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Canadian manufacturers do exist! Why exempt?

To the Standing Committee on International Trade:

Nexal Aluminum is a manufacturer of aluminum welding electrodes based in Mississauga, Ontario. We are a pioneer in the field of manufacturing of aluminum welding electrodes, and since 1981 we have been an important supplier to the global aluminum fabrication market.

The new US tariffs on aluminum include our products (HS code 7605.29), but the retaliatory tariffs imposed by Canada do not, despite being in the initial proposed list.

During the consultations before July 1 some importers/distributors claimed they could not source some products within 7605 from Canada. As a result the Canadian government excluded all of 7605 from tariffs, including 7605.29. This has favoured distributors, some foreign, at the expense of domestic manufacturers. For your information there are 4 manufacturers of aluminum welding electrodes in North America, two in the US and two in Canada.

We, along with our employees, customers, and suppliers, are now suffering from a double whammy of tariffs in the US market and no relief in our home market.

Having learned of the existence of Canadian manufacturers, I ask that the government immediately rescind the exclusion of 7605.29.

I look forward to your response.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "O. Masnyk", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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