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Update of the list of products subject to retaliatory measures in response to Section 232 tariffs imposed on steel and aluminum products

On March 6th, during an appearance before the Mexican Senate Foreign Trade Commission, Foreign Trade Undersecretary Luz Maria de la Mora-Sánchez announced that the list of U.S. originating goods subject to retaliatory measures is being updated and new products will be included.

On June 5th, 2018, the aforementioned retaliatory measures were imposed upon the importation of several U.S. goods as a response to the tariffs imposed on Mexican steel and aluminum products based on the alleged threat those posed to U.S. national security (Section 232 measures). For further information, please refer to our newsletters dated [May 31](#) and [June 6](#), 2018.

As part of this updating process, the Undersecretary announced that by the end of April, several U.S. originating goods could be subject to a 7% to 25% duty upon their importation into this country.

Furthermore, the Undersecretary declared that the main objective is to exclude Mexican aluminum and steel from the measures adopted by the U.S. government, since those do not pose a threat to its national security (as claimed by the U.S. government) and encourage the ratification of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

Our team of experts in foreign trade and customs are closely monitoring this matter and are at your disposal to analyze and determine the impact of the aforementioned measures on your import operations.

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