

Aluminum is everywhere in American life and national security.



SAFE, EFFICIENT VEHICLES



RECYCLABLE PACKAGING



GREENER BUILDINGS



MODERN AEROSPACE



RELIABLE ELECTRIC GRID



Over the last decade, the U.S. aluminum industry has invested **more than \$11 billion in new and expanded domestic operations**, including the first new rolling mills built in the United States in more than four decades.



But today, weaknesses in USMCA enforcement, gaps in tariff policy and inadequate monitoring at North American borders is allowing **unfairly subsidized Chinese aluminum to continue to flow into North America** — often through Mexico — and undermining growth.



Any new North American agreement must deliver on its original promise:
A level playing field for North American manufacturers and workers — not subsidized producers in China.

The Problem: A Growing Surge of Chinese Metal Through North America

- Chinese subsidized aluminum coil (HTS 7606) entering the USMCA region has increased dramatically — **up more than 400% into Mexico alone since 2017.**
- Without action, the U.S. risks becoming an **“assembly” nation** instead of a true manufacturing powerhouse, with consequences for American workers, communities, and national security.

The Solution: 6 Actions to Strengthen USMCA and Protect American Aluminum

1

Harmonize External Aluminum Tariffs

Align U.S., Canadian and Mexican aluminum tariff policies, including restrictions on duty drawback programs, to prevent circumvention, reduce market distortions and strengthen North American competitiveness.

2

Strengthen Transparency and Accountability

Expand and coordinate aluminum import monitoring and data-sharing across North America including the immediate and full implementation of Mexico's import monitoring system.

3

Update Rules of Origin

Modernize USMCA aluminum rules of origin to reflect today's supply chains and ensure benefits accrue to North American producers, workers and manufacturers.

4

Protect the Free Flow of North American Scrap

Preserve unrestricted trade in aluminum scrap within North America to support recycling, manufacturing and investment in regional production capacity.

5

Support Market Access

Promote market access for American aluminum producers in Canada and Mexico through stronger trade enforcement, import transparency and regional tariff coordination to ensure fair competition.

6

Increase Enforcement

Increase penalties for tariff evasion, falsified trade records and fraudulent country-of-origin claims while enhancing regional enforcement coordination to ensure fair competition and effective implementation of USMCA rules.

An updated USMCA must have “unified tariff borders with Mexico and Canada.”

– Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Jeffrey Goettman