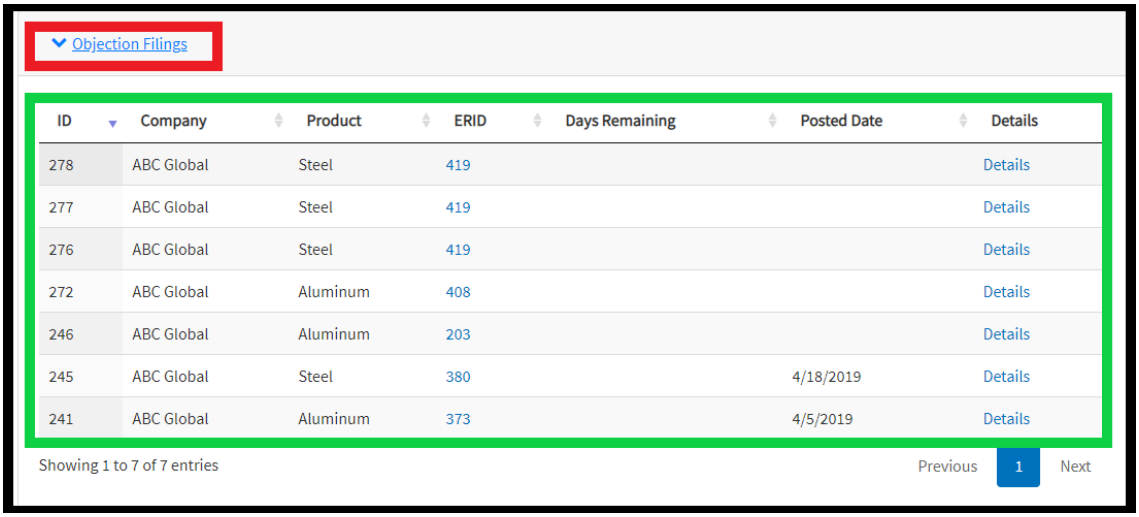
1d. To view the actual requests, select 'Details' for the request you would like to view.



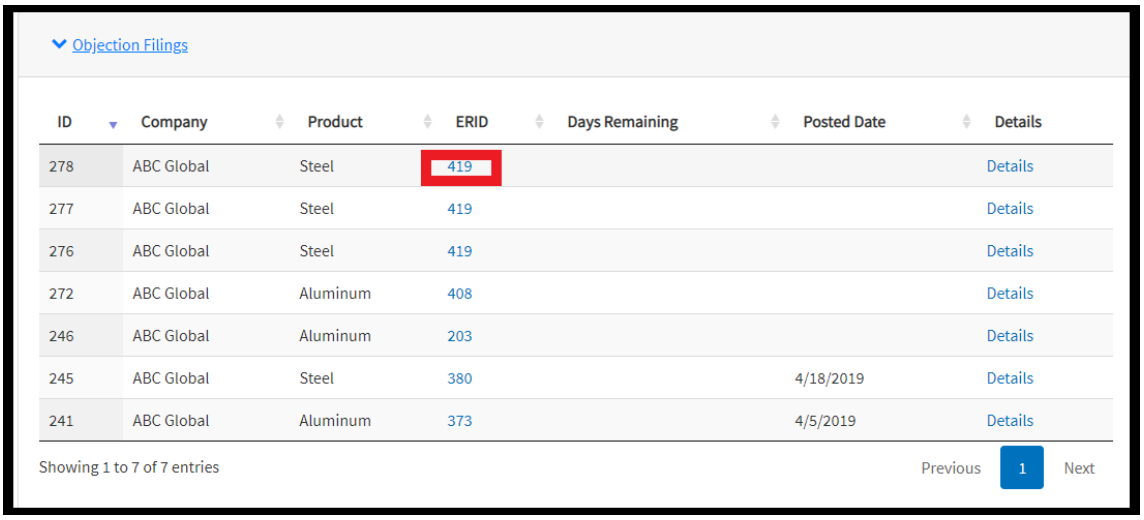
STEP 2: VIEW OBJECTION FILINGS

2a. For a user to view any of their submitted objection filings, select 'Objection Filings'.

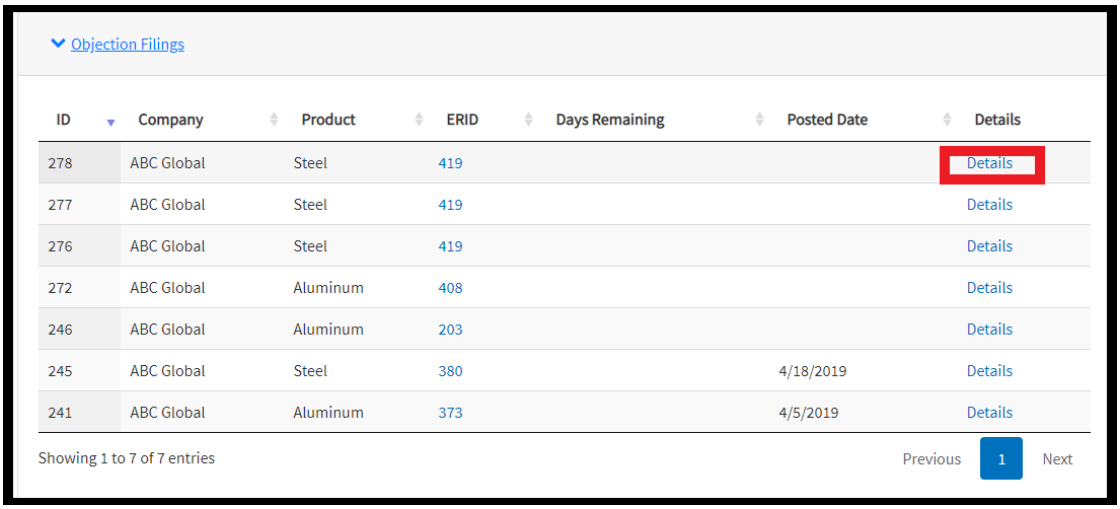
2b. After selecting the filing type, a dashboard dropdown will appear, showing any filing of that type that a user has submitted. (Note: if a user has not filed any objection filings, no documents will appear in the dashboard dropdown for that respective filing type.)



1c. Under the 'Objection Filings' dashboard dropdown, the 'ERID' column will show the exclusion request ID number that the objection filing is linked to, with a link to that request.



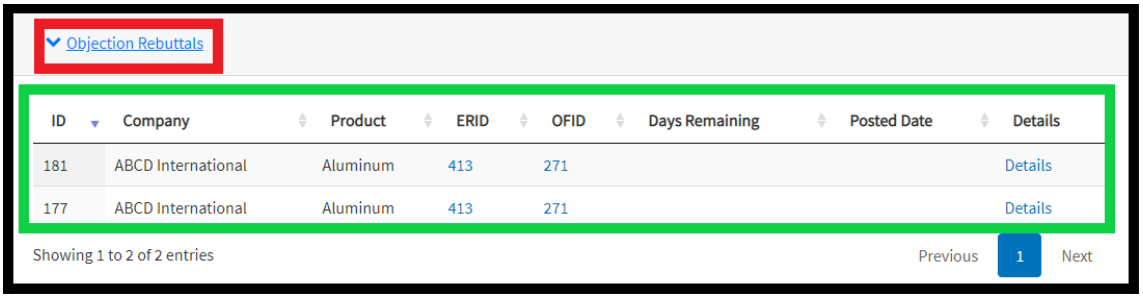
1d. To view the actual objection, select 'Details' for the objection filing you would like to view.



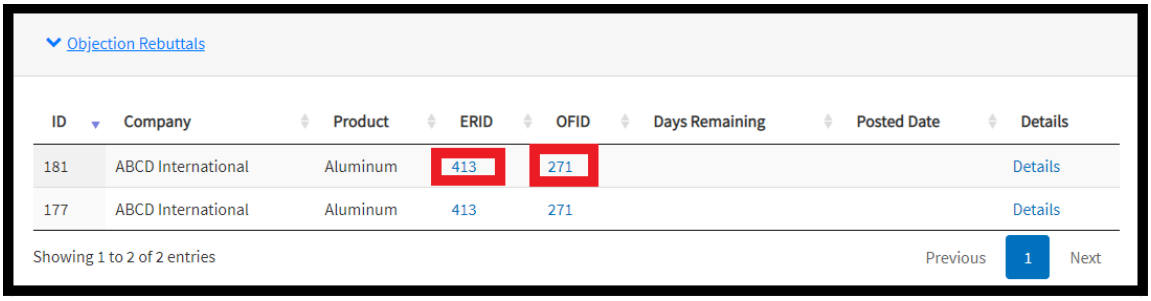
STEP 3: VIEW OBJECTION REBUTTALS FILINGS

2a. For a user to view any of their submitted objection rebuttal filings, select 'Objection Rebuttals'.

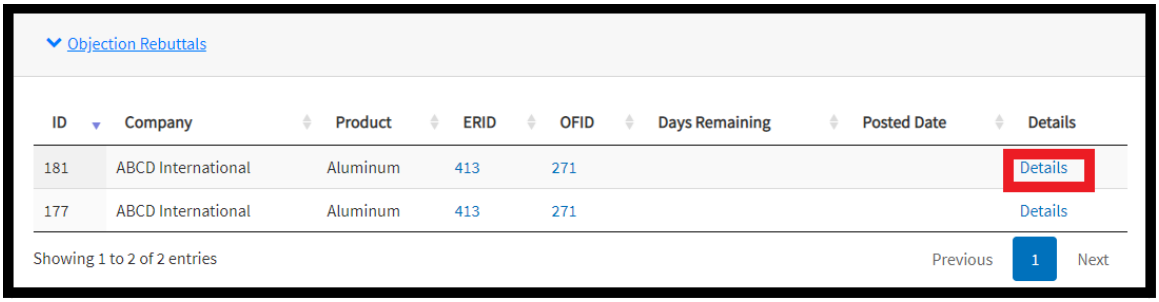
2b. After selecting the filing type, a dashboard dropdown will appear, showing any filing of that type that a user has submitted. (Note: if a user has not filed any objection rebuttal filings, no documents will appear in the dashboard dropdown for that respective filing type.)



1c. Under the 'Objection Rebuttals' dashboard dropdown, the 'ERID' and 'OFID' columns will show the exclusion request ID number and objection filing ID number that the objection rebuttal is linked to, with links to those filings.



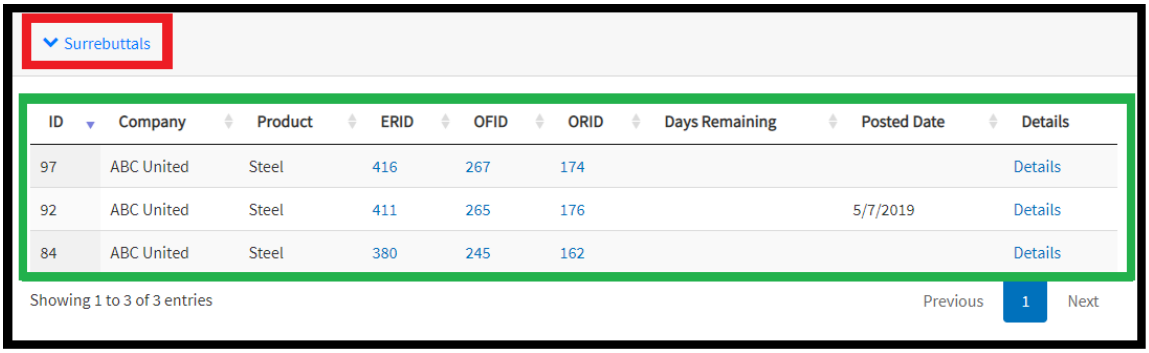
1d. To view the actual objection rebuttal, select 'Details' for the objection rebuttal filing you would like to view.



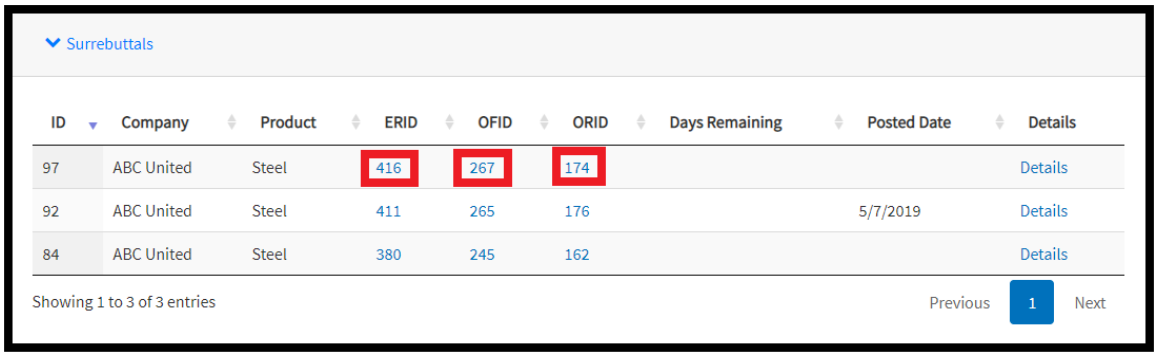
STEP 4: VIEW SURREBUTTALS FILINGS

2a. For a user to view any of their submitted surrebuttal filings, select 'Surrebuttals'.

2b. After selecting the filing type, a dashboard dropdown will appear, showing any filing of that type that a user has submitted. (Note: if a user has not filed any surrebuttal filings, no documents will appear in the dashboard dropdown for that respective filing type.)



1c. Under the 'Surrebuttals' dashboard dropdown, the 'ERID', 'OFID', and 'ORID' columns will show the exclusion request ID number, the objection filing ID number, and objection rebuttal ID number that the surrebuttal is linked to, with links to those filings.



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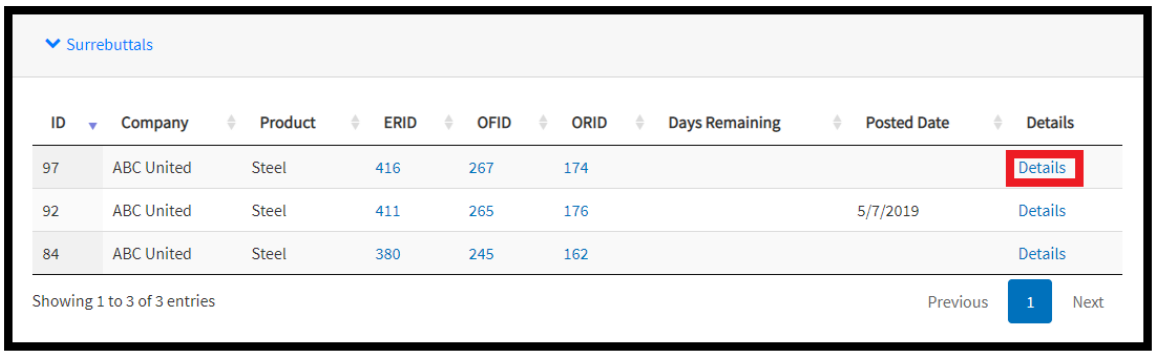

APPENDIX

USING AUTOFILL EXTENTSIONS ON YOUR BROWSER

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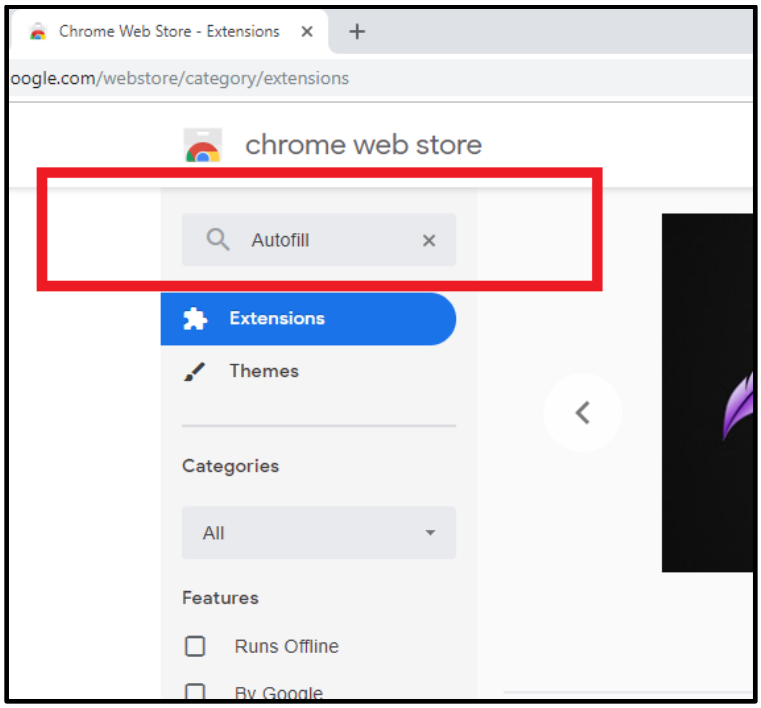
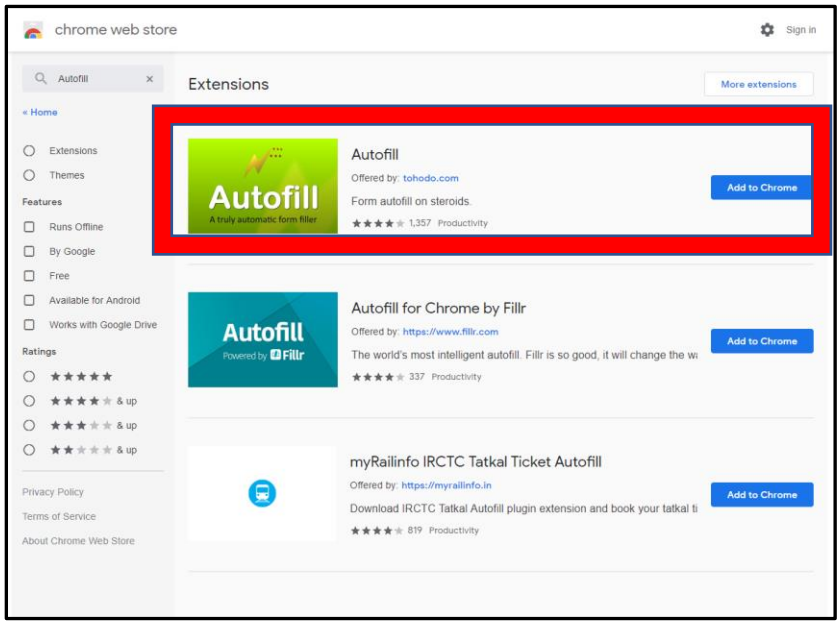
Different browsers offer different types of 'Autofill' features or extensions. The following instructions explain how to download and install the 'Autofill' feature on Chrome.

STEP 1: DOWNLOAD AUTOFILL

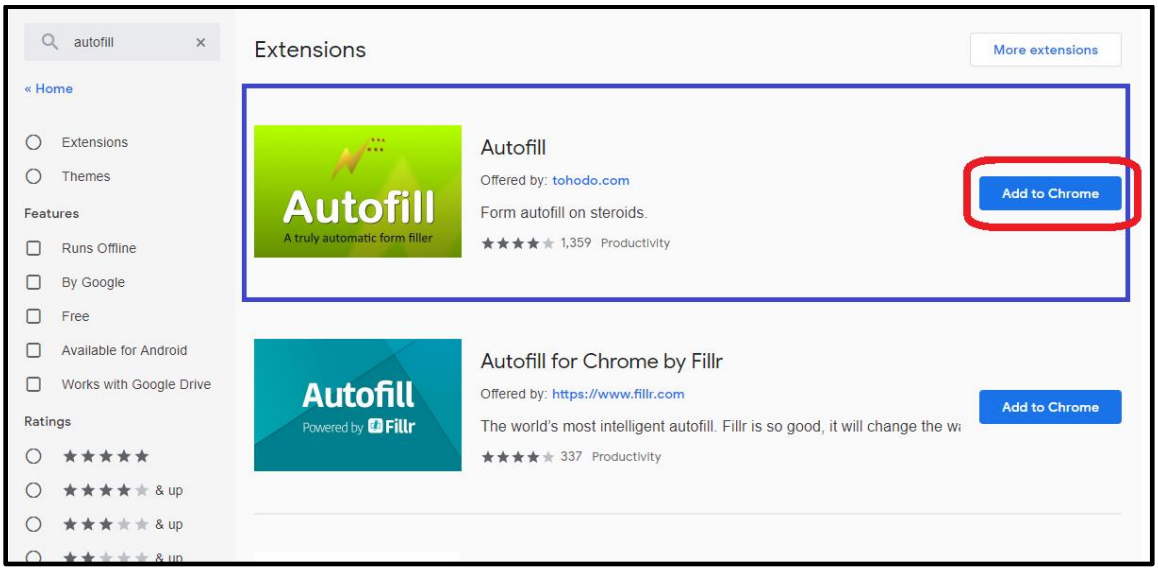
1a. Go to Chrome Web Store and search for "Autofill"



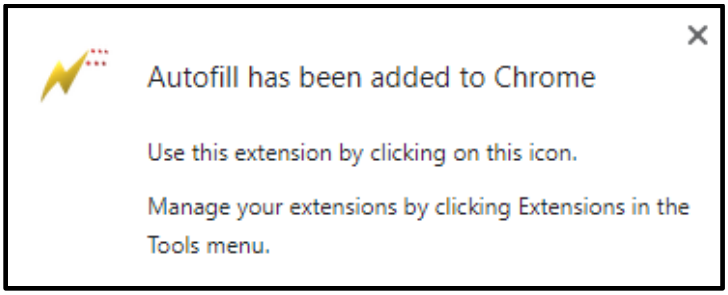
1b. Under Extensions, select Autofill:



1c. Click on the blue box where it says “Add to Chrome”



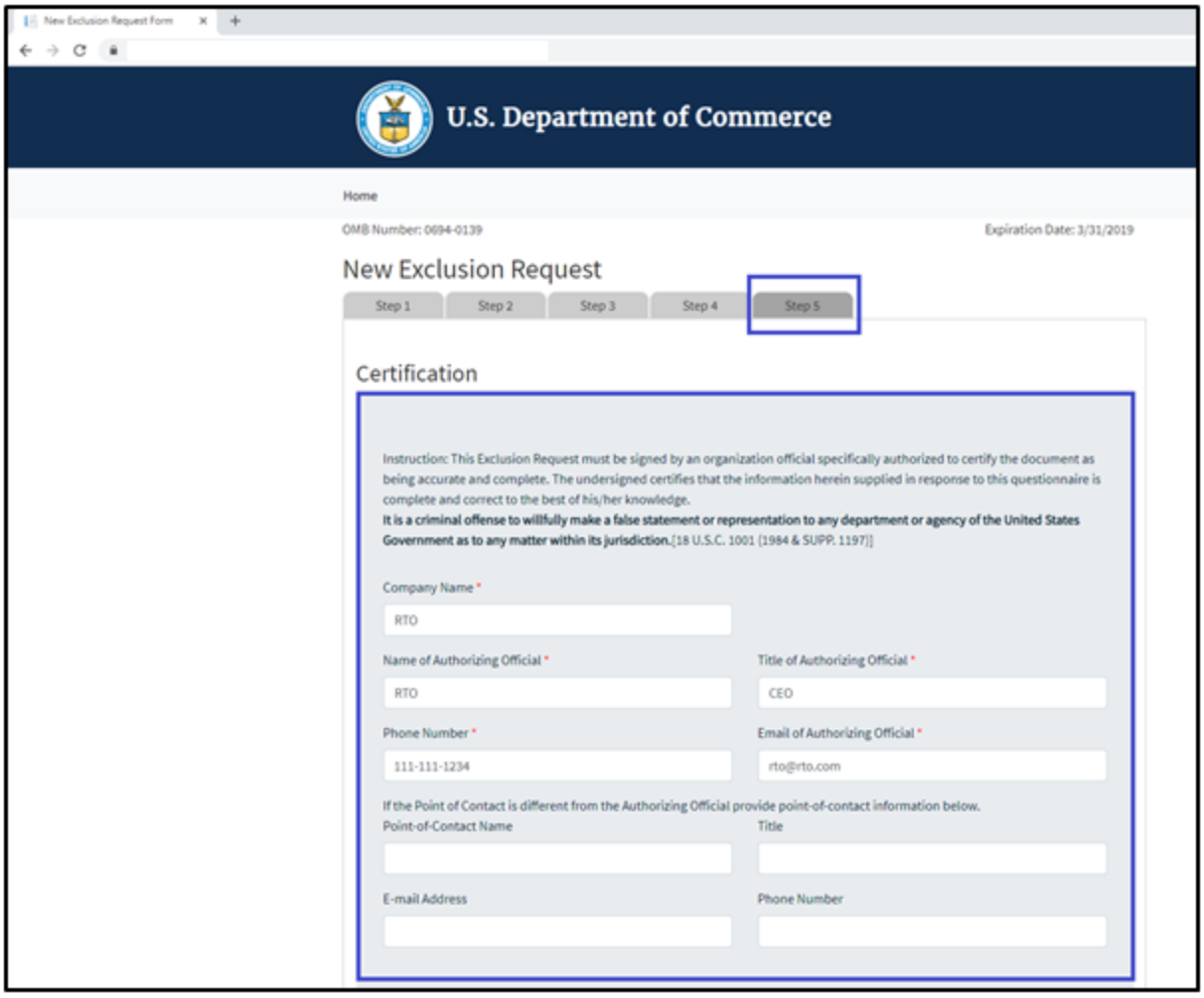
1d. Verify the Autofill extension has been added to your browser by finding the following logo on your Chrome menu:



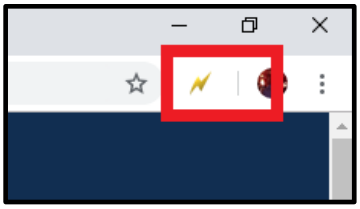
STEP 2: GENERATE AUTOFILL RULES

2a. Go to the 232 Portal and choose the form you want to file (Exclusion Request; Objection request, rebuttals, and surrebuttals.)

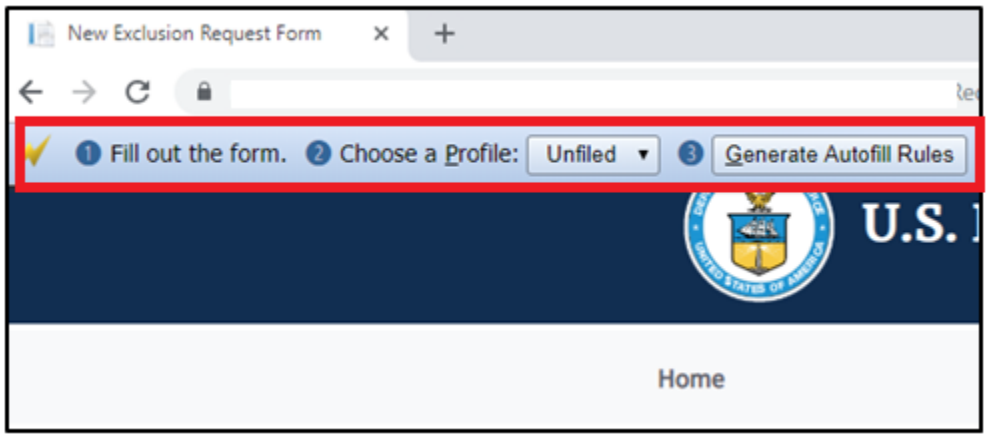
2b. Complete filling out all steps of the form. In this example, we will use an Exclusion Request form:



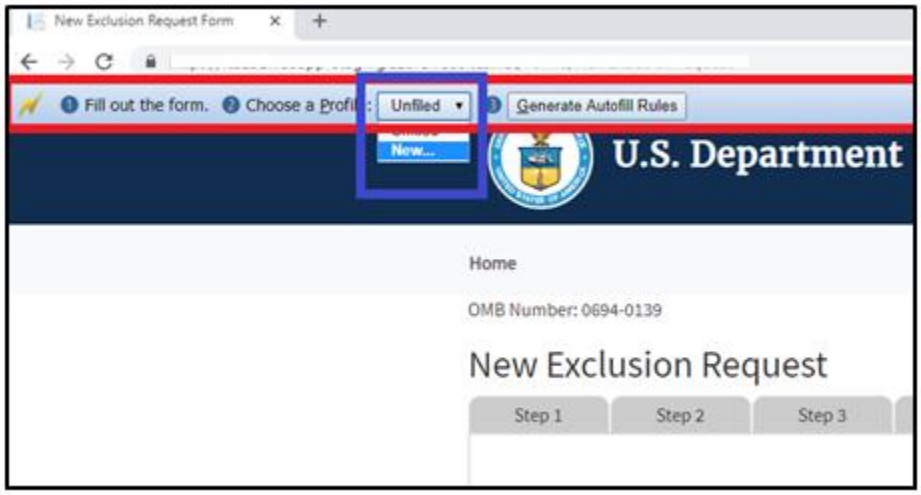
2b. After completing the form, click on the 'Autofill' logo on the Chrome menu, located on the right-hand upper corner of your browser.



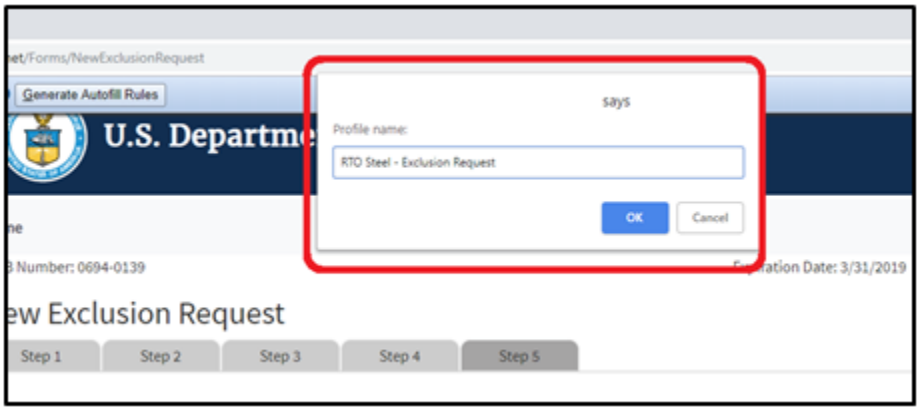
2c. Complete the steps below displayed on the Autofill task bar. This option allows you to quickly save all the form data that you've entered into a new profile that you can use at a later time to autofill form fields.



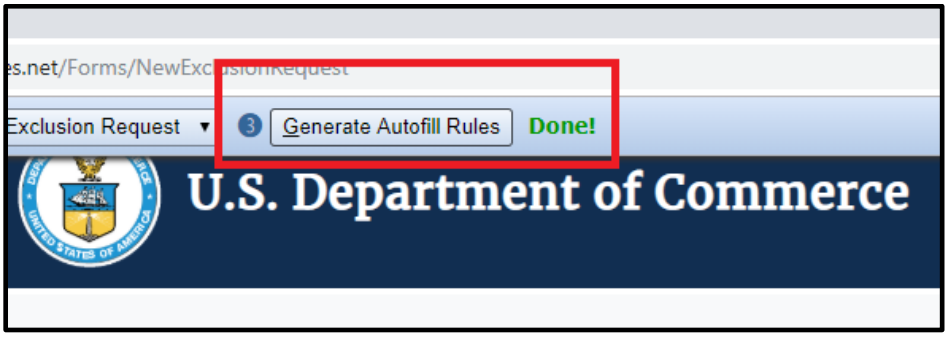
2d. Create a New Profile by selecting 'New' from the dropdown menu on 2) Choose a Profile:



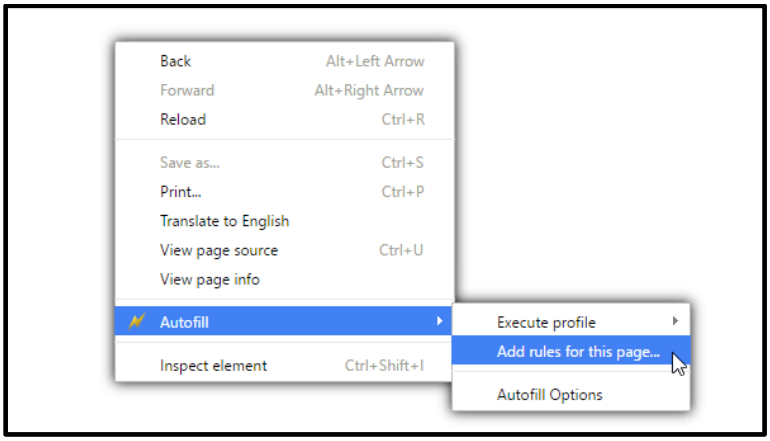
2e. Save New Profile name. For example: "RTO Steel – Exclusion Request" and click OK.



2f. Click on 'Generate Autofill Rules'. You will see a confirmation message that reads "**Done!"**



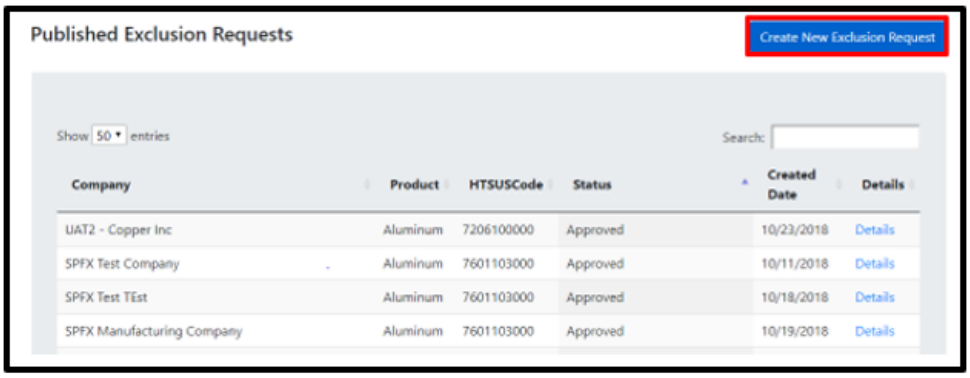
Note: *Alternatively, after you have completed filling out the form you can right-click anywhere at the page, go to Autofill and select "Add rules for this page "then follow the instructions above from 2d. on how to create a New Profile.*



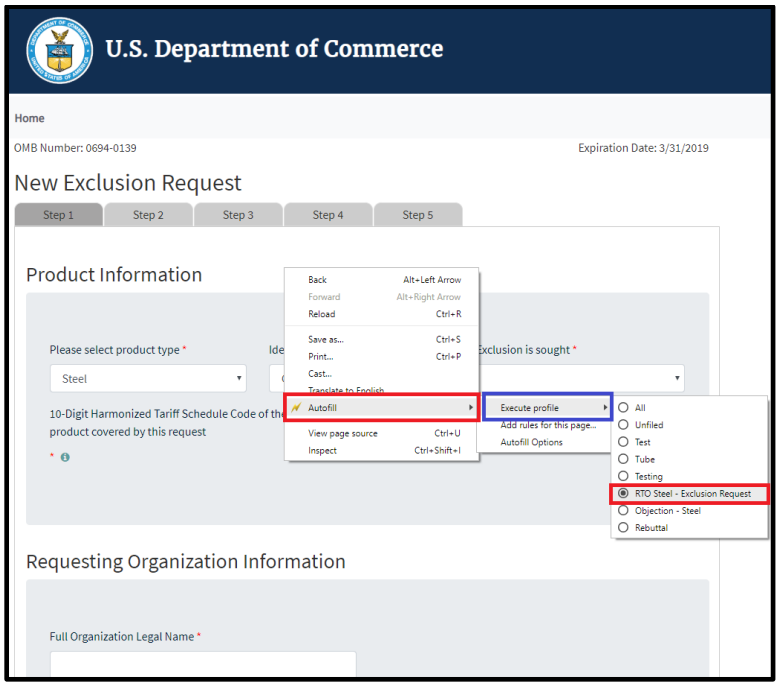
Now that you have created an Autofill Profile, you can use this profile to auto-populate other Exclusion Request forms.

STEP 3: USING AN AUTOFILL PROFILE TO FILL IN FIELDS AUTOMATICALLY

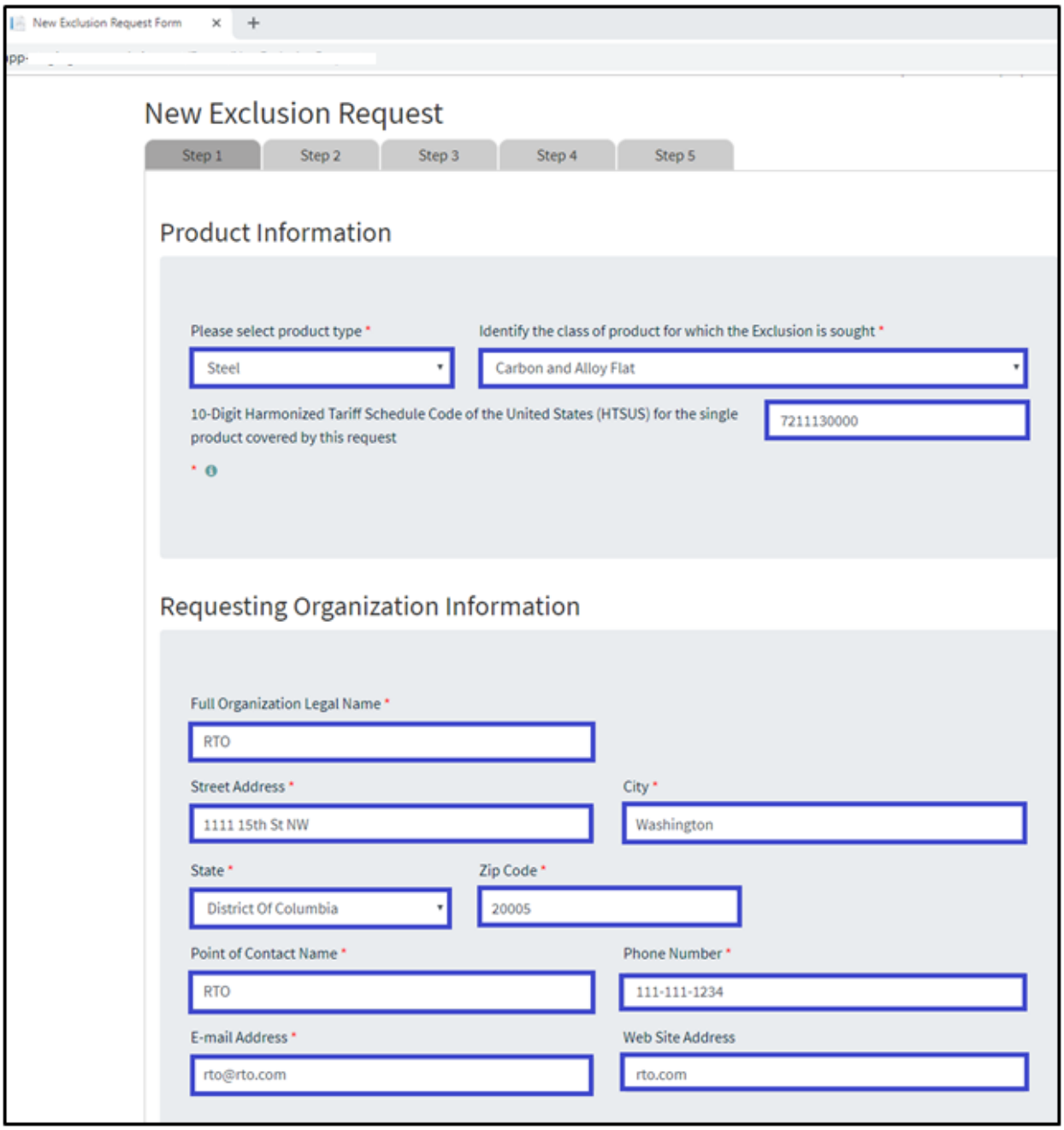
3a. Create a new submission form. In this example, an Exclusion Request. First, on the main page select 'Create New Exclusion Request' icon.



3b. Right-click anywhere on the *Exclusion Request* form, and select 'Autofill', then 'Execute Profile', and select the profile you want to use to autofill the form. For example: "RTO Steel – Exclusion Request."



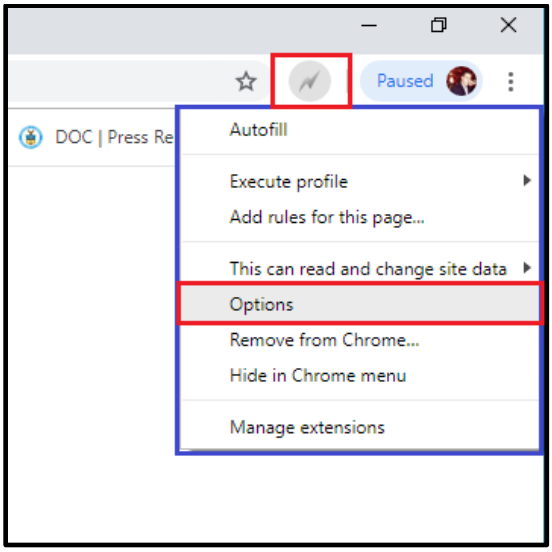
The fields on the form will automatically populate with the data from the profile selected.



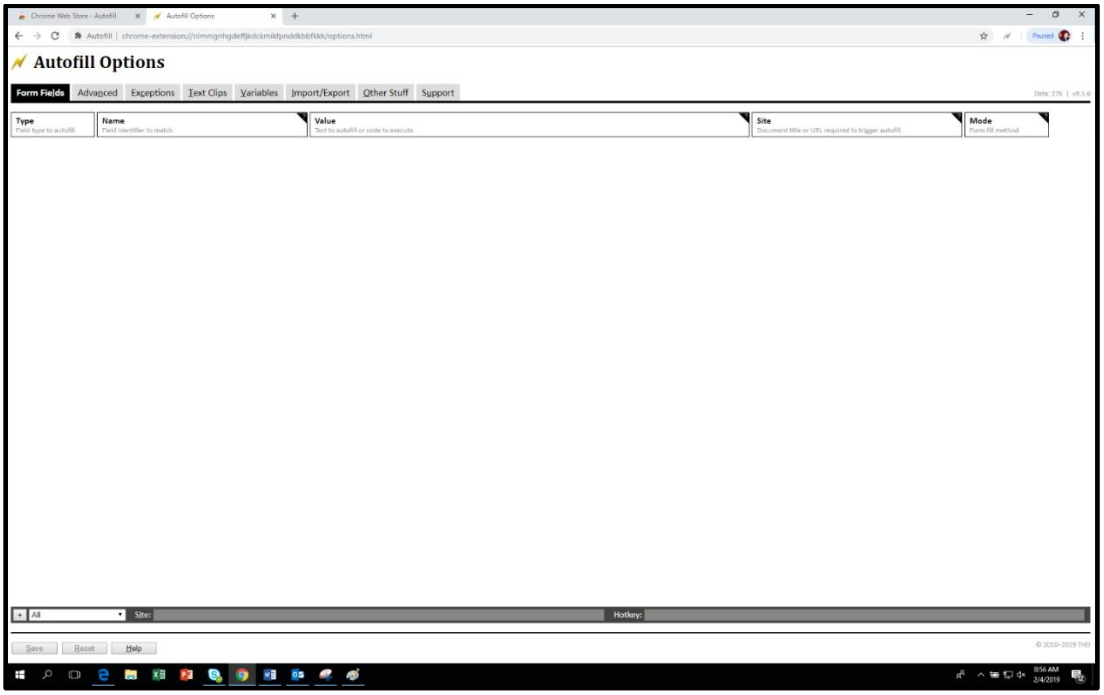
Step 2 through 5 of the form will be auto-filled too.

EXPORTING AUTOFILL RULES FROM AN AUTOFILL PROFILE

Step 1: On your Chrome bar menu, Right-click on 'Autofill' logo and click on Options

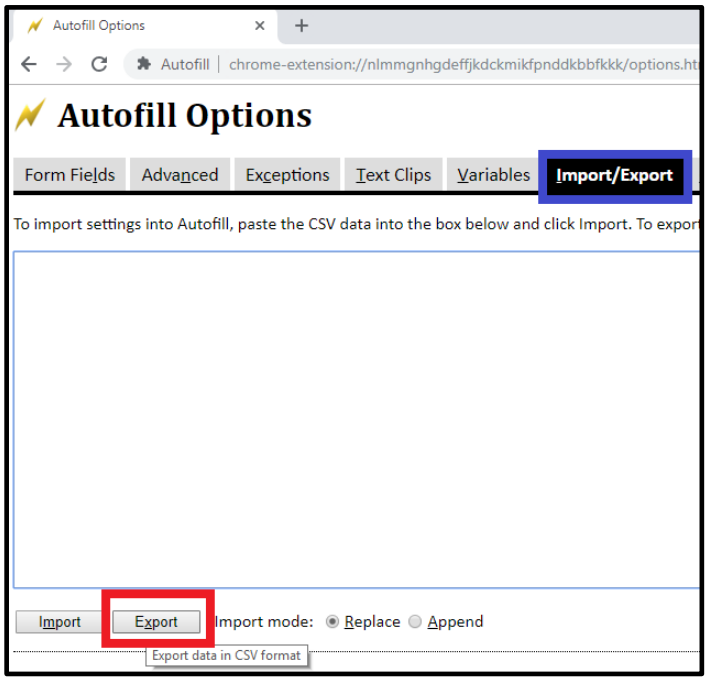


1a. The following window will be displayed:

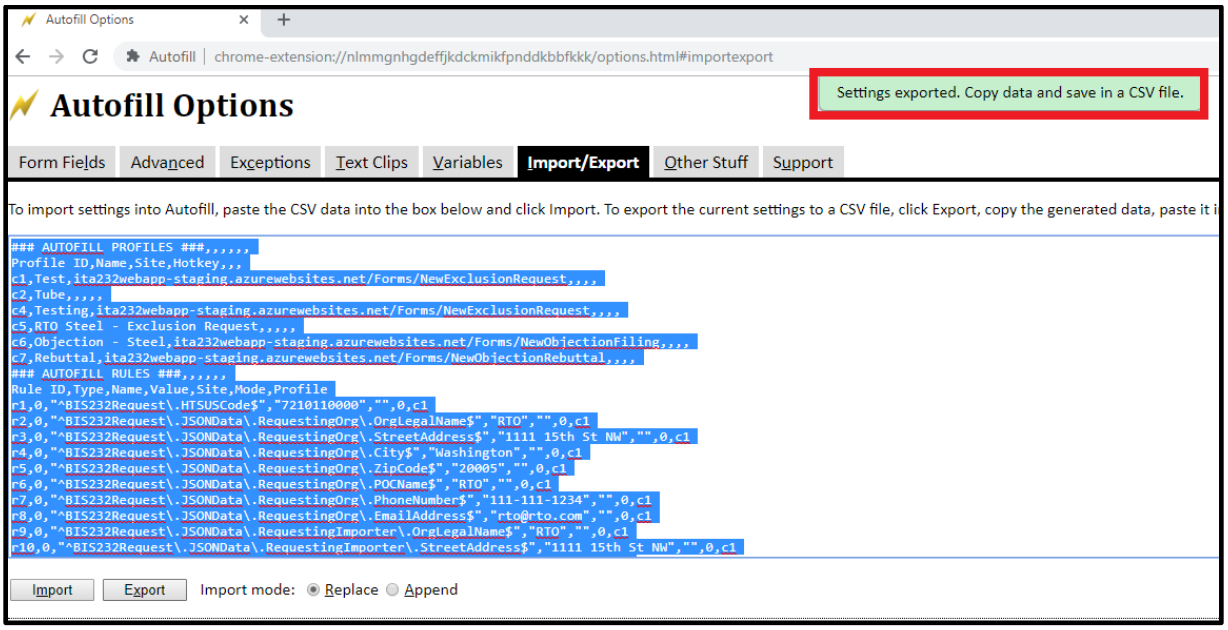


1b. Click the “Import/Export” tab.

1c. To Export the current settings to a CSV file, click Export.

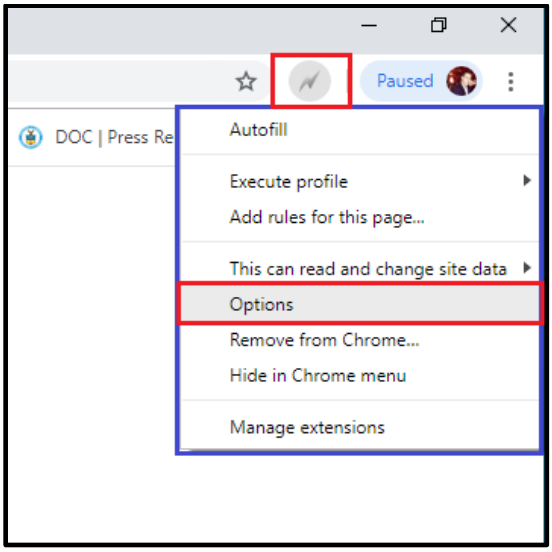


1d. Copy the generated data, paste it into a text editor, and save the file with extension .csv.

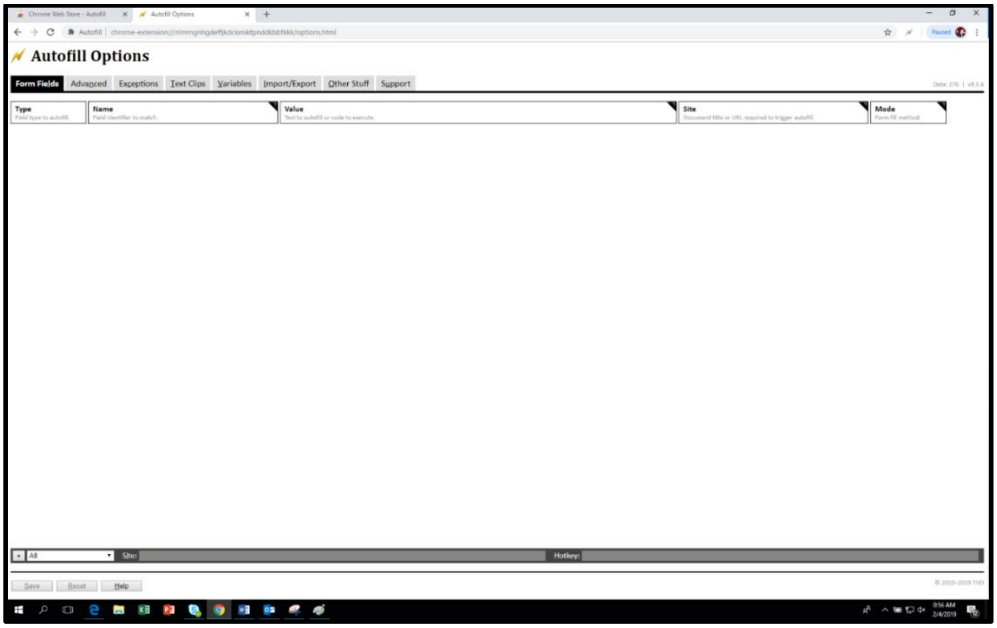


IMPORTING AUTOFILL RULES INOT AN AUTOFILL PROFILE

Step 1: On your Chrome bar menu, Right-click on 'Autofill' logo and click on Options

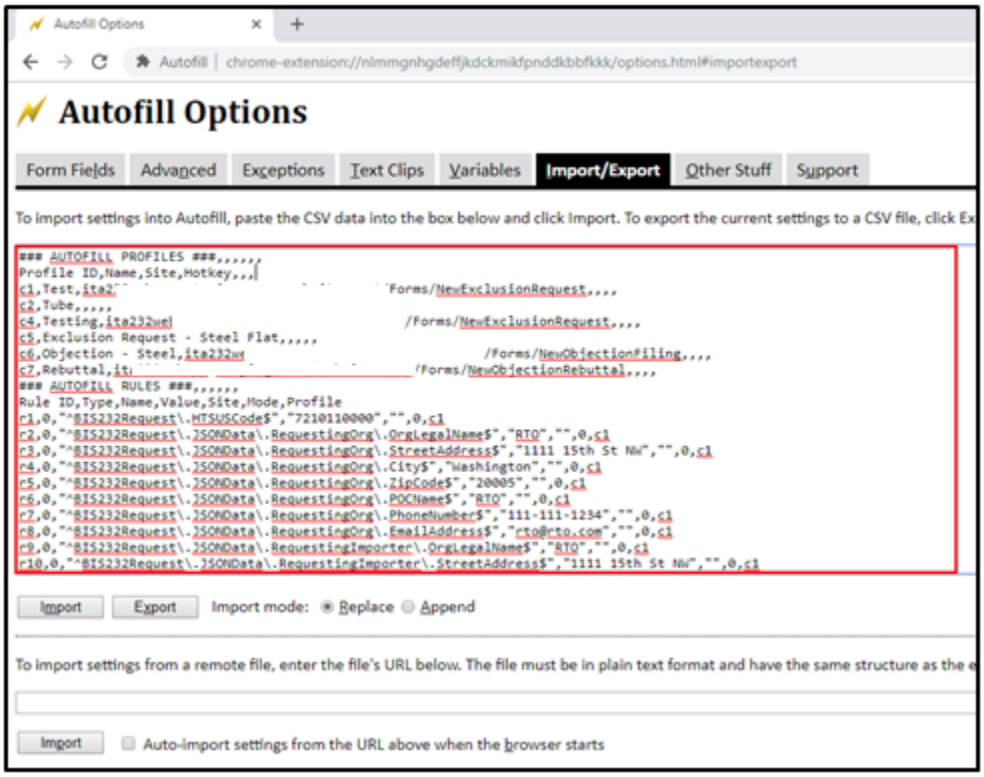


1a. The following window will be displayed:



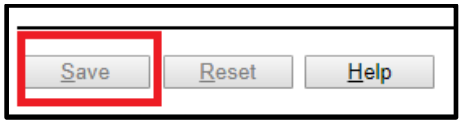
1b. Click the “Import/Export” tab and paste your desired data on the blank space.

For example:



Make sure to select ‘Append’ so you do not replace current rules or profiles you have saved on your Autofill account.

Once you are done, do not forget to save the changes you made by clicking back on “Form Fields”

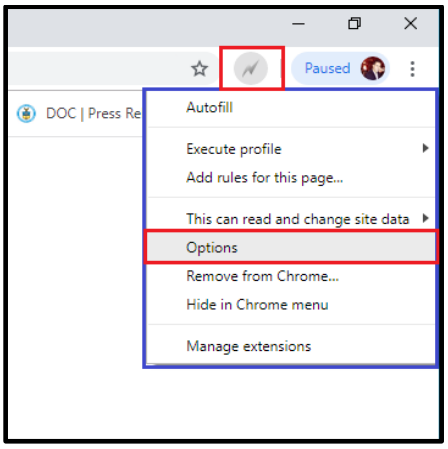


You are now ready to test it out by filling out an Exclusion Request form. If the extension is working properly, you will immediately notice the changes. Each field where you have set a predefined value will be automatically filled out on page load.

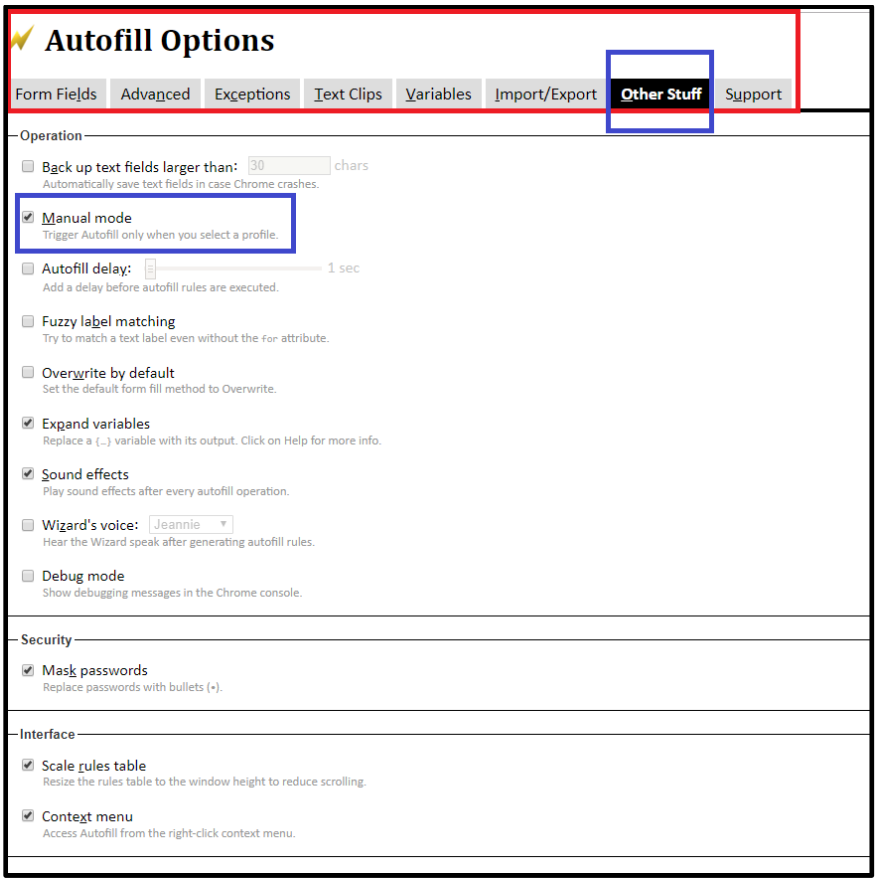
MANUAL MODE

To trigger Autofill only when you select a profile, you must turn on Manual mode and save your Autofill settings.

1a. Right-click anywhere on your Chrome browser and Select Autofill, then click on Autofill Options.



1b. Go to 'Other Stuff' on the Autofill Options bar and check the 'Manual mode' box.


Autofill Options
Form Fields
Advanced
Exceptions
Text Clips
Variables
Import/Export
Other Stuff
Support
Operation
Back up text fields larger than: 30 chars
Automatically save text fields in case Chrome crashes.
Manual mode
Trigger Autofill only when you select a profile.
Autofill delay: 1 sec
Add a delay before autofill rules are executed.
Fuzzy label matching
Try to match a text label even without the for attribute.
Overwrite by default
Set the default form fill method to Overwrite.
Expand variables
Replace a {...} variable with its output. Click on Help for more info.
Sound effects
Play sound effects after every autofill operation.
Wizard's voice: Jeannie
Hear the Wizard speak after generating autofill rules.
Debug mode
Show debugging messages in the Chrome console.
Security
Mask passwords
Replace passwords with bullets (•).
Interface
Scale rules table
Resize the rules table to the window height to reduce scrolling.
Context menu
Access Autofill from the right-click context menu.

EXTRACTING DATA FROM PORTAL

The following instructions will explain how to use the Application Programming Interface (API) feature to extract data from the portal.

The API allows you to download every field from each kind of filing into an excel document. The data extract only provides data on posted filings. (Note: Data will be unavailable to extract until after the portal launches and after the first filings are publicly posted.) Further instructions on how to use the API/data download tool will be made available after the portal is launched and the first filings are posted. (We anticipate this will be at least 30 days after the launch of the portal.)