

U.S. Trade Actions Concerning Tariffs & Retaliatory Measures by Other Countries

(last updated Sept. 21, 2018)

Action	Covered Products	Rate Increase	Effective Date
Section 232	Steel and Aluminum	Steel – 25% Aluminum – 10%	6/1/2018
Status:	<p>Steel – all countries of origin except South Korea, Brazil, and Argentina (agreed to quotas); and Australia (exempted).</p> <p>Aluminum – all countries of origin except Argentina (agreed to quota); and Australia (exempted).</p> <p>Beginning August 13, steel articles covered by Section 232 from Turkey are subject to an <i>ad valorem</i> duty rate of 50%.</p>		
Section 232	Autos and Automotive Parts	TBD	TBD
Status:	<p>Commerce initiated the Section 232 national security investigation on U.S. imports of automobiles and auto parts on May 23, 2018. Similar to the earlier completed 232 investigations on steel and aluminum, the investigation will determine whether imports of automobiles, including SUVs, vans and light trucks, and automotive parts into the United States threaten to impair the national security as defined in Section 232. Hearing on July 19, 2018.</p>		
Section 301	For the final list of products in List 1, click here	25%	7/6/2018
	For the final list of products in List 2, click here	25%	8/23/2018
	For the final list of products in List 3, click here	10%	9/24/2018
		25%	1/1/2019
Status:	<p>List 1 totaling \$34 billion worth of imports is composed of 818 tariff lines and went into effect on 7/6/2018. Some castings on List 1.</p> <p>Exclusion Process: On July 6, 2018, USTR outlined the procedures for exclusion requests for List 1 products. Exclusion requests must be filed by October 9, 2018.</p>		

	<p>List 2 totaling \$16 billion worth of imports was originally composed of 284 proposed tariff lines identified by the interagency Section 301 Committee. 279 of the 284 lines went into effect on 8/23/2018. Some castings on List 2.</p> <p>Exclusion Process: On September 18, 2018, the United States Trade Representative (USTR) published a notice in the Federal Register explaining the procedures and criteria for requests for product exclusions from the additional 25% tariffs placed on goods from China on August 23, 2018. Requests to exclude a particular product are due by December 18, 2018. Responses to a request for exclusion of a particular product are due 14 days after the request is posted in the docket. Any replies to responses to an exclusion request are due the later of 7 days after the close of the 14-day response period, or 7 days after the posting of a response.</p> <p>List 3 totaling approximately \$200 billion of imports was originally composed of 6,031 tariff lines. 5,745 full and partial lines go into effect on 9/24/2018. Some castings on List 3.</p> <p>Exclusion Process: As of 9/21/18, the administration hasn't put a process in place for companies to obtain exemptions from the 10% tariffs. It's unclear whether the government will start offering exclusions once that rate increase to 25% occurs on 1/1/19.</p>
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Retaliatory Actions

Canada	For covered products, click here	Table 1 – 25% Table 2 – 10% Table 3 – 10%	7/1/2018
Status:	Canada is imposing countermeasures against C\$16.6 billion in imports of steel, aluminum, and other products from the U.S., representing the value of 2017 Canadian exports affected by the U.S. tariffs.		
EU	For covered products, click here	Annex I – 10% or 25% Annex II – 10% – 50%	Annex I – 6/22/2018 Annex II – 3/23/2018 or 5th day after WTO Dispute Settlement Body rules against the U.S. action, whichever is first.
Status:	June 2018 EU announcement		
Mexico	For the translated list of covered products, click here	7% – 25% (pages 1-4) 10% – 15% (page 5)	6/5/2018 7/5/2018

Status:	Most retaliatory measures effective as of 6/5/2018. An “exception” list is effective on 7/5/2018.		
China (Response to Section 232 Tariffs)	For covered products, click here	Annex I – 15% – 25%	4/3/2018
China (Response to Section 301 Tariffs)	For covered products in List 1, click here (Unofficial Version)	25%	7/6/2018
	For covered products in List 2, click here (Unofficial Version)	25%	8/23/2018
	For covered products in List 3 (announced August 3), click here (Unofficial Version)	Annex 1 and 2 – now 10% Annex 3 – now 5% Annex 4 – remains 5%	9/24/2018
Status:	List 1 is composed of 545 tariff lines. List 2 contains 333 tariff lines on U.S. goods worth \$16 billion. List 3 contains 5,207 tariff lines on U.S. worth \$60 billion.		
India	For covered products, click here	Up to \$10.6 billion; Annex I – 5% – 100%	6/21/2018
Status:	The U.S. declined India’s request for WTO consultations, leading to India’s retaliation tariffs on U.S. goods, effective immediately.		
Japan	For covered products, click here	Up to \$1.91 billion	TBD – no earlier than March 23, 2021, or the 5th day following the date of a decision from the WTO DSB, whichever comes first.
Status:	Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and President Trump will hold a summit meeting on Sept. 26 and trade/tariffs will be a key issue.		
Russia	For covered products, click here	Up to \$3.16 billion	TBD

Status:	Russia will apply the proposed suspension of equivalent concessions upon the expiration of 30 days from the day on which Council on Trade in Goods has been notified. The suspension will continue until the U.S. lifts the safeguard measures.		
Turkey	For covered products, click here	Up to \$1.78 billion; Annex I – 5% – 40%	6/21/2018
Status:	<p>The U.S. declined Turkey’s request for WTO consultations due to the provisions of the Safeguard Agreement. The Government of Turkey proposed the suspension of equivalent concessions starting June 21, 2018.</p> <p>On August 15, 2018, in retaliation for the doubling of U.S. steel tariffs, the Government of Turkey reserved its right to further suspend substantially equivalent concessions and other obligations based on the trade impact resulting from the new measures of the U.S. Additionally, Turkey again requested WTO consultations with the U.S. due to the provisions of the Safeguard Agreement.</p>		

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