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## Regulatory Alert: Section 232 Steel Melt & Pour Reporting Requirements

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### BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation 10783, effective November 21, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) requires the reporting of the country of melt & pour for certain imported steel articles from all countries and steel derivatives from Mexico. The requirement applies regardless of value and whether Section 232 duty treatment, quota treatment, or exception treatment is applicable.

### WHAT HAS CHANGED?

Beginning **November 21, 2024**, importers are required to provide specific information on the origin of steel melting and pouring in their entry filings for the following:

- Primary steel products from all countries
- Steel derivative products from Mexico

The country of melt and pour is defined as the original location where the raw steel is first produced in a steel-making furnace in a liquid state, and then poured into its first solid shape (takes the form of either a semi-finished product (slab, billets or ingots) or a finished steel mill product. Mill test certificates may identify the countries of melt and pour and are an entry requirement for iron or steel classifiable in Chapter 72 or headings 7301 to 7307.

### Primary Steel Products:

The country of melt and pour for primary steel must be reported for all countries of origin.

Primary steel articles are classified under tariff codes:

- 7206.10 through 7216.50
- 7216.99 through 7301.10
- 7302.10
- 7302.40 through 7302.90
- 7304.10 through 7306.90

## **Steel Derivative Products:**

The country of melt and pour for steel derivative products must be reported if the product's country of origin is Mexico. Only Mexican derivative products melted and poured within the United States, Mexico, or Canada qualify to be exempt from Section 232 duties. If the specific country of melt and pour is unavailable, the applicability code "OTH" (Other) may be used; however, the goods will not be exempt from Section 232 duties.

CBP will accept the reporting of the country of melt and pour for steel derivative products from other countries of origin, but it is not required.

Steel derivative products include the following classifications:

- **Nails, tacks, drawing pins, and staples of iron or steel**, suitable for powder-actuated hand tools or one-piece construction (tariff codes 7317.00.30, 7317.00.5503, 7317.00.5505, 7317.00.5507, 7317.00.5560, 7317.00.5580, and 7317.00.6560).
- **Bumper stampings of steel** (tariff code 8708.10.30) used in motor vehicles (Headings 8701 to 8705).
- **Body stampings of steel** for tractors suitable for agricultural use (tariff code 8708.29.21).

## **Q & A**

### **Q 1 – When do the new melt and pour reporting requirements take effect?**

A 1 – The new reporting requirements become mandatory on November 21, 2024.

### **Q 2 – Are all steel imports subject to these reporting requirements?**

A 2 – No. Reporting is mandatory for primary steel products from all countries and steel derivative products from Mexico.

### **Q 3 – If I am unable to provide the country of melt and pour for a Mexican derivative steel product, what should I do?**

A 3 – You may use the code "OTH" (Other) if the country of melt and pour is unavailable for Mexican derivative products; however, Section 232 duties will apply.

### **Q 4 – Which tariff codes are impacted by these requirements?**

A 4 – **Primary Steel:** 7206.10 through 7216.50, 7216.99 through 7301.10, 7302.10, 7302.40 through 7302.90, and 7304.10 through 7306.90.

**Steel Derivatives:** 7317.00.30, 7317.00.5503, 7317.00.5505, 7317.00.5507, 7317.00.5560, 7317.00.5580, 7317.00.6560, 8708.10.30 (bumper stampings of steel comprising parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 8701 to 8705), 8708.29.21 (body stampings of steel, for agricultural tractors).

**Q 5 – Are there exceptions to the additional Section 232 duties for Mexican derivative products?**

A 5 – Yes. Derivative products from Mexico will be exempt from additional duties if they are melted and poured in the United States, Mexico, or Canada.

**Q6 – What if my entry qualifies for a low-value steel license, do the melt & pour country reporting requirements still apply?**

A6 – Yes. The CBP reporting requirements for the country of melt & pour are required regardless of value.

**REFERENCES**

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