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Dear Valued Customer,

It is our goal to continually update you regarding any issues that may impact the movement of your goods. Therefore, please note that tariffs on steel and aluminum imports will be imposed on goods entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption on or after **March 23, 2018** at 12:01 AM (EST).

The proposed duty rates of 25% on the import of steel and 10% on aluminum will be in addition to any other duties, fees, or applicable charges to those goods. These duty rates will apply to all countries except Canada and Mexico.

Steel is defined in the HTS as: (i) 7206.10 through 7216.50, (ii) 7216.99 through 7301.10, (iii) 7302.10, (iv) 7302.40 through 7302.90, and (v) 7304.10 through 7306.90, including any subsequent revisions to these HTS classifications

Aluminum products are defined in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) as: (a) unwrought aluminum (HTS 7601); (b) aluminum bars, rods, and profiles (HTS 7604); (c) aluminum wire (HTS 7605); (d) aluminum plates, sheets, strips, and foil (flat rolled products) (HTS 7606 and 7607); (e) aluminum tubes and pipes and tube and pipe fitting (HTS 7608 and 7609); and (f) aluminum castings and forgings (HTS 7616.99.51.60 and 7616.99.51.70), including any subsequent revisions to these HTS classifications.

In compliance with the Presidential order, the Secretary of Commerce has issued regulatory instructions explaining the process for American companies to seek exclusion from these tariffs. Links detailing that process are listed below.

https://www.commerce.gov/sites/commerce.gov/files/federal_register_vol_83_no_53_monday_march_19_2018_12106-12112.pdf

<https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2018/03/us-department-commerce-announces-steel-and-aluminum-tariff-exclusion>

As your logistics partner, we will continue to provide updated information as it becomes available. Meanwhile, do not hesitate to contact our customer service team if you have questions regarding the status of your shipments.

With regards,

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