

**Inquiry NQ-2025-001** 

# NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF INQUIRY

# CORROSION-RESISTANT STEEL SHEET

Notice was received by the Canadian International Trade Tribunal on April 17, 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 corrosion-resistant flat-rolled steel sheet products of carbon steel including products alloyed with the following elements:

- Boron (B) not more than 0.01%,
- Niobium (Nb) not more than 0.100%,
- Titanium (Ti) not more than 0.08%, or
- Vanadium (V) not more than 0.300%

in coils or cut lengths, in thicknesses up to 0.168 in. (4.267 mm) and widths up to 72 inch (1,828.8 mm) with all dimensions being plus or minus allowable tolerances contained in the applicable standards, with or without passivation and/or anti-fingerprint treatments, originating in or exported from the Republic of Türkiye by Borçelik Çelik Sanayi Ticaret A.Ş. (the subject goods), and excluding:

- corrosion-resistant steel sheet products for use in the manufacture of passenger automobiles, buses, trucks, ambulances or hearses or chassis therefor, or parts thereof, or accessories or parts thereof;
- steel products for use in the manufacture of aeronautic products;
- steel sheet that is coated or plated with tin, lead, nickel, copper, chromium, chromium oxides, both tin and lead ("terne plate"), or both chromium and chromium oxides ("tin free steel");
- stainless flat-rolled steel products;
- corrosion-resistant steel sheet products that have been pre-painted, including with lacquers or varnishes, or permanently coated in plastic;
- galvanized armouring tape, which is narrow flat steel tape of 3 in. or less, that has been coated by a final operation with zinc by either the hot-dip galvanizing or the electrogalvanizing process so that all surfaces, including the edges, are coated;
- perforated steel;
- and tool steel.

Pursuant to section 42 of the Special Import Measures Act (SIMA), the Tribunal has initiated an inquiry to determine whether the dumping of the subject 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 May 2, 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 May 2, 2025.

On **June 6, 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 <a href="Form III—Declaration and Undertaking">Form III—Declaration and Undertaking</a> 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 **July 14, 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 <a href="mailto:citt-tcce@tribunal.gc.ca">citt-tcce@tribunal.gc.ca</a> or you may reach us at 613-993-3595.

Ottawa, April 22, 2025

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On April 17, 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 corrosion-resistant steel sheet, originating in or exported from the Republic of Türkiye by Borçelik Çelik Sanayi Ticaret A.Ş.

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</u> guidelines.

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 questionnaires are bilingual and can be downloaded from the Tribunal's website.

# 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 Secure E-filing Service. The information is fully encrypted from the sender to the Tribunal.

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

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 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 July 14, 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.

# INQUIRY SCHEDULE

April 22, 2025	Distribution of Notice of Commencement of Inquiry and Schedule Questionnaires available on Tribunal's website
May 2, 2025	Notices of participation and representation, declarations and undertakings
May 9, 2025	Replies to all questionnaires
June 6, 2025	Distribution of Tribunal exhibits, including the investigation report
June 16, 2025, by noon, ET	Requests for information (RFIs)
June 17, 2025, by noon, ET	Requests for product exclusions
June 17, 2025, by noon, ET	Submissions of parties supporting a finding of injury
June 19, 2025, by noon, ET	Objections to RFIs
June 19, 2025	Identification of language(s) to be used at the hearing
June 24, 2025	Tribunal decisions on RFIs
June 24, 2025	Requests for interpretation services during the hearing
June 25, 2025, by noon, ET	Responses to requests for product exclusions
June 26, 2025, by noon, ET	Submissions of parties opposing a finding of injury
July 3, 2025, by noon, ET	Replies to RFIs
July 3, 2025, by noon, ET	Replies to responses to requests for product exclusions
July 8, 2025, by noon, ET	Reply submissions of parties supporting a finding of injury
July 14, 2025	Hearing
August 15, 2025	Finding issued
August 29, 2025	Statement of reasons issued

September 24, 2025  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 recombine who have filed Form III—Declaration and Undertaking
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