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As part of his economic policy, President Trump has used tariffs as a method of reducing the trade imbalance between the US and its trading partners. President Trump has sought many changes to US Trade policy, including dropping out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement negotiations, renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement, and seeking to increase the number of bilateral trade agreements. President Trump has also used tariffs to protect certain American industries including domestic solar panel production and steel and aluminum producers. In addition to protecting US industries, the president has leveraged tariffs to begin negotiating a free trade agreement with China and the European Union.

Tariffs cause price increases which may have an effect on demand within the industry.

Members should be prepared for change in prices in order to compensate for new parameters set by tariff policy and for higher production or materials costs. NAHAD will continue to update member on the status of new policy regarding international trade.

Tariffs on Steel and Aluminum

In March 2018, President Trump using his national security authority under Section 232 imposed tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum from nearly all foreign sources. The Trump Administration has since granted exemptions to Argentina, Australia, Brazil, and South Korea. The new tariffs, 25 percent on steel and 10 percent on aluminum, have had an impact on the cost of domestic manufacturing. With the renegotiation of NAFTA complete, it is now possible

for Canada, our largest source of steel, and Mexico to negotiate with the administration for an exemption from the steel and aluminum tariffs.

Tariffs on Chinese Goods

In March 2018, President Trump instructed his US Trade Representative to investigate China for unfair trade practices and identify \$50-\$60 billion worth of Chinese imports for tariffs. After imposing tariffs on \$50 billion in imports, President Trump asked for a larger list of \$200 billion worth of products including many hoses, pipes, and fittings. On September 24, 2018, President Trump announced tariffs at a rate of 10 percent would be imposed on the \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports, and threatened to increase the rate to 25 percent on January 1, 2019. After meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping on December 1, 2018, the US and China agreed to a 90 day “cease-fire” to not increase any existing tariffs or apply new tariffs on imports, providing the two countries an opportunity to start negotiating a trade agreement.

The Trump administration has begun negotiations with Chinese offices to form a comprehensive trade agreement. U.S. trade representative Robert Lighthizer declared March 1 a “Hard deadline” to reach a deal with China. If no agreement is made, President Trump intends to increase tariffs to 25 percent from the current 10 percent.

Why is this important to NAHAD members?

The rounds of tariffs announced in June and July of 2018 on steel and aluminum include NAHAD equipment and parts. For products listed on June 15, 25 percent tariffs were implemented on July 6 and August 23. Goods affected by the \$200 billion tariff on consumer goods manufactured in China were included on a preliminary list released July 17 with the 10 percent tariff beginning on September 24. **NAHAD products on the tariffs list include:**

HTSUS Subheading	Description (abbreviation "nesoi" means "not elsewhere specified or included")	Tarriff start date	Date listed
	Pipes, Tubes, Valves, Fittings, etc.		
3917.21.00	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, of polymers of ethylene	23-Aug	15-Jun
3917.22.00	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, of polymers of propylene	23-Aug	15-Jun
3917.23.00	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, of polymers of vinyl chloride	23-Aug	15-Jun
3917.29.00	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, of other plastics nesoi	23-Aug	15-Jun
3917.31.00	Flexible plastic tubes, pipes and hoses, having a minimum burst pressure of 27.6 MPa	23-Aug	15-Jun
3917.32.00	Tubes, pipes and hoses, of plastics, other than rigid, not reinforced or otherwise combined with other materials, without fittings	23-Aug	15-Jun
3917.33.00	Flexible plastic tubes, pipes and hoses, nesoi, with fittings, not reinforced or otherwise combined with other materials	24-Sep	17-Jul
3917.39.00	Flexible plastic tubes, pipes and hoses, nesoi	24-Sep	17-Jul
3917.40.00	Fittings of plastics, for plastic tubes, pipes and hoses, nesoi	23-Aug	15-Jun
3926.90.45	Gaskets, washers and other seals, of plastics	24-Sep	17-Jul
4006.90.10	Rods, tubes, profile shapes, discs, rings, and similar articles, of natural, unvulcanized rubber	24-Sep	17-Jul
4006.90.50	Rods, tubes, profile shapes, discs, rings, and similar articles, of synthetic unvulcanized rubber	24-Sep	17-Jul
4009.11.00	Tubes, pipes and hoses of vulcanized rubber other than hard rubber, not reinforced or combined w/other materials, without fittings	24-Sep	17-Jul
4009.21.00	Tubes, pipes and hoses of vulcanized rubber other than hard rubber, reinforced or combined only with metal, without fittings	24-Sep	17-Jul
4009.22.00	Tubes, pipes and hoses of vulcanized rubber other than hard rubber, reinforced or combined only with metal, with fittings	24-Sep	17-Jul
4009.31.00	Tubes, pipes and hoses of vulcanized rubber other than hard rubber, reinforced or combined only with textile materials, without fittings	24-Sep	17-Jul
4009.32.00	Tubes, pipes and hoses of vulcanized rubber other than hard rubber, reinforced or combined only with textile materials, with fittings	24-Sep	17-Jul

4009.41.00	Tubes, pipes and hoses of vulcanized rubber other than hard rubber, reinforced or combined with other materials nesoi, without fittings	24-Sep	17-Jul
4016.93.50	Gaskets, washers and other seals, of noncellular vulcanized rubber other than hard rubber, not for use in automotive goods in C87	24-Sep	17-Jul
7307.11.00	Cast nonmalleable iron, fittings for tubes or pipes	24-Sep	17-Jul
7307.19.30	Cast ductile iron or steel, fittings for tubes or pipes	24-Sep	17-Jul
7307.19.90	Cast iron or steel, fittings for tubes or pipes, nesoi	24-Sep	17-Jul
7307.21.10	Stainless steel, flanges for tubes/pipes, forged, not machined, not tooled and not otherwise processed after forging	24-Sep	17-Jul
7307.21.50	Stainless steel, not cast, flanges for tubes/pipes, not forged or forged and machined, tooled and otherwise processed after forging	24-Sep	17-Jul
7307.22.10	Stainless steel, not cast, threaded sleeves (couplings) for tubes/pipes	24-Sep	17-Jul
7307.22.50	Stainless steel, not cast, threaded elbow and bends for tubes/pipes	24-Sep	17-Jul
7307.23.00	Stainless steel, not cast, butt welding fittings for tubes/pipes	24-Sep	17-Jul
7307.29.00	Stainless steel, not cast, fittings for tubes/pipes, nesoi	24-Sep	17-Jul
7307.91.10	Iron or nonalloy steel, flanges for tubes/pipes, forged, not machined, not tooled and not otherwise processed after forging	24-Sep	17-Jul
7307.91.30	Alloy steel (o/than stainless), not cast, flanges for tubes/pipes, forged, not machined/tooled and not otherwise processed after forging	24-Sep	17-Jul
7307.91.50	Iron or steel (o/than stainless), not cast, flanges for tubes/pipes, not forged or forged and machined, tooled & processed after forging	24-Sep	17-Jul
7307.92.30	Iron or steel (o/than stainless), not cast, threaded sleeves (couplings) for tubes/pipes	24-Sep	17-Jul
7307.92.90	Iron or steel (o/than stainless), not cast, threaded elbow and bends for tubes/pipes	24-Sep	17-Jul
7307.93.30	Iron or nonalloy steel, not cast, butt welding fittings for tubes/pipes, w/inside diam. Less than 360mm	24-Sep	17-Jul
7307.93.60	Alloy steel (o/than stainless), not cast, butt welding fittings for tubes/pipes, w/inside diam. less than 360mm	24-Sep	17-Jul

7307.93.90	Iron or alloy steel (o/than stainless), not cast, butt welding fittings for tubes/pipes, w/inside diam. 360mm or more	24-Sep	17-Jul
7307.99.10	Iron or nonalloy steel, fittings for tubes/pipes, nesoi, forged, not machined, not tooled and not otherwise processed after forging	24-Sep	17-Jul
7307.99.30	Alloy steel (o/than stainless), fittings for tubes/pipes, nesoi, forged, not machined/tooled and not otherwise processed after forging	24-Sep	17-Jul
7307.99.50	Iron/steel (o/than stainless), n/cast, fittings for tubes/pipes, nesoi, not forged or forged and machined, tooled & processed after forging	24-Sep	17-Jul
7411.10.10	Refined copper, tubes and pipes, seamless	24-Sep	17-Jul
7411.10.50	Refined copper, tubes and pipes, other than seamless	24-Sep	17-Jul
7411.21.10	Copper-zinc base alloys (brass), tubes and pipes, seamless	24-Sep	17-Jul
7411.21.50	Copper-zinc base alloys (brass), tubes and pipes, other than seamless	24-Sep	17-Jul
7411.22.00	Copper-nickel base alloys (cupro-nickel) or copper-nickel-zinc base alloys (nickel-silver), tubes and pipes	24-Sep	17-Jul
7411.29.10	Copper alloys (o/than brass/cupro-nickel/nickel-silver), pipes and tubes, seamless	24-Sep	17-Jul
7411.29.50	Copper alloys (o/than brass/cupro-nickel/nickel-silver), pipes and tubes, other than seamless	24-Sep	17-Jul
7412.10.00	Refined copper, fittings for tubes and pipes	24-Sep	17-Jul
7412.20.00	Copper alloys, fittings for tubes and pipes	24-Sep	17-Jul
8302.41.60	Iron or steel, aluminum or zinc mountings, fittings & similar articles, nesoi, suitable for buildings, & base metal pts thereof	24-Sep	17-Jul
8302.41.90	Base metal (o/than iron/steel/aluminum/zinc) mountings, fittings and similar arts, nesoi, suitable for buildings & base metal parts thereof	24-Sep	17-Jul
8302.49.60	Iron or steel, aluminum, or zinc, mountings, fittings & similar articles nesoi, and base metal parts thereof	24-Sep	17-Jul
8302.49.80	Base metal (o/than iron/steel/aluminum/zinc) mountings, fittings & similar articles nesoi, and base metal parts thereof	24-Sep	17-Jul
8307.10.30	Iron or steel flexible tubing, with fittings	24-Sep	17-Jul
8307.10.60	Iron or steel flexible tubing, without fittings	24-Sep	17-Jul

8307.90.30	Base metal (o/than iron or steel) flexible tubing, with fittings	24-Sep	17-Jul
8307.90.60	Base metal (o/than iron or steel) flexible tubing, without fittings	24-Sep	17-Jul
8481.10.00	Pressure-reducing valves for pipes, boiler shells, tanks, vats or the like	6-Jul	15-Jun
8481.30.10	Check valves of copper for pipes, boiler shells, tanks, vats or the like	24-Sep	17-Jul
8481.30.20	Check valves of iron or steel for pipes, boiler shells, tanks, vats or the like	6-Jul	15-Jun
8481.30.90	Check valves other than of copper or iron or steel, for pipes, boiler shells, tanks, vats or the like	6-Jul	15-Jun
8481.40.00	Safety or relief valves for pipes, boiler shells, tanks, vats or the like	6-Jul	15-Jun
8481.80.10	Taps, cocks, valves & similar appliances for pipes, boiler shells, tanks, vats or the like, hand operated, of copper, nesoi	24-Sep	17-Jul
8481.80.30	Taps, cocks, valves & similar appliances for pipes, boiler shells, tanks, vats or the like, hand operated, of iron or steel, nesoi	24-Sep	17-Jul
8481.80.50	Taps, cocks, valves & similar appliances for pipes, boiler shells, tanks, vats or the like, hand operated, not copper, iron or steel, nesoi	24-Sep	17-Jul
8481.80.90	Taps, cocks, valves & similar appliances for pipes, boiler shells, tanks, vats or the like, other than hand operated, nesoi	24-Sep	17-Jul
8481.90.90	Parts of taps, cocks, valves and similar appliances for pipes, boiler shells, tanks, vats or the like, nesoi	6-Jul	15-Jun
8484.10.00	Gaskets and similar joints of metal sheeting combined with other material or of two or more layers of metal	6-Jul	15-Jun
8484.20.00	Mechanical seals	6-Jul	15-Jun
	Raw or nearly raw materials		
7314.50.00	Iron or steel, expanded metal	24-Sep	17-Jul
7403.13.00	Refined copper, billets	24-Sep	17-Jul
7403.19.00	Refined copper, unwrought articles nesoi	24-Sep	17-Jul
7403.21.00	Copper-zinc base alloys (brass), unwrought nesoi	24-Sep	17-Jul
7407.10.15	Refined copper, hollow profiles	24-Sep	17-Jul
7407.10.30	Refined copper, profiles (o/than hollow profiles)	24-Sep	17-Jul
7407.10.50	Refined copper, bars and rods	24-Sep	17-Jul