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INCMA's Monthly Newsletter

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TRADE UPDATE

AFS hosted a call last week to provide an update on the Administration's actions to tax imports of steel and aluminum, followed by an overview of the planned levies on \$50 billion worth of goods from China over theft of intellectual property and technology. More formally - two key areas: A) Section 232 Steel & Aluminum Tariffs and B) Section 301 China IP tariffs. Under Section 232, tariffs of 10% on aluminum imports and 25% on steel imports were imposed on non-exempted countries on March 23rd.

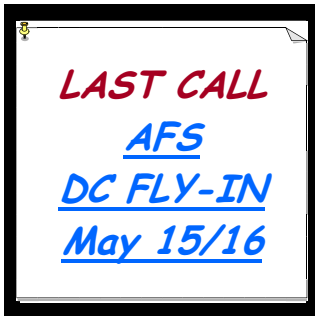
On March 19, 2018, the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security published an extensive exclusion process for the Sec. 232 steel and aluminum tariffs as an [interim final rule](#). Organizations with business activities in the U.S. who want to submit exclusion requests must fill out specific forms for steel and aluminum products and submit their requests online

Also discussed was a [new Section 301 investigation](#) initiated by the US Gov't. Into China's intellectual property practices. There is a [30 day](#)

[comment period](#) for items that should or should not be subject to increased duties in this investigation. For a much more [detailed summary of the AFS update call with additional links and background info.](#), [please click here](#).

INCMA MEMBER SERVICES SURVEY

INCMA members should have received a request via email last week to participate in our member services survey. The INCMA Board of Directors is seeking feedback on



current member services and how to increase the value of a membership in INCMA. The survey is only ten questions. Please take a few minutes to provide feedback. The survey may be [accessed here](#).

RENEWABLES VS FOSSIL FUELS

USA TODAY reports: Coal has been getting the squeeze for years now, but the plunging cost of renewable energy is

already starting to give natural gas a run for its money. The implications for the incumbent fossil fuel industry are dire. "Coal and gas are facing a mounting threat to their position in the world's electricity generation mix, as a result of the spectacular reductions in cost not just for wind and solar technologies, but also for batteries," according to a report from Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF). The surprising finding from the report is that renewable energy is challenging gas and coal in several ways in electricity markets. BNEF says that fossil fuels are getting hit by renewables in bulk generation, dispatchable generation, and the "provision of flexibility." [Read the complete article here](#).

INDIANA'S ENERGY PROFILE

How does Indiana currently compare to the rest of the nation on energy consumption/ expenditures and production? [Click here for the overview](#). From the US Energy Information Admin. The links below are for each specific ranking.

<i>Consumption</i>	
Total Energy per Capita	9th
<i>Expenditures</i>	
Total Energy per Capita	12th
<i>Production</i>	
Total Energy	18th
Crude Oil	24th
Natural Gas	23rd
Coal	8th
Electricity	12th
<i>Prices</i>	
Natural Gas	49th
Electricity	30th
<i>Environment</i>	
Carbon Dioxide Emissions	8th

LAST CALL FOR AFS GOV'T AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

If you haven't yet made plans to attend the 2018 AFS Governmental Affairs Conference in Washington DC, you need to [register soon!](#) This is an important opportunity to learn about issues impacting the foundry sector and then to talk to those policy makers who can influence those same issues. Critical issues including silica regulations and more will be addressed. Step up!

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