

Free and Fair Trade with Bahrain to Ensure U.S. Access to a Critical Raw Material

The Kingdom of Bahrain is the largest non-Chinese smelter of aluminum in the world and provides the U.S. and West with access to a critical raw material. The U.S. economy does not have enough domestic aluminum supply to meet its industrial demand, meaning it must turn to aluminum imports.





As a major non-NATO ally, essential national security partner, and a Free Trade partner, Bahrain continues to safeguard American commercial interests with a unique trade hub promising efficient market access with low trade barriers.

When President Trump issued Proclamations 9704 and 9705 providing for additional Section 232 duties for aluminum mill products it increased the cost of consumer and producer goods in the U.S. while depressing the economic benefits of global competition.



Responding to USTR Issues

In 2018, Bahrain requested an exemption to the tariffs limiting the aluminum trade. The U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) identified issues it considered as a barrier to trade:

USTR REQUEST		BAHRAIN RESPONSE
Bahrain passage of legislation ratifying accession of UPOV convention.		Approved by Shura Council and Ratified by HM, the King under Law 31/2021
Show support for the Global Forum on Steel Excess Capacity.		Visible and public support to the Global Forum despite not being a member of the G20
Join the U.S. as third party in WTO consultations with China.		Bahrain does not have a "substantial trade interest" thus was denied a request for consultation in the WTO process
Provide update on labor issue from 2011.		The Trade Union dispute has been resolved.



Bahrain Alba

Bahrain Alba is the **largest single-site aluminum smelter** outside of China.

Alba produced **+1.62M metric tonnes** in 2023.

Alba Exports to the U.S.:



Raw
Aluminum



Aluminum
Plating



Stranded
Aluminum Wire

Globally known for its **health, safety initiatives**, and **environmental initiatives**.



U.S. Aluminum Prices

+38%
4-year price
increase

\$1,610.89
PER M/T

MARCH 2020

\$2,226.16
PER M/T

MARCH 2024

Growing Our Common Security

The Biden Administration has taken positive actions to replace the tariffs on steel and aluminum from the EU, tariffs on steel from Japan, tariffs on steel and aluminum from the UK with tariff-rate quotas, and the US-India pact on removing substantial parts of the steel and aluminum tariffs from India. The Biden Administration has also removed tariffs on steel from Ukraine to provide economic relief during the conflict.



The Kingdom of Bahrain requests the elimination of steel and aluminum tariffs to resume free and fair trade with a critical ally, and the only Gulf country that is participating in Operation Prosperity Guardian to protect the Red Sea from Houthi attacks.