

WHITE HOUSE INCREASES NUMBER OF PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO SEC. 232 TARIFFS STARTING FEB 8, 2020

On January 24th, the White House released a new<u>Presidential Proclamation</u> that sought to expand the list of aluminum and steel products subject to the 10% (aluminum) and 25% (steel) Section 232 duties. The proclamation referenced two (2) annexes but the White House website did not include the annexes on the White House website at the time the proclamation was released.

The annexes have now been published and the following additional "downstream" or "derivative" products will also be subject to additional Section 232 duties in the amount of 10% (for the <u>aluminum products</u>) or 25% (for the <u>steel products</u>).

In the case of aluminum, the goods that were not previously subject to the 10% Section 232 duties but now will be (effective February 8th) are:

- (A) stranded wire, cables, plaited bands and the like, including slings and similar articles, of aluminum and with steel core, not electrically insulated; the foregoing fitted with fittings or made up into articles (described in subheading 7614.10.50);
- (B) stranded wire, cables, plaited bands and the like, including slings and similar articles, of aluminum and not with steel core, not electrically insulated; the foregoing comprising electrical conductors, not fitted with fittings or made up into articles (described in subheading 7614.90.20);
- (C) stranded wire, cables, plaited bands and the like, including slings and similar articles, of aluminum and not with steel core, not electrically insulated; the foregoing not comprising electrical conductors, not fitted with fittings or made up into articles (described in subheading 7614.90.40);
- (D) stranded wire, cables, plaited bands and the like, including slings and similar articles, of aluminum and not with steel core, not electrically insulated; the foregoing fitted with fittings or made up into articles (described in subheading 7614.90.50);
- (E) bumper stampings of aluminum, the foregoing comprising parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 8701 to 8705 (described in subheading 8708.10.30); and
- (F) body stampings of aluminum, for tractors suitable for agricultural use (described in subheading 8708.29.21).

The additional 10% aluminum duties apply to the above articles regardless of origin. The only exception is for aluminum articles that originate in Argentina, Australia, Canada and Mexico.

In the case of steel, the goods that were not previously subject to the 25% Section 232 duties but now will be (again, effective February 8th) are:

• (A) nails, tacks (other than thumb tacks), drawing pins, corrugated nails, staples (other than those of heading 8305) and similar articles, of iron or steel, whether or not with heads of other material (excluding such articles with heads of copper), suitable for use in powder-actuated handtools, threaded (described in subheading 7317.00.30); and

- (B) nails, tacks (other than thumb tacks), drawing pins, corrugated nails, staples (other than those of heading 8305) and similar articles, of iron or steel, whether or not with heads of other material (excluding such articles with heads of copper), of one piece construction, whether or not made of round wire; the foregoing described in statistical reporting numbers 7317.00.5503, 7317.00.5505, 7317.00.5507, 7317.00.5560, 7317.00.5580 or 7317.00.6560 only and not in other statistical reporting numbers of subheadings 7317.00.55 and 7317.00.65;
- (C) bumper stampings of steel, the foregoing comprising parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 8701 to 8705 (described in subheading 8708.10.30); and
- (D) body stampings of steel, for tractors suitable for agricultural use (described in subheading 8708.29.21)

The additional 25% steel duties apply to the above articles regardless of origin. The only exception is for steel articles that originate in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Mexico and South Korea.

Roll & Harris LLP is continuing to monitor events and will send out future updates as the situation develops.

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