



# FedEx Regulatory Alerts & Updates

## **Regulatory Alert: Changes to U.S. Steel and Aluminum Section 232 Tariff**

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On March 8, 2018, President Trump issued two Presidential Proclamations announcing the imposition of Section 232 duties on certain steel and aluminum products of 25 and 10 percent, respectively. These duties are in addition to any other general or special (antidumping or countervailing) duty that may apply.

While exemptions were initially implemented for Canadian- and Mexican-originating steel and aluminum goods, those exemptions expired on June 1, 2018. Since that time, the Section 232 duties on steel and aluminum have applied to qualifying Canadian and Mexican goods.

In response to the Section 232 tariff action, Canada and Mexico both implemented retaliatory tariffs against products of U.S. origin. These retaliatory tariffs covered a variety of goods ranging from chocolate and cheese to air compressors and whiskey.

### **WHAT HAS CHANGED?**

Effective 12:01 a.m. on May 20, 2019, the tariffs levied by the U.S. on steel and aluminum goods of Canadian and Mexican origin were lifted, according to CSMS# 19-000252.

In turn, Canada and Mexico agreed to remove all retaliatory tariffs they had imposed on products of the United States.

### **Q&A**

**Q1: After this May 20, 2019 action, how many countries are now exempt from the 232 steel and aluminum tariffs?**

A1: Exempt from aluminum tariffs: Argentina, Canada, and Mexico

Exempt from steel tariffs: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, and South Korea

**Q2: Where can I find the specific HTS codes that are impacted by these tariffs?**

A2: The DOC website link provided in the References section below has two large linked attachments included within it. The Effect of Imports of Steel attachment is a 12.77MB file and the Effect of Imports of Aluminum attachment is a 9.72MB file. The applicable HTS codes are listed in detail in those respective files.

**References:**

CSMS# 19-000252 - Update: Termination of Section 232 Duty for Steel and Aluminum Products of Canada and MX:

[https://csms.cbp.gov/viewmssg.asp?Recid=24244&page=&srch\\_argv=19-000252&srctype=all&btype=&sortby=&sby=](https://csms.cbp.gov/viewmssg.asp?Recid=24244&page=&srch_argv=19-000252&srctype=all&btype=&sortby=&sby=)

CBP Section 232 Tariffs FAQ Guide:

<https://www.cbp.gov/trade/programs-administration/entry-summary/232-tariffs-aluminum-and-steel/faqs>

CBP Section 232 Tariffs Overview:

<https://www.cbp.gov/trade/remedies/232-tariffs-aluminum-and-steel#>

U.S. Department of Commerce Section 232 Investigations Overview:

<https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/other-areas/office-of-technology-evaluation-ote/section-232-investigations>

MX Customs' official notice of the removal of tariffs:

[https://dof.gob.mx/nota\\_detalle.php?codigo=5560685&fecha=20/05/2019](https://dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5560685&fecha=20/05/2019)

CA Customs' official notice of the removal of tariffs:

<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/cn-ad/cn19-09-eng.html>