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New Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Petitions Target Aluminum Extrusions from 15 Countries

On October 4, 2023, the U.S. Aluminum Extruders Coalition and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial, and Service Workers International Union filed 15 new antidumping duty petitions and four new countervailing duty petitions variously targeting imports of aluminum extrusions from 15 countries, including China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, and Vietnam.

The petitions seek to capture within its scope not only aluminum extrusions but several downstream products and subassemblies that were previously excluded from the scope of existing antidumping and countervailing duty (AD/CVD) orders focused on China. A key consideration is that the country in which the aluminum is extruded will be the determining factor as to whether or not the good is subject to these antidumping and countervailing duties.

The first step of the investigation started on October 4, 2023, with the initial questionnaires due to the International Trade Commission (ITC) on October 18, 2023, followed by the preliminary hearing on October 25, 2023. Given the wide range of industrial and manufacturing uses of aluminum extrusions, the investigation could potentially touch hundreds of U.S. businesses that import aluminum extrusions. A sampling of products that are potentially subject to duties would include:

Car and truck frames and motor vehicle parts, including bumpers and trailer parts

Solar panel racking and framing

Tradeshow and billboard framing

Fence posts

Consumer items such as tent poles, picture frames, telescoping poles, door thresholds, and cleaning system poles

Heat sinks

Fenestration systems including curtain walls and window walls

Shower and bath system subassemblies

Appliance parts and subassemblies, including fin evaporator coils

Electric vehicle charging station parts and subassemblies

The antidumping and countervailing duties, which will be imposed as early as late December 2023, have rates ranging from 28 to 256 percent depending on the country of export.

Husch Blackwell's International Trade team is hosting a webinar on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 4 p.m. ET to provide an overview of the petitions and to field audience questions.

What this means to you

Companies which are affected will likely receive a questionnaire from the ITC on October 5 or 6 and will be required to submit responses by October 18, 2023. The ITC requires this information in order to analyze whether or not the domestic industry is injured by these imports.

Contact us

If you have questions regarding this petition or require assistance in responding to ITC inquiries, please contact Nithya Nagarajan, Dan Wilson, Steve Brophy, Jeff Neeley, or your Husch Blackwell attorney.