

# CLIENT ADVISORY

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## Aluminum Import License System Proposed

Dear Valued U.S. Import Customer,

The U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) has issued proposed rulemaking to establish an Aluminum Import Monitoring and Analysis (AIM) system. The current Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis (SIMA) system has been used for the last decade to obtain and publish data on steel mill products imported into the U.S., providing stakeholders with valuable steel trade information, and alerting DOC to surges in importing specific steel products and circumvention of U.S. trade measures relating to those products. AIM would be similar to the SIMA system.

DOC proposes to collect the country information where the aluminum used in the manufacture of the imported product was smelted and poured. They would release the data on an aggregate basis, as appropriate, and would apply the licensing requirement to cover all imports of basic aluminum products (please refer to Annex II of the notice).

Comments should be submitted no later than May 29, through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.Regulations.gov> notating Docket Number ITA-2020-200408-0103. Comments can also be mailed or sent via courier as outlined in the notice.

The Aluminum License Application would require the reporting of certain shipment data to include, but not be limited to:

- Importer and their EIN Number
- Filer Name and Information
- Entry Type
- Exporter Name
- Manufacturer Name
- Country of Origin and Country of Export
- HTS Number
- Country where Smelted and Poured
- Volume (Quantity) in Kilograms
- Customs Entered Value

The license system would generate a license number and that number is to be declared on the Customs entry. Certain information collected from the license application process will be posted on the aluminum import surge monitoring website. Only the aggregate information will be reported to the public. All license and party information are considered business proprietary information and will not be released to the public.

The full notice published in the Federal Register on April 29, 2020 can be found [here](#).

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,

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