

Imposition of 50% duties on Copper and Copper Alloy Products

On July 30, 2025, [Executive Order 14220](#) imposed 50% duties on the copper content of the imports of copper and copper articles imported in US pursuant to the investigation initiated in February 2025.

Background

On February 28, 2025, the President of the United States issued [Executive Order 14220](#), titled "Addressing the Threat to National Security from Imports of Copper".

The investigation included:

- Raw copper
- Primary copper (cathodes, anodes, etc.)
- Semi-finished products (rods, plates, tubes, wires, etc.)
- Derivative products (such as copper wiring components)
- Copper scrap

On July 30, 2025, the President issued a Proclamation titled "[Adjusting Imports of Copper Into the United States](#)", announcing decisive action under Section 232 based on the investigation initiated on February 28, 2025.

Key Highlights of Proclamations:

- **Effective Date:** Goods entered or withdrawn for consumption on or after August 1, 2025 at 12:01 AM Eastern daylight time will be subject to duties.
- **Tariff Rate:** 50% ad valorem ad valorem tariff assessed only on copper content
- **Legal Authority:** Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962
- **Products Subject to Tariff**
 - Semi-finished copper products (rods, plates, tubes, wires)
 - Semi-finished products of copper and copper alloys (rods, plates, tubes, wires)
 - Copper derivative products (wiring components, etc.)
- **Products Exempted**
 - Copper ores and concentrates
 - Refined unwrought copper (cathodes, anodes)

- Copper scrap

Actions for Businesses:

1. Identify Copper Derivatives and Content

- Conduct comprehensive review of all imported products (by HTSUS) to identify items that are covered in [Proclamation dated July 30, 2025](#). Also see Table 1.
- Determine precise copper content by weight/value for each affected product
- Prepare enhanced documentation for complex manufactured products

2. Calculate Total Duty Impact

- Note that this 50% tariff stacks with existing tariffs
- Recalculate total duty burden for all affected imports

3. Re-engineering of supply chains and supply contracts

- **Re-engineer supply chain to minimize the impact of tariff on exports.** This includes restructuring and incorporating in USA to import materials at the accurate transfer price.
- **Revisiting contracts for supply of goods and services** to ensure that tariffs are only applied on the value of goods. The impact of these changes on anti-dumping duties and section 232 imposed by the US government needs to be assessed thoroughly.

Next Steps:

Businesses are requested to coordinate with their customs and supply chain teams to ensure compliance and assess the financial impact on your operations. We also recommend conducting an immediate audit of all copper-containing imports to determine exposure and develop mitigation strategies.

Table 1

9903.78.01 and 9903.78.02: Applies to all imported semi-finished copper and intensive copper derivative products

7406.10.00	7409.19.90	7413.00.10
7406.20.00	7409.21.00	7413.00.50
7407.10.15	7409.29.00	7413.00.90
7407.10.30	7409.31.10	7415.10.00
7407.10.50	7409.31.50	7415.21.00
7407.21.15	7409.31.90	7415.29.00
7407.21.30	7409.39.10	7415.33.05
7407.21.50	7409.39.50	7415.33.10
7407.21.70	7409.39.90	7415.33.80
7407.21.90	7409.40.00	7415.39.00
7407.29.16	7409.90.10	7418.10.00
7407.29.34	7409.90.50	7418.20.10
7407.29.38	7409.90.90	7418.20.50
7407.29.40	7410.11.00	7419.20.00
7407.29.50	7410.12.00	7419.80.03
7408.11.30	7410.21.30	7419.80.06
7408.11.60	7410.21.60	7419.80.09
7408.19.00	7410.22.00	7419.80.15
7408.21.00	7411.10.10	7419.80.16
7408.22.10	7411.10.50	7419.80.17
7408.22.50	7411.21.10	7419.80.30
7408.29.10	7411.21.50	7419.80.50
7408.29.50	7411.22.00	8544.42.10
7409.11.10	7411.29.10	8544.42.20
7409.11.50	7411.29.50	8544.42.90
7409.19.10	7412.10.00	8544.49.10
7409.19.50	7412.20.00	

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