



Department of Commerce Launches Section 232 Steel and Aluminum Inclusions Process

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WASHINGTON, D.C.— On April 30, 2025, the Department of Commerce issued an interim final rule establishing a new tariff inclusion process for derivative aluminum and steel articles.

This action follows the issuance of Presidential Proclamations 10895 and 10896, collectively known as the “Inclusion Proclamations,” which direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a mechanism for expanding the scope of steel and aluminum tariffs to cover “derivative” articles that contain steel or aluminum.

The Section 232 inclusions process allows U.S. manufacturers and trade associations to request the inclusion of new derivative articles under Section 232 steel and aluminum tariffs. Inclusions may be submitted during any of three defined periods each year. The first submission period opens May 1, 2025. The public will have an opportunity to comment on inclusion requests, and decisions will be issued within 60 days. BIS will publicly post its determinations on [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

Today’s rule also eliminates the Section 232 aluminum and steel exclusions process. In accordance with the Inclusion Proclamations, no new applications for product exclusions have been accepted after February 10, 2025.

Jeffrey Kessler, Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security, said:

“The new steel and aluminum inclusions process will extend the reach of the steel and aluminum tariff program and shut down avenues for circumvention – bringing industry and jobs back to the United States.”

Beyond the establishment of the steel and aluminum inclusions process, Commerce is currently conducting six Section 232 investigations in support of the President’s America First Agenda, including inquiries into the national security impact of imports of copper, timber, lumber, semiconductors, pharmaceuticals, critical minerals, and medium- and heavy-duty trucks into the United States. In addition, Commerce recently imposed tariffs on autos and auto parts under Section 232.

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