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### **BY EMAIL**

Mr. Brad Botwin

Director, Industrial Studies, Office of Technology Evaluation, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 1093, Washington, DC 20230

# Comments in Section 232 National Security Investigation of Aluminum Products

Dear Director Botwin:

The Mexican Aluminum Institute A.C. – IMEDAL by its Spanish acronym, provides these comments in relation to the U.S. Government's Section 232 National Security Investigation of Aluminum products.

IMEDAL, a Mexican Aluminum Industry Association created in 1973, in order to promote the use of aluminum in general as well as to support the Mexican aluminum industry, also represents the interests of our members in a wide range of industry. We have been representing the Mexican aluminum industry for all this time. Our membership comprises the majority of the aluminum industry in Mexico.

IMEDAL and its members are part of the highly-integrated North American aluminum industry and market, therefore the aluminum sector is integrated to key industries such as automotive, aerospace, electronics, just to mention some of the strategic ones.

Our general comment is: Aluminum imports from Mexico do not threaten the U.S. producers' ability to satisfy national security needs and are not unreliable or unsafe. On the contrary, Mexico remains an ally and partner to the United States. Given Mexico's strategic importance to the U.S. aluminum industry, no restrictions should be placed on aluminum trade between our two countries.



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In addition, we share the comments of one of our members "Grupo Vasconia", regarding this investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

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