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RE: Question for the Record, Section 232

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Pursuant to Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. §1862), the Department of Commerce is required to complete national security investigations within 270 days of initiation and submit a report with recommendations to the President. The President can concur or not with the Secretary's recommendations, and take action to "adjust the imports of an article and its derivatives" or other non-trade related actions as deemed necessary.¹

It is my understanding that on September 2, 2025, there was an initiation of Section 232 Investigations on the Imports of Personal Protective Equipment, Medical Consumables, and Medical Equipment, Including Devices.² Therefore, the Department of Commerce had until May 30, 2026 to submit a report to the President. It has now been over 45 days since the defined statutory requirement of 270 days.

Given these requirements:

- (1) What is the current status of all Section 232 investigations initiated in or around September 2025?
- (2) Have the required reports and recommendations been formally transmitted to the President pursuant to statute? If so, on what date(s)?
- (3) To whom within the Executive Office of the President were these reports transmitted to?
- (4) What is the anticipated timeline for a Presidential determination and any subsequent action under Section 232 for these investigations?
- (5) With respect to specific sectors, what is the current status of any Section 232 investigations or policy considerations related to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including any potential changes to import restrictions or tariff measures?

Clarity on compliance with these requirements and the status of pending investigations is critical for Congressional oversight.

¹ <https://www.bis.gov/about-bis/bis-leadership-and-offices/SIES/section-232-investigations>

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<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/09/26/2025-18729/notice-of-request-for-public-comment-s-on-section-232-national-security-investigation-of-imports-of>