



Relief from Steel Tariffs

Desired Action

The WMMA respectfully requests that Congress work with the Trump Administration to ensure that the steel tariff not be implemented or that, if implemented, it be done in such a way that it protects U.S. manufacturers of downstream products.

Background

On March 1, 2018, President Trump announced his plan to enforce a 25 percent tariff on steel imports. On March 8, Trump signed an order to impose tariffs that would go into effect after 15 days. The tariffs were scheduled to go into effect March 23, but most have been delayed until June 1. The White House has indicated that it is working with Canada and Mexico through updating the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 states that under certain circumstances the president can impose tariffs based on the recommendation from the Commerce Secretary if "an article is being imported into the United States in such quantities or under such circumstances as to threaten or impair the national security."

Impact

Over 90 percent of WMMA's members have been negatively impacted by the Trump Administration's announcement and implementation of the steel tariff. From suppliers of US-produced steel, WMMA's members have experienced prices that have gone up on average 20 percent. Two thirds of WMMA's members have found it more difficult to purchase the steel they need to operate their companies. Additionally, nearly 60 percent of member companies have seen the lead-time for purchasing steel increased. WMMA's members are being unfairly targeted

About the WMMA

Founded in 1899, the Wood Machinery Manufacturers of America (WMMA) is a professional trade association composed of more than 230 North American manufacturers of woodworking equipment, cutting tools and supplies whose purpose is to promote the interests of its members serving the woodworking industry. Members' products are used in the production of furniture, cabinets, millwork and other wood products. Many members also serve the plastics, stone and non-ferrous metals markets. WMMA members' equipment is sold worldwide. Learn more about the WMMA at www.WMMA.org.