

**Subject: CBP Guidance for Steel and Aluminum Imports Effective March 12, 2025**

Dear Valued Customers,

This update provides the latest guidance on the import duties on aluminum, steel, and their derivative products as per U.S.

**Key Updates for Aluminum Tariffs (CSMS #64384496)**

- Effective March 12, 2025, a 25% import duty applies to aluminum articles and derivative aluminum articles from all countries under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962.
- HTS Classifications and Duty Rates: 9903.85.02 – Aluminum products except for specific derivative articles.
  - 9903.85.04 – Existing derivative aluminum articles.
  - 9903.85.07 – Newly classified derivative aluminum articles under Chapter 76.
  - 9903.85.09 – 0% duty applies to new derivative aluminum products processed outside the U.S. but smelted and cast in the U.S.
  - 9903.85.08 – 25% duty applies to certain derivative aluminum products not classified in Chapter 76, based on aluminum content value.

**Full list of aluminum tariff classifications and applicable duties:**

[Aluminum HTS List – Final](#)

**Key Updates for Steel Tariffs (CSMS #64384423)**

- Effective March 12, 2025, a 25% import duty applies to steel articles and derivative steel articles from all countries.
- HTS Classifications and Duty Rates: 9903.81.87 – Steel products, except derivative articles.
  - 9903.81.89 – Existing steel derivative articles.
  - 9903.81.90 – New steel derivative articles classified in Chapter 73.
  - 9903.81.92 – 0% duty for new steel derivative articles processed outside the U.S. but originally melted and poured in the U.S.
  - 9903.81.91 – 25% duty applies to derivative steel products not classified in Chapter 73, based on steel content value.

**Full list of steel tariff classifications and applicable duties:**

[Steel HTS List – Final](#)

**General Summary of Section 232 Tariff Classifications**

**For a high-level overview of the Section 232 aluminum and steel tariff structure, see:**

[Section 232 Tariff Classification Chart – Final](#)

### Reporting Requirements & Compliance

- **Aluminum & Steel Content-Based Duties:**
  - If the aluminum or steel content value is unknown, duty is applied to the entire product value and reported on a single-entry summary line.
  - If the aluminum or steel content is lower than the total product value, two entry lines must be reported: one for the non-metal content and one for the metal content.
- **200% Duty on Russian Aluminum & Steel:**
  - This duty remains in effect for any products smelted, poured, or manufactured in Russia.
  - HTS reporting requirements remain unchanged for these products.

### Smelt, Cast, and Melt & Pour Reporting

- Aluminum imports must include ISO country codes for smelt and cast details.
- Steel imports must include ISO codes for melting and pour data.
- U.S.-origin aluminum and steel are exempt from these reporting requirements.

### Additional Provisions for Both Aluminum & Steel

- **Exclusions & Drawback:**
  - Importer-specific exclusions remain valid until expiration or volume limits are met.
  - All General Approved Exclusions (GAEs) expire on March 11, 2025—after which the 25% tariff applies.
  - No duty drawback is available.
- **Quota Expiration:**
  - All Section 232 quotas expire March 11, 2025.
  - Quota entries must be processed by 4:30 p.m. local port time on March 11, 2025.
  - Non-quota entries must be refiled on or after March 12, 2025.
- **Foreign Trade Zones (FTZ):**
  - Aluminum and steel articles admitted into FTZs after March 12, 2025, can only enter under “privileged foreign status.”
  - The smelt, cast, melt, and pour reporting apply to FTZ withdrawals for consumption after March 12, 2025.

### Compliance Expectations

CBP expects full compliance from importers for accurate reporting and duty payments.

Enforcement actions will be taken for non-compliance. Importers must correctly associate duties with applicable HTS classifications and adhere to CBP reporting instructions.

- [CSMS # 64384423](#) - UPDATED GUIDANCE: Import Duties on Imports of Steel and Steel Derivative Products
- [CSMS # 64384496](#) - UPDATED GUIDANCE: Import Duties on Imports of Aluminum and Aluminum Derivative Products

We will update you with any latest information as it becomes available. In the meantime, should you require further clarification or assistance with compliance strategies, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team.