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CAMMU Statement on WTO Ruling Against U.S. on Section 232 Steel and Aluminum Tariffs

Washington, D.C. – The Coalition of American Metal Manufacturers and Users (CAMMU) today issued the following statement on the December 9 World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute panel [reports](#) regarding US measures on steel and aluminum products:

“The WTO ruled in four separate cases that the U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum imposed by the Trump Administration in 2018 do not qualify for the national security exception and violate WTO rules. While it is unclear what the next step is at the WTO, it is clear that the Section 232 “national security” tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum are damaging the U.S. manufacturing sector, and particularly downstream U.S. steel and aluminum companies that buy these products, whether imported or domestic.

Tariffs are taxes and U.S. manufacturers continue to pay higher prices for steel and aluminum than their overseas competitors. U.S. manufacturers have paid billions of dollars in tariffs over the past several years, money that could be used for hiring workers, capital investment and research & development, all critical elements for the manufacturing sector to grow and recover from the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. CAMMU continues to call on President Biden to terminate the Section 232 tariffs on steel and aluminum imports.”

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The Coalition of American Metal Manufacturers and Users is a broad organization of U.S. businesses and trade associations representing over 30,000 companies and over one million American workers in the manufacturing sector and the downstream supply chains of industries including aerospace, agriculture, automotive, consumer goods, construction, defense, electrical, medical, and recreational, among others. For additional information, visit www.tariffstaxes.org and follow the Coalition on Twitter at [@tariffstaxes](https://twitter.com/tariffstaxes).