

Commerce Launches New 232 Exclusions Portal

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Washington, DC: The U.S. Department of Commerce announced today the launch of its new 232 Exclusions Portal for processing new steel and aluminum exclusion requests, which is located at www.trade.gov/232/steelalum. The 232 Exclusions Portal will streamline the exclusion process and result in faster decisions for industry on their exclusion requests.

Further, the public will now be able to easily view all exclusion request, objection, rebuttal, and sur-rebuttal documents in a centralized web-based system. The Portal features enhanced search capabilities that allow users to filter exclusion requests and related filings by categories such as company name and product type.

In addition, the 232 Exclusions Portal will provide transparency to external parties through a real-time decision-status tracking mechanism. The Department has also streamlined its coordination with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to ensure that all exclusion requests posted on the 232 Exclusions Portal are identified by Harmonized Tariff Schedule codes that are administrable by CBP.

For organizations that submitted exclusion requests prior to June 13, 2019 via www.regulations.gov, filings relating to these exclusions requests, including objections, rebuttals, and sur-rebuttals, will continue to be posted on www.regulations.gov until a decision is issued. All exclusion requests filed on or after June 13, 2019 must be submitted through the new Exclusions Portal at www.trade.gov/232/steelalum.

“We are excited about our 232 Exclusions Portal launch, the user-friendly functionality it provides to the public, and its ability to expedite our decision-making process,” said Nazak Nikakhtar, Performing the Non-Exclusive Duties of the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce. “Based on feedback from industry groups that tested the 232 Exclusions Portal, we are confident that this Portal will streamline the exclusions process in a very positive way.”

A comprehensive external user guide and Frequently Asked Questions, as well as a link to the 232 Exclusions Portal, is available at www.commerce.com/232. For 232 Exclusions Portal technical questions, contact (202) 482-3203 or 232ExclusionsPortal@bis.doc.gov.

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