

## NEWS IN BRIEF

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### **BIS Adds Steel Appliances to Steel Derivative List for 232 Tariffs**

The Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) issued a Federal Register Notice announcing that it will include new steel derivatives involving household appliances. It revises Annex 1 to the list of goods subject the Section 232 tariffs, effective June 23. It adds these additional steel derivative products to the list that will now be subject to the 50% on 232 tariffs on the steel content as of June 23:

- (1) Combined refrigerator-freezers under HTSUS subheading 8418.10.00
- (2) small and large dryers under HTSUS subheadings 8451.21.00 and 8451.29.00
- (3) washing machines under HTSUS subheadings 8450.11.00 and 8450.20.00
- (4) dishwashers under HTSUS subheading 8422.11.00
- (5) chest and upright freezers under HTSUS subheadings 8418.30.00 and 8418.40.00
- (6) cooking stoves, ranges, and ovens under HTSUS subheading 8516.60.40
- (7) food waste disposals under HTSUS subheading 8509.80.20
- (8) welded wire rack under statistical reporting number 9403.99.9020

The tariff imposed under Proclamation 10896 will be assessed on these derivative products for the value of the steel content in each product. All other tariff codes for steel and steel derivative products in Annex 1 remain unchanged. The FRN can be found at: [2025-11067.pdf](#)

### **CBP is working on Electronic Payment and Refund Processes**

On March 25, 2025, President Trump issued an executive order to require all payments to and refunds from the U.S. government to be made electronically. He stated that the continued use of checks for collection and refund was inefficient and imposed risks of lost or stolen checks, as well being very expensive to manually process those payments. The order set an effective date of September 30, 2025, to cease issuing refund checks and implement electronic fund transferring. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has begun its work on this conversion, but there are many challenges, and there will be exceptions to the process. CBP is ahead of many agencies in that CBP does have an automated clearing house (ACH) available for some payment and refund options for duty, but there needs to be development for payment of non-duty issues. The Executive Order that explains these goals can be found at: [Modernizing Payments To and From America's Bank Account – The White House](#)

## **Update on CIT Decision to Block Trump's Use of IEEPA to Impose Tariffs**

Not much has changed since last week. The Court of International Trade (CIT) issued a decision that blocks the use of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act IEEPA to impose additional tariffs on imported goods. The decision covers:

- The additional fentanyl tariffs of 25% on Mexico and Canada and 20% on China
- The 10% reciprocal tariff currently assessed on all countries, including China

The decision ordered the end of collecting the additional Tariffs within 10 days

The U.S. government filed an appeal with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC). It also requested a stay on the ending of the additional tariffs. The stay has been granted to allow the CAFC to review the appeal. The additional tariffs will continue to be collected. At first, a decision on this case was expected by the end of June, but now it is not expected before July, and it will go on for several more weeks. Usually appeal cases are handled by a 3-judge panel, but due to the enormity of this case all the CAFC judges will be part of a thorough review.

The complaint before CIT does not include additional tariffs under section 232 such as steel and aluminum, or Section 301 duties that go back to Trump's first term. Since there is no order for refunds on the tariffs, importers should hold off on filing Post Summary Corrections. However, if you have entries subject to IEEPA tariffs that have liquidated early, a protest should be filed before the 180-day time frame for filing is reached.

## **Webinar on Wood Packing Material**

With the increased enforcement on Wood Packaging Materials (WPM), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has announced a timely presentation on WPM. CBP's Office of Field Operations, along with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is hosting a webinar on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. ET titled **Wood Packing Material (WPM)**. The webinar will provide an overview from CBP and USDA representatives who will inform participants on wood packing material regulations, data sets for public use, and resources for stakeholders, along with CBP's enforcement posture. Registration is available at: [Wood Packing Material \(WPM\) Webinar - Website](#)

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