REVISED NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF INQUIRY

CERTAIN CARBON OR ALLOY STEEL WIRE

Notice was received by the Canadian International Trade Tribunal on September 4, 2025, from the Director General of the Trade and Anti-dumping Programs Directorate at the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), stating that a preliminary determination had been made respecting the dumping of carbon or alloy steel wire, of round or other solid cross section, in nominal sizes up to and including 24.13 mm (0.950 inches) in diameter, whether or not coated or plated with zinc, zinc-aluminum alloy, or any other coating, including other base metals or polyvinyl chloride or other plastics, originating in or exported from the People's Republic of China, the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (Chinese Taipei), the Republic of India, the Italian Republic, the Federation of Malaysia, the Portuguese Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Republic of Türkiye and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, excluding the following:

- stainless steel wire (i.e., alloy steel wire containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less carbon and 10.5 percent or more chromium, with or without other elements);
- wire of high-speed steel; and
- welding wire of any type.

Pursuant to section 42 of the *Special Import Measures Act* (SIMA), the Tribunal has initiated an inquiry to determine whether the dumping of the above-mentioned goods has caused injury or retardation or is threatening to cause injury, to make inquiries with respect to massive importations, and to determine such other matters as the Tribunal is required to determine under that section.

Each person or government wishing to participate in the inquiry and at the hearing as a party must file Form I—Notice of Participation with the Tribunal, on or before September 19, 2025. Each counsel who intends to represent a party in the inquiry and at the hearing must file Form II—Notice of Representation and Form III—Declaration and Undertaking with the Tribunal, on or before September 19, 2025.

On **October 24, 2025**, the Tribunal will issue a list of participants. Counsel and self-represented participants are required to serve their respective submissions on each other on the dates outlined below. Public submissions are to be served on counsel and those participants who are not represented by counsel. Confidential submissions are to be served only on counsel who have access to the confidential record, and who have filed Form III—Declaration and Undertaking with the Tribunal. This information will be included in the list of participants. **One complete electronic version** of all submissions must be filed with the Tribunal.

The Tribunal will hold a hearing relating to this inquiry commencing on **December 1, 2025**, to hear evidence and representations by interested parties. The type of hearing will be communicated at a later date.

Written submissions, correspondence and requests for information regarding this notice should be addressed to the Registry, Secretariat to the Canadian International Trade Tribunal, at citt-tcce@tribunal.gc.ca. The Registry can also be reached by telephone at 613-993-3595.

Ottawa, September 12, 2025

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On September 4, 2025, the Tribunal received notice from the Director General of the Trade and Anti-dumping Programs Directorate at the CBSA, stating that a preliminary determination had been made respecting the dumping of carbon or alloy steel wire, of round or other solid cross section, in nominal sizes up to and including 24.13 mm (0.950 inches) in diameter, whether or not coated or plated with zinc, zinc-aluminum alloy, or any other coating, including other base metals or polyvinyl chloride or other plastics, originating in or exported from the People's Republic of China, the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (Chinese Taipei), the Republic of India, the Italian Republic, the Federation of Malaysia, the Portuguese Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Republic of Türkiye, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, excluding the following:

- stainless steel wire (i.e., alloy steel wire containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less carbon and 10.5 percent or more chromium, with or without other elements);
- wire of high-speed steel; and
- welding wire of any type.

Pursuant to section 42 of SIMA, the Tribunal will now determine whether the dumping of the above-mentioned goods has caused injury or retardation or is threatening to cause injury, make inquiries with respect to massive importations, and determine such other matters as the Tribunal is required to determine under that section. More information is available in the Tribunal's <u>Preliminary and final injury inquiries guidelines</u>.

The Tribunal has sent the notice of commencement of inquiry, as well as a letter outlining the details of the procedures and the inquiry schedule, to known interested parties, such as domestic producers, importers, foreign producers, certain purchasers, trade associations and any trade unions that represent persons employed in the domestic industry. Some interested parties have been requested to complete questionnaires.

All <u>questionnaires</u> are bilingual and can be downloaded from the Tribunal's website.

REQUEST FOR SUBMISSIONS ON CLASSES OF GOODS

In its statement of reasons, dated July 9, 2025, for the preliminary determination of injury issued on June 19, 2025, the Tribunal stated that the issue as to whether the Tribunal should conduct its analysis on the basis of two separate classes of goods merits further consideration and that this issue will need to be fully addressed during any final injury inquiry under section 42 of SIMA.

In order to come to an advance decision on classes of goods, the Tribunal is inviting interested parties to file early submissions on this issue and in particular regarding the question as to whether there is merit in assessing injury on the basis of the following two potential classes of goods:

- carbon or alloy steel wire for commercial distribution or industrial manufacturing ("Industrial Wire");
- carbon or alloy steel wire packaged for retail sale to individual consumers for domestic use, not exceeding a weight of 1 kg per retail-ready package. ("Retail Wire").

Parties are invited to address factors that the Tribunal should examine in considering these issues, including:

- the physical characteristics of the goods (such as appearance and composition);
- the market characteristics of the goods (such as substitutability, pricing, distribution channels, end uses and whether the goods fulfil the same customer needs); and
- any other relevant factors.

The Tribunal requests that parties support their submissions with evidence, as appropriate.

Parties filing submissions on the issue of classes of goods are required to do so no later than noon (ET) on September 23, 2025. Parties wishing to respond to these submissions are required to do so no later than noon (ET) on October 1, 2025. The Tribunal will render its decision on classes of goods no later than October 8, 2025.

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCT EXCLUSIONS

The Tribunal's <u>Guidelines on product exclusion requests</u> describe the procedure for filing requests for specific product exclusions. They also include links to the <u>form</u> for filing requests for product exclusions and to a <u>response form</u> for any party that opposes such requests. Please see the filing deadlines for the product exclusion process in the attached Inquiry Schedule.

REQUESTS FOR A PUBLIC INTEREST INQUIRY

In the event of an injury finding, a request for a public interest inquiry may be made by any party to the injury inquiry, or by any other group or person affected by the injury finding. Such a request must be filed with the Tribunal within 45 days of an injury finding. A public interest inquiry and an injury inquiry are completely separate proceedings. The Tribunal does not seek nor does it accept submissions on public interest issues during an injury inquiry.

PROCEDURE FOR E-FILING WITH THE TRIBUNAL

The public, counsel and self-represented participants may file documents electronically with the Tribunal through its <u>Secure E-filing Service</u>. The information is fully encrypted from the sender to the Tribunal.

Form I—Notice of Participation, Form II—Notice of Representation and Form III—Declaration and Undertaking should all be filed electronically through the Tribunal's Secure E-filing Service.

Following receipt of completed forms I, II and III, the Tribunal will send to counsel and self-represented participants a letter with information on the E-registry Service and the filing of documents.

CONFIDENTIAL SUBMISSIONS PROJECT

The Tribunal will be conducting a project in the context of this inquiry aiming to further prevent inadvertent disclosure of confidential information. Public and confidential submissions will go through a review process, 24 hours before the filing deadline with the Tribunal, among counsel of record who have filed Form III—Declaration and Undertaking. All counsel of record to this inquiry who filed a Form III will be required to indicate if they will participate in the project. Additional information concerning the project and its deadlines will be communicated to counsel and self-represented participants following the receipt of completed

forms I, II and III. The schedule appended to this notice has also been updated to take into account the deadlines for service among counsel who signed a Form III.

HEARING

The Tribunal will hold a hearing relating to this inquiry commencing on December 1, 2025 to hear evidence and representations by interested parties. The type of hearing will be communicated at a later date.

INTERPRETATION AT THE HEARING

To facilitate management of interpretation requirements:

- 25 days prior to the hearing, parties are to advise the Tribunal and all parties, in writing, which language(s) their counsel and witnesses will be using.
- 20 days prior to the hearing, parties are to advise the Tribunal and all parties, in writing, which
 interpretation services they and/or their witnesses require for the hearing and advise if the
 interpretation service is required for the entirety of the hearing or for specific testimonies and/or
 arguments.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Canadian International Trade Tribunal Rules govern these proceedings.

In accordance with section 46 of the <u>Canadian International Trade Tribunal Act</u>, a person who provides information to the Tribunal and who wishes some or all of the information to be kept confidential must, among other things, submit a non-confidential edited version or summary of the information designated as confidential, or a statement indicating why such a summary cannot be made. Please consult the Tribunal's <u>Confidentiality Guidelines</u> for more information.

Written and oral communication with the Tribunal may be in English or in French.

In order to observe and understand production processes, the Tribunal, accompanied by its staff, may conduct plant visits.

At the end of these proceedings, the Tribunal will issue a decision supported by a summary of the case, a summary of the arguments and an analysis of the case. The decision will be posted on its website and distributed to counsel and self represented participants, as well as to organizations and persons registered to receive decisions of the Tribunal.

REVISED INQUIRY SCHEDULE

September 5, 2025	Distribution of Notice of Commencement of Inquiry and Schedule Questionnaires available on Tribunal's website
September 19, 2025	Notices of participation and representation, declarations and undertakings
September 23, 2025, by noon, ET	Submissions on classes of goods
September 26, 2025	Replies to all questionnaires
October 1, 2025, by noon, ET	Reply submissions on classes of goods
October 8, 2025	Tribunal decision on classes of goods
October 24, 2025	Distribution of Tribunal exhibits, including the investigation report
November 3, 2025, by noon, ET	Requests for information (RFIs)
November 4, 2025, by noon, ET	Submissions of parties supporting a finding of injury
November 5, 2025, by noon, ET	Requests for product exclusions
November 6, 2025, by noon, ET	Objections to RFIs Identification of language(s) to be used at the hearing
November 12, 2025	Requests for interpretation services during the hearing Tribunal decisions on RFIs
November 13, 2025, by noon, ET	Responses to requests for product exclusions Submissions of parties opposing a finding of injury
November 21, 2025, by noon, ET	Replies to responses to requests for product exclusions Replies to RFIs Reply submissions of parties supporting a finding of injury
December 1, 2025	Hearing
January 2, 2026	Finding issued
January 19, 2026	Statement of reasons issued

who have filed Form III—Declaration and Undertaking		February 11, 2026	If not appealed or there are no applications for judicial review, certificates of destruction for the preliminary (PI) and final injury (NQ) from counsel of record who have filed Form III—Declaration and Undertaking
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