

President Trump Expands Section 232 Steel and Aluminum Tariffs on Marine Products

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On Aug. 15, the U.S. Department of Commerce [significantly expanded](#) its Section 232 tariffs on aluminum and steel imports, adding more than 400 HTS codes to its existing list of tariffs on aluminum and steel derivative products. As of Monday, August 18, the metal content of the products is now subject to the 50% tariff.

The Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has issued Cargo Systems and Message Service guidance for [steel products](#) and [aluminum products](#). The announcement does not change any of the existing rules or requirements applicable to 232 tariffs, such as reporting country of melting and pouring or smelting and casting and foreign-trade zone conditions.

Several marine products could now be subject to these new tariff rates and NMMA encourages members to work with your team and suppliers to identify the corresponding HTS codes with your imported components, parts, or products.

The announcement is the culmination of the first round of an inclusion process that began in May, which allowed domestic aluminum and steel producers to advocate for additional HTS codes and products to be subject to the 50% tariff on aluminum and steel derivative products. A second inclusion process is expected to begin in September.

NMMA will continue working with the administration, Congress, and industry partners to ensure U.S. trade policy is targeted, balanced, and aligned with the needs of American manufacturers.

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