



TIMELINE OF ACTIONS SEC. 232 STEEL AND ALUMINUM

March 8, 2018 Presidential Proclamations: [Aluminum \(HTS codes\)](#); [Steel \(HTS codes\)](#)

March 22, 2018 Presidential Proclamations: Suspends tariffs on [steel](#) and [aluminum](#) imports from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, the European Union and South Korea until May 1, 2018.

March 28, 2018 Exemption for South Korea: USTR [announces](#) permanent exemption for South Korea from steel tariffs, effective May 1. Tariffs are still in effect for aluminum imports

April 30, 2018 Presidential Proclamations: Extends suspension of tariffs on [steel](#) and [aluminum](#) imports from Canada, Mexico, and the European Union until June 1, 2018. Australia, Argentina, and Brazil reached [agreements](#) in principle.

May 31, 2018 Presidential Proclamations: Imposes a 25 percent tariff on [steel \(full annex\)](#) imports and 10 percent tariff on [aluminum \(full annex\)](#) imports from Canada, Mexico, and the EU effective **June 1, 2018**. MEMA's statement on the Canada, EU, and Mexican tariffs can be [viewed here](#).

June 1, 2018: Steel and aluminum imports from all countries are subject to the tariffs, except for Argentina, Australia Brazil and South Korea, which have quotas in place.

Quotas are broken down into calendar quarters. Once a quota is reached no more imports will be allowed Options will include warehouse, foreign trade zone, exportation, or destruction. No drawback shall be available with respect to the Section 232 duties imposed on any aluminum or steel article. For more information on quotas, visit [U.S. Customs & Border Protection](#)

On June 20, 2018: Department of Commerce [announced](#) it had begun granting product exclusion requests.

August 29, 2018 Presidential Proclamations: Allows Commerce to provide targeted relief from quotas on [steel](#) from South Korea, Argentina, and Brazil, and [aluminum](#) from Argentina. Companies can apply for product exclusions based on insufficient quantity or quality available from U.S. steel or aluminum producers. Extends retroactive relief for all granted product exclusion requests back to the date of filing.

[Department of Commerce Press Release](#)

[Aug. 29, 2018 Presidential Proclamation - Steel](#)

[Aug. 29, 2018 Presidential Proclamation - Aluminum](#)

September 9, 2018: The BIS published an [interim final rule](#) (IFR) on Revisions to Requirements for Submissions of Exclusion Requests and Objections to Submitted Requests for Steel and Aluminum in the *Federal Register*.

