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A Brief History of Aluminum Tariffs

Aug. 16, 2017 • Renegotiation of NAFTA begins

May 31, 2018 • U.S. 10% tariff on several aluminum products • Canada $16.6B retaliatory tariffs

Oct. 1, 2018 • Agreement to replace NAFTA with the USMCA

May 17, 2019 • Canada and U.S. reach agreement that ends the 10% levy on Canadian aluminum

Jul. 1, 2020 • USMCA takes effect

Aug. 6, 2020 • U.S. announces plan to reimpose 10% tariff on Canadian unwrought aluminum

Aug. 7, 2020 • Canada announces $3.6B in retaliatory tariffs

Aug. 16, 2020 • 10% tariff goes into effect for unwrought aluminum
Aluminum Imports from Canada Historically Subject to 232 Tariffs

https://dataweb.usitc.gov/
IMPORTATION, CONSUMPTION, AND PRODUCTION OF ALUMINUM

UNWRought ALOumInum Imports

U.S. Imports of Primary Aluminum from Canada

The United States shall not adopt or maintain a measure imposing tariffs or import restrictions on goods or services of Canada under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (Section 232), for at least 60 days after imposition of a measure.

During the 60-day period, the United States and Canada shall seek to negotiate an appropriate outcome based on industry dynamics and historical trading patterns.
INDUSTRIES’ REACTIONS TO PROCLAMATION 10600

• “Today’s historic action by President Trump will stop the Canadian surge and keep over 500 good-paying American aluminum jobs right here in Missouri’s Bootheel.” – Magnitude 7 Metals
• “As policymakers focus on shoring up our manufacturing base and enhancing supply chain resiliency, the President’s leadership helps to secure continued domestic production of this vital strategic material and level the playing field for thousands of American aluminum workers.” – Century Aluminum Co

• “Implementing these tariffs on a vital, free-trading partner will cause unnecessary disruption for downstream producers across North America and further distort the market.” – Alcoa
• “These tariffs will raise costs for American manufacturers, are opposed by most U.S. aluminum producers, and will draw retaliation against U.S. exports — just as they did before. We urge the administration to reconsider this move.” – U.S. Chamber of Commerce (Myron Brilliant)
• “We’re incredibly disappointed that the administration failed to listen to the vast majority of domestic aluminum companies and users by reinstating Section 232 tariffs on Canadian aluminum. After years of complex negotiations and hard work by government, industry and other leaders across North America to make the [USMCA] a reality, this ill-advised action on a key trading partner undermines the deal’s benefits at a time when U.S. businesses and consumers can least afford it.” - The Aluminum Association
Industries Affected by the 232 Tariffs

- **Manufacturing**: 38%
- **Transportation**: 28%
- **Passenger cars & light trucks (OEM)**: 36.5%
- **Packaging**: 31%
- **Construction**: 14%
- **Machinery**: 7%
- **Electrical**: 9%
- **Other**: 4%
- **Truck & buses**: 10.4%
- **Trailers & semi's**: 23.7%
USMCA: COVERED ALUMINUM PRODUCTS

Unwrought Aluminum (76.01)

Aluminum Bar Rods & Profiles (76.04)

Aluminum Wire (76.05), Plates, Sheets & Strips (76.06)

Aluminum Tubes & Pipes (76.08)

Aluminum Waste & Scrap (76.02)

Major, Secondary & Structural Body Panel Stampings that Form the “Body in White” (8708.29)*

Stamped Frame Components that Form the Chassis Frame (8708.99)*