

Canada Bans Aluminum, Steel Imports From Russia

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Canada on Friday announced a ban on imports of Russian aluminum and steel products, with the aim of denying Moscow revenues to fund its war in Ukraine.

The imports were worth almost \$180 million in 2021, according to the latest government data.

The ban comes as a 200% tariff on Russian aluminum imports announced last month by the United States came into effect, and after the European Union blocked Russian steel products last year.

"Canada, and our partners, have already sanctioned the Russian Central Bank and capped the price of Russian oil and gas," Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland said in a statement.

"And now, we are ensuring (President Vladimir) Putin cannot pay for his war by selling aluminum and steel in Canada, in coordination with action taken by the United States today."

The ban covers Russian unwrought aluminum, aluminum sheets, and finished products including containers and other household items made from aluminum.

Also prohibited are all primary Russian steel products, including iron and non-alloy steel, semi-finished, and finished products such as tubes and pipes.

Most of Canada's steel imports come from the U.S., representing nearly 45% of US steel exports, while almost 90% of Canada's aluminum production is shipped to its southern neighbour.

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