Client Advisory

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Tariff Rate Quotas Announced for EU Steel and Aluminum

Dear Valued Customer,

The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced that the United States will place a tariff-rate quota (TRQ) on steel and aluminum products from the European Union (EU). The TRQs will go into effect on January 1, 2022 and it will allow limited amounts of EU steel and aluminum products to be entered into the United States free of any Section 232 tariffs applied.

The Section 232 tariffs on EU steel and aluminum will remain if imported above the TRQ levels designated by Commerce. Products imported above the quota limits will still be subject to a 25% tariff for steel and 10% for aluminum.

- Steel Imports: Aggregate annual import volume under the TRQ is set at 3.3 million metric tons (MMT) covering 54 steel product categories
- Aluminum Imports: Aggregate annual import volume is set at 18 thousand metric tons (TMT) for unwrought aluminum under two product categories and 366 TMT for semi-finished (wrought) aluminum under 14 categories

Imports of steel and aluminum must meet eligibility criteria listed in the announcement to be imported under the TRQ. Derivative products from the EU will not be subject to Section 232 tariffs or quotas. Imported products that are covered under a Section 232 exclusion will not count against the quota volumes, and Commerce will automatically extend exclusions granted for steel and aluminum products from the EU until December 31, 2023.

To read the announcement or view the full listing of HTS numbers that will be eligible for the TRQ go to Commerce Announcement of Actions on EU Imports Under Section 232.

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your C.H. Robinson commercial representative for further information.

Sincerely, C.H. Robinson

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