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主旨：陳報有關美商務部將對進口用以製造變壓器之薄板或捲鐵心啟動1962年貿易擴張法第232條國家安全調查事，敬請查照。

說明：

- 一、美商務部頃於本(2020)年5月4日發布新聞稿略以，該部將針對進口用以製造變壓器(Transformers、Electrical Transformers)及變壓調節器(Transformer Regulators)之薄板(Laminations)或捲鐵心(Wound Cores)啟動1962年貿易擴張法第232條國家安全調查，以調查該等貨品進口至美國，是否對美國國家安全造成威脅。
- 二、前述調查係依據數位國會議員及業者之請求而啟動，商務部長Wilbur Ross將依法通知美國防部長Mark Esper及其他相關聯邦機構。本案將由美商務部產業與安全局(BIS)負責調查，並將另於聯邦公報發布通知，並將提供公眾評論機會。
- 三、該新聞稿並稱，變壓器為美國能源基礎設施之一環，而旨

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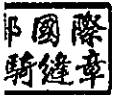
揭薄板或捲鐵心則係變壓器的關鍵零組件。電機鋼材係各項能源（包括太陽能、核能、風能、煤及天然氣發電）配電用變壓器之要件。確保美國內該等產品之供應，將有助美因應大規模電力中斷對公眾、關鍵基礎設施及國防產業生產能量之影響。

四、美商務部尚未公布本案詳細資訊(如受調產品稅號)及啟動調查通知等，容俟相關資訊公告後另陳報。檢送前述新聞稿如附件，併請卓參。

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U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross to Initiate Section 232 Investigation into Imports of Laminations and Wound Cores for Incorporation into Transformers, Electrical Transformers, and Transformer Regulators

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross announced he will initiate an investigation into whether laminations for stacked cores for incorporation into transformers, stacked and wound cores for incorporation into transformers, electrical transformers, and transformer regulators are being imported into the United States in such quantities or under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security. The decision to launch an investigation under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended, follows inquiries and requests from multiple members of Congress as well as industry stakeholders. As required by law, Secretary Ross will send a letter to Secretary of Defense Mark Esper informing him of the investigation. Secretary Ross will also notify other relevant executive branch officials.

“The Department of Commerce will conduct a thorough, fair, and transparent review to determine the effects on the national security from imports of laminations for stacked cores for incorporation into transformers, stacked and wound cores for incorporation into transformers, electrical transformers, and transformer regulators,” said Secretary Ross.

Transformers are part of the U.S. energy infrastructure. Laminations and cores made of grain-oriented electrical steel are critical transformer components. Electrical steel is necessary for power distribution transformers for all types of energy – including solar, nuclear, wind, coal, and natural gas – across the country. An assured domestic supply of these products enables the United States to respond to large power disruptions affecting civilian populations, critical infrastructure, and U.S. defense industrial production capabilities.

The investigation, to be conducted by the Department’s Bureau of Industry and Security, will provide the opportunity for public comment. A notice will be published shortly in the Federal Register.

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