

FACT SHEET
FOR THE NATIONAL PROPANE GAS ASSOCIATION
ON STEEL AND ALUMINUM TARIFFS

Background

Since the first Trump administration, the United States has maintained duties on imported steel and aluminum, and certain imported steel-derivative and aluminum-derivative products, under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962. Section 232 permits the Secretary of Commerce to “adjust imports,” including through the use of tariffs, in situations where excessive foreign imports are found to be a threat to U.S. national security.

Prior to February 2025, the section 232 duties were 25% for imported steel and certain steel-derivative products, and 10% for imported aluminum and certain aluminum-derivative products. These duties apply in addition to any other duties applicable to an imported product. Negotiated exemptions from the duties covered products of certain countries.

The Proclamations

On February 10, 2025, President Trump issued Proclamations 10895 (<https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2025-02832.pdf>; for aluminum) and 10896 (<https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2025-02833.pdf>; for steel). These Proclamations:

- Raised the section 232 duty on aluminum and certain aluminum-derivative products to 25%;
- Eliminated the negotiated country-specific exceptions, effective March 12, 2025;
- Eliminated the process through which businesses could seek exclusions from the tariffs for certain products, and provided for the phase-out of previously-granted exclusions; and
- Provided for an expansion of the scope of covered steel-derivative and aluminum-derivative products, and for the creation of a process through which it will be possible to petition for application of the tariff to additional steel-derivative and aluminum-derivative products.

Steel-derivative products that were covered by the section 232 tariffs prior to Proclamation 10896 are identified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) (*available at* <https://hts.usitc.gov>), Chapter 99, Subchapter III, U.S. Note 16(a)(ii) (pp. 99 – III - 6&7).

Steel-derivative products that are newly subject to section 232 tariffs are identified by HTS number in Annex 1 to Proclamation 10896 (url above). For newly-covered steel derivative products listed in Annex 1 that are classified in Chapter 73 of the HTSUS, the tariff will begin to apply effective March 12, 2025. The tariff will begin to apply to other newly-covered steel derivative products listed in Annex 1 when the Secretary of Commerce publishes a notice that appropriate collection systems are in place.

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Aluminum-derivative products that were covered by the section 232 tariffs prior to Proclamation 10895 are identified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) (*available at <https://hts.usitc.gov>*), Chapter 99, Subchapter III, U.S. Note 19(a)(iii) (pp. 99 – III - 17).

Aluminum-derivative products that are newly subject to section 232 tariffs are identified by HTS number in Annex 1 to Proclamation 10895 (url above). For newly-covered aluminum derivative products listed in Annex 1 that are classified in Chapter 76 of the HTSUS, the tariff will begin to apply effective March 12, 2025. The tariff will begin to apply to other newly-covered aluminum derivative products listed in Annex 1 when the Secretary of Commerce publishes a notice that appropriate collection systems are in place.

The implementation notice and tariff schedule modifications for the steel tariff action are available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/03/05/2025-03598/implementation-of-duties-on-steel-pursuant-to-proclamation-10896-adjusting-imports-of-steel-into-the>

The implementation notice and tariff schedule modifications for the aluminum tariff action are available at: <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2025-03596.pdf>.

Coverage Notes:

- Annex 1 to Proclamation 10896 contains the HTS number 7311.00.00 (“Containers for compressed or liquefied gas, of iron or steel”).
- Steel-derivative articles in Annex I to Proclamation 10896 are not subject to the 25% duty if they were processed outside the U.S. from steel articles melted and poured in the U.S. Aluminum-derivative articles in Annex I to Proclamation 10895 are not subject to the 25% duty if they were processed outside the U.S. from aluminum articles that were smelted and cast in the United States.
- For any steel-derivative article in Annex 1 to Proclamation 10896 that is *not* in Chapter 73 of the HTSUS, the 25% duty applies only to the steel content of the steel-derivative article. For any aluminum-derivative article in Annex 1 to Proclamation 10895 that is *not* in Chapter 76 of the HTSUS, the 25% duty applies only to the aluminum content of the aluminum-derivative article.
- In certain situations, HTSUS Chapter 98 provides for special tariff treatment for goods produced abroad using U.S. manufactured inputs. While HTSUS Chapter 98 provisions generally apply to goods subject to the section 232 duties on steel and aluminum and steel-derivative and aluminum-derivative products, the special treatment provided for in HTSUS 9802.00.60 for metal articles further processed outside the United States does not apply to goods subject to these section 232 duties.

- Drawback cannot be claimed for section 232 duties on steel and aluminum, and steel-derivative and aluminum-derivative products.

The HTSUS can be found at <https://hts.usitc.gov>. This webpage includes a search function.