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Trump Administration Rolls Out Section 232 Tariffs On Steel And Aluminum Imports

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On March 8, 2018, President Trump exercised “his authority to impose a 25 percent tariff on steel imports and a 10 percent tariff on aluminum imports” under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962. U.S. Customs and Border Protection began collecting these tariffs on March 23, 2018. On March 22, 2018, the White House announced that application of the Section 232 tariffs on the following countries with a special security relationship with the United States would be suspended until May 1, 2018: Canada, Mexico, Australia, Argentina, South Korea, Brazil, and the European Union (on behalf of its member countries). [More »](#)

Section 301 Investigation Update

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On March 22, 2018, the United States Trade Representative (USTR) issued a [report](#) outlining the findings of its Section 301 investigation into China’s practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation. [More »](#)

Congress Debates Export Control Reform

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As we noted [previously](#), Congress is considering legislation to reform the process associated with review by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) of inbound foreign investments with potential national security implications. One of the chief critiques of this reform effort is that it could create a redundant

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transaction-by-transaction review process for technology transfers that are already governed by the existing export controls law. [More »](#)

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In late February and early March, leaders from Canada, Mexico, and the United States met in Mexico City for the seventh round of negotiations to amend the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The negotiators succeeded in concluding three “chapters” of the amended NAFTA, but United States Trade Representative (USTR) Robert Lighthizer said that “we have not made the progress that many had hoped in this round.” Looming over the negotiations was the Trump Administration’s impending tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum. These tariffs were imposed shortly after the seventh round of negotiations ended, but imports of steel and aluminum from Canada and Mexico are exempted “at least at this time” and are the subject of ongoing negotiations. [More »](#)

[Brexit Update: Conditional Agreement Reached On Brexit Transition Period](#)

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On March 19, 2018, the UK and EU released a draft withdrawal agreement highlighting the progress made between the two parties on the terms of a transition period that will usher the UK out of the EU. In this document, the UK and EU negotiators reached agreement on the following issues: [More »](#)

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- **Update On China And EU Responses To Steel And Aluminum Tariffs** – [Manuel Sanchez Miranda](#) – As reported above, President Trump imposed tariffs on steel and aluminum products pursuant to Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962. [More »](#)
 - **GAO Releases Automated Trade Data Report** – [Saud Aldawsari](#) – The Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a report on the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). The ACE is the primary system through which the trade community reports imports and exports and the government determines admissibility. [More »](#)
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