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Helping Your Business Benefit from the Section 232 Cars and Light Truck Parts Tariff Inclusion Process

Summary: The Trump Administration has created a process for companies that make parts and components used in cars and light trucks to request 25% tariffs be applied to foreign competitors' imports to the United States. Requests are made during two-week windows that will open four times annually in January, April, July, and October. The process is administered by the Department of Commerce. Following the two-week request window, the requests are posted online and then there is a two-week public comment period for stakeholders to offer their views (i.e., in support or expressing concerns/opposition) regarding the requests. The Department of Commerce makes decisions on the requests within 60 days of the request window opening.

Next Application Period: The next two-week application period will begin **January 1st**.

Previous Tariffs and Application Period: The Trump Administration announced 25% tariffs on parts for passenger vehicles and light trucks in March 2025. The tariffs apply to engines and engine parts, transmissions and powertrain parts, and electrical components. The inclusion process allows auto parts companies to request tariffs on additional parts during the four application periods. The first application period opened October 1, 2025, with decisions due no later than December 14, 2025.

Criteria: The Department will evaluate each request for: (1) whether the described product at the eight- or ten-digit HTSUS classification is an automobile part; and (2) whether imports of such automobile part have increased in a manner that threatens to impair national security or otherwise undermine the objectives set forth in related proclamations. Requesters are encouraged to submit information regarding imports and the domestic industry as well as how imports harm national security and the goals of the underlying Section 232 tariffs on automobiles and parts. Requesters must submit the relevant HTSUS code.

Who Can Participate: 1) Any domestic auto parts company or association representing domestic auto parts companies can submit a request for tariffs. 2) Any stakeholder can submit a comment (i.e., in support or expressing concerns/opposition) regarding a submitted requests for tariffs.

McCarthy Consulting LLC has the expertise to provide the research, technical knowledge, and political experience to **draft a successful request for your company. Reach out to**

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