

# Mining industry seeks 15% duty on aluminium

The Federation of Indian Mineral Industries (FIMI) has asked the Ministry of Finance to raise the basic customs duty on primary aluminium and downstream products to 15 per cent, citing a sharp rise in imports and the growing entry of low-quality scrap into India.

Another industry body Aluminium Association of India (AAI) had recently submitted a similar proposal to the finance ministry and the Ministry of Mines. AAI had called for imposing 15 per cent duty on all aluminium products and strict quality control orders on aluminium scrap import.

FIMI said aluminium imports from China, Russia, Asean nations and West Asia

have increased to the point where 55 per cent of India's aluminium demand in FY26 is expected to be met through them, despite sufficient domestic capacity. It also flagged that India has become the world's largest importer of aluminium scrap because there are no quality or BIS standards governing scrap and recycling, allowing low-grade material from the US, EU, the UAE and the UK to enter the market.

The industry body noted that producers are in the middle of more than ₹1.5 trillion of ongoing investments, with ₹1.6 trillion more planned to take primary aluminium capacity to 7.2 Mtpa by FY30.

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