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This Week's Top Story | April 24, 2026

Tariff Update

232 Tariffs on Steele, Aluminum, and Copper

Tariff Update: New U.S. Section 232 Measures on Steel, Aluminum, and Copper

The U.S. administration has implemented significant changes to Section 232 tariffs on steel, aluminum, and copper imports, effective April 6, 2026. These measures introduce higher tariff rates, expand product coverage, and revise how duties are applied, impacting a wide range of electrical and industrial products.

Key updates include:

- Tariffs now apply to the **full value of imported products**, not just metal content
- New **50% and 25% tariffs** on covered products and derivatives
- A **temporary 15% tariff** on certain industrial and grid equipment through 2027
- A revised product scope, including **new inclusions and removals (Annex II)**
- A **10% reduced tariff option** for products using U.S.-origin metal inputs

EFC members in sectors such as transformers, EV charging, motors and generators, lighting, heating, and wire and cable may be affected.

For a detailed breakdown, including full product scope and implications for members, visit the [EFC Tariff Hub](#). Resources: [Proclamation](#), [Annexes](#)

Industry News

EFC Business Confidence Poll Results | Q2 2026 – Sixty-five per cent of members indicated that demand is weakening in the residential sector. [View the results](#). For more detailed insights by membership (CEMRA, Distributor, Manufacturer), product category and region, EFC members are encouraged to participate in our next quarterly Business Confidence poll.

Atlantic Executive Committee Tours New IWK Emergency Department; Pledges Continued Support to Health Charity – [View the LinkedIn post](#)

REMINDER: 2026 EFC Atlantic Family Scholarship – Electro-Federation Canada's (EFC) Atlantic Region is pleased to offer two (2) one-time Family Scholarship awards of \$1,000 each to a student entering their first or second year of post-secondary study. This program is open to EFC Atlantic members' children and dependents. To apply, [click here](#). Submissions are due Friday, May 15, 2026. For more information, contact [Dennis Potharst](#)

LAST CALL: Quebec YPN GATHER Activity | April 25 – Quebec's RJP committee invites all EFC members from the Quebec region to a networking event featuring a variety of sports at the Ministry of Cricket in Montreal. On the program: bubble soccer, archery, ping-pong, dodgeball, a cricket batting cage, and an inflatable obstacle course for younger children! [Click here](#) to register.

Quebec Women's Network Presents The Ferron Sisters + Lean In Activity | May 14 – The Quebec Women's Network committee invites you to an enriching and welcoming day, beginning with a presentation by the Ferron Sisters, followed by a full cocktail reception with refreshing beverages, and concluding with our popular Lean In group discussion activity. [Register now](#)

National YPN Day Quebec | June 10 – Quebec's YPN committee invites you to celebrate young professionals with a day of guest speakers, donations to the Quebec Diversity and Equity scholarship, and industry networking. The day will include three speakers, lunch, a professional business photo service and more. This event is exclusively for YPN members (40 and under) [Register now](#)

Quebec Region Golf Tournament | June 15 – General registration for the 26th edition of the Quebec Region Golf Tournament at Elm Ridge Golf Course is now open! Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please contact [Lorance De Carvalho](#) for more information. [Register now](#)

2026 Ontario Region Golf Tournament | June 16 – EFC's Ontario Region is thrilled to invite you to our Annual Golf Tournament on June 16 at the beautiful Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. Spend the day networking with industry peers, and having friendly competition on the fairways. Whether you're swinging to finish on top or simply out to enjoy a great day of golf, this is an event you won't want to miss! Spaces are limited – secure your spot today! [Register now](#)

RECAP: Ontario Women's Network Webinar – On April 16, EFC's Ontario Women's Network Committee hosted a national webinar, Happiness Is Not Just a Mood: The Science of Living Well, featuring positive psychology educator Andrea Seydel. The session brought together more than 90 members from across Canada. [View the LinkedIn post](#)

OEA Speaker Series | April 28 – Carol McGlogan, President & CEO of EFC, will join industry leaders from Northern Transformer and Schneider Electric for a panel discussion at the OEA Speaker Series in Toronto on Supporting a Canadian Supply Chain. Moderated by Dunsky, she will draw on insights from EFC's latest research and bring EFC's perspective to Ontario's energy sector leaders as they plan for a more resilient, Canadian-focused supply chain. [Learn more](#)

Rexel Canada Announces Acquisition of TC360 – [Press release](#)

Nedco and Rexel Atlantic Leadership Changes post TC360 acquisition – [Press release](#)

EB Horsman Promotes Travis Cook to Area Manager, Northern Alberta – [View the LinkedIn post](#)

Mélanie Fayad Joins Contact Delage as Specifications Representative – [View the LinkedIn post](#)

Hammond Manufacturing Expands Western Canada Presence with New Calgary Distribution Centre – [Read more](#)

Prime Minister Carney Announces New Advisory Committee on Canada-U.S. Economic Relations – [Read more](#)

The Future of Electricity is Wind and Solar, New Report Says. Canada is Lagging Behind – [Read more](#)

Habitat for Humanity

Celebrating EFC Members During National Volunteer Week – During National Volunteer Week, we are proud to celebrate and thank the many EFC members who generously gave their time and energy to support Habitat for Humanity Canada in 2025. Your dedication, teamwork, and willingness to give back are essential to Habitat's work and a powerful demonstration of the impact we can make when we come together with a shared purpose. In 2025, 174 employees from EFC member organizations participated in Habitat Engagement Days. Together, they contributed 1,170 volunteer hours, working shoulder to shoulder with Habitat homeowners, construction crews, and community volunteers. EFC member supported Habitat projects in the following communities: Airdrie, AB; Calgary, AB; Fredericton, NB; Kitchener, ON; Mississauga, ON; North York, ON; Ottawa, ON; Saugeen First Nation, ON; and Winnipeg, MB. Our sincere gratitude to everyone who volunteered in 2025.

EFC-MetalMiner Partnership Program

Top Metal Price Forecasting Tools: What Successful Teams Do Differently – Metal price forecasts have become more abundant, not more accurate. Most tools rely on headlines or single-point predictions that don't match how procurement teams actually buy or negotiate. MetalMiner's latest analysis reveals the real gap: a disconnect between forecasts and decision-making and why it matters for contracts and timing. [Read more](#)

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Family Status Accommodation – Case Law Guidance. In *Aguele v. Family Options Inc.*, the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario provided helpful clarification for employers concerning the duty to accommodate under the Ontario Human Rights Code, particularly in relation to family status accommodation in employment. [Read more](#)

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