

Japan Aluminium Association

Regarding trade restrictions on imports of aluminum under Section 232.

On March 8, President Trump of the United States signed to trade restrictions on imports of aluminum under Section 232 of the US Trade Expansion Act of 1962. These measures are not in accordance with international trade rules and are extremely regrettable.

Imports of aluminum from Japan, a U.S. ally, are not likely to affect U.S. national security at all.

In addition, many of the aluminum materials procured by U.S. customers from Japan are difficult to obtain or switch from other sources, and we are sincerely afraid that import restrictions are likely to have an adversely impact on U.S. industry.

Furthermore, in terms of the aluminum trade between U.S. and Japan, the value of aluminum exported from the U.S. to Japan is greater than that exported in the other direction, and therefore the U.S. has a trade surplus with Japan.

At any rate, this decision will not only affect aluminum and steel but also be highly likely to have an adverse effect on global trade. We are deeply concerned about the action taken by the United States. We request that these trade restrictions be withdrawn.