



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

May 11, 2020

The Honorable Mark T. Esper
Secretary of Defense
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to notify you that I am initiating an investigation to determine the effect of imports of laminations for stacked cores for incorporation into transformers, stacked and wound cores for incorporation into transformers, electrical transformers, and transformer regulators on the national security of the United States. This investigation is in response to inquiries and requests from interested parties in the United States, including multiple Members of Congress, a grain-oriented electrical steel manufacturer, and producers of power and distribution transformers.

I am taking this action pursuant to Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 1862), which requires that notice be provided to the Secretary of Defense upon initiation of an investigation. During the investigation, Department of Commerce staff will consult with their counterparts in the Department of Defense regarding any methodological and policy questions that arise during the investigation, including the national defense requirements for these products.

My point of contact is Matthew S. Borman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, at Matthew.Borman@bis.doc.gov or (202) 482-5711. I look forward to our collaboration on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wilbur Ross". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wilbur Ross



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The Honorable Dan R. Brouillette
Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable Chad F. Wolf
Acting Secretary of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

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The Honorable Robert E. Lighthizer
United States Trade Representative
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer:

I am writing to notify you that I am initiating an investigation to determine the effect of imports of laminations for stacked cores for incorporation into transformers, stacked and wound cores for incorporation into transformers, electrical transformers, and transformer regulators on the national security of the United States. This investigation is in response to inquiries and requests from interested parties in the United States, including multiple Members of Congress, a grain-oriented electrical steel manufacturer, and producers of power and distribution transformers.

I am taking this action pursuant to Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 1862). During the investigation, Department of Commerce staff will consult with their counterparts in the Office of the United States Trade Representative regarding methodological and policy questions that arise during the investigation, including the implications of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement on potential import restrictions on these products.

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