

Nova Scotia Stakeholders impacted by Steel, Aluminum Trade Action

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Nova Scotia's Department of Intergovernmental Affairs is working to update and share information with stakeholders impacted by recent trade actions initiated by the United States.

On June 1, 2018, the U.S. imposed tariffs on certain products of steel and aluminum from Canada. The Government of Canada continues to work for the full and permanent removal of these tariffs. A series of countermeasures was implemented by Finance Canada on July 1. In addition to applying reciprocal tariffs on imports of steel, aluminum and some other products from the U.S., programs and initiatives are in place that may mitigate impacts for stakeholders.

Companies importing inputs/goods from the United States are encouraged to consult the following resources detailing Federal programs that may assist with business risk mitigation strategies:

EXPORTERS:

Duties Relief Program:

<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d7/d7-4-1-eng.pdf>

Application:

<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/forms-formulaires/k90.pdf>

Qualifying companies receive relief from tariffs imposed on imports of steel/aluminum products used to manufacture goods that are subsequently exported.

Duties Drawback Program:

<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d7/d7-4-2-eng.pdf>

Qualifying companies receive refunds of tariffs paid on imports of steel/aluminum products used to manufacture goods that are subsequently exported.)

NOTE: Electronic submission is not currently available. Applications originating in Nova Scotia for the Duties Relief Program and the Duties Drawback Program may be submitted at any Canadian Border Services Agency Office. Applicants wishing to expedite the process may courier or mail documents directly to:

Canadian Border Services Agency
Attn: Gilles Cormier, Manager of Regional Programs
400 Place d'Youville, 5e étage
Montreal, Quebec
H2Y 2C2

For additional information on the Duties Relief Program and the Duties Drawback Program, or inquiries regarding the processing of applications and time frames, please contact: Gilles.cormier@cbca-asfc.gc.ca

DOMESTIC MANUFACTURERS, OTHER IMPORTERS:

Surtax Remission:

<https://www.fin.gc.ca/access/remis-eng.asp>

Requests for relief from, or the refund of, surtaxes (tariffs) that came into force on July 1, 2018, on imports of goods from the United States will be considered in specific circumstances, to address issues of:

- short supply, on a national or regional basis;
- contractual requirements, existing prior to May 31, 2018, to use U.S. steel or aluminum in products or projects;
- other exceptional circumstances.

BUSINESSES AND WORKERS IN STEEL, ALUMINUM, AND RELATED INDUSTRIES:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2018/06/support-for-canadian-steel-and-aluminum-workers-and-industry.html>

In addition to countermeasures implemented on July 1, the Government of Canada will make available up to \$2 billion to defend and protect the interests of Canadian workers and businesses in the steel, aluminum and manufacturing industries. A range of programs, opportunities and investments are included.

MORE INFORMATION:

The Nova Scotia Department of Intergovernmental Affairs continues to closely monitor the impacts of recent trade actions on business sectors, workers and communities. Stakeholders seeking additional information, or needing assistance regarding the import or export of goods, are invited to contact the Department's Trade Policy Division at trade@novascotia.ca; Director of Trade Policy, Angela Houston, angela.houston@novascotia.ca; or Director of Corporate and External Relations, Marilla Stephenson, marilla.stephenson@novascotia.ca