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Non-ferrous metals industry regrets US import measures on aluminium

Brussels, 2 March 2018 – The European non-ferrous metals association (Eurometaux) fully supports the European aluminium industry’s call for the European Commission and EU Member States to protect their interests following US President Trump’s announcement of a 10% tariff to be imposed on all aluminium imports.

Guy Thiran, Eurometaux’s Director General, stated: “We echo the European aluminium industry’s regret regarding President Trump’s decision to impose a blanket tariff on all aluminium imports. This risks a disruption of the EU-US trading relationship, and will likely lead to a redirection of aluminium products from third countries to Europe. The European Commission and Member States must act now to protect the aluminium industry’s interests, in line with international trade rules.

Without a decisive EU response, we also express concern that the US could apply similar protectionist measures to other metals imports in the future. We emphasise the importance of maintaining the principle of free and fair trade. The EU must continue to take a leadership role in encouraging a focus on the root cause of our sector’s challenges: overcapacities in China for aluminium and several other non-ferrous metals”.

[Link to European Aluminium Press Release](#)

ABOUT EUROMETAUX

Eurometaux is the decisive voice of non-ferrous metals producers and recyclers in Europe. With 500,000 employees and an annual turnover of €120bn, our members represent an essential industry for European society that businesses in almost every sector depend on. Together, we are leading Europe towards a more circular future through the endlessly recyclable potential of metals.

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