

Weekly News Bulletin

2nd June– 7th June 2025

Alcirle

[Inventory drawdown in major consumption regions supports aluminium prices at SMM](#)

Today, SHFE aluminium fluctuated upward in the morning session. Outflows from warehouses were good in major consumption areas. In terms of spot market performance, spot aluminium in eastern China performed moderately, with a focus on selling. High premiums loosened somewhat, and early in the morning, the market saw transactions at a RMB 10 per tonne discount against the SMM average price.

Alcirle

[India assesses potential \\$4.6 billion export hit from US 50% aluminium and steel tariff—how real is the threat?](#)

As soon as the news broke about the US President Donald Trump's decision to double aluminium and steel tariffs from 25 per cent to 50 per cent, effective from June 4, 2025, major producers and exporters of aluminium and steel worldwide began assessing the implications of the double-whammy, steep tariffs. India, being a country among the [top 10 aluminium exporters to the United States](#), has assessed that its metal exports worth USD 4.56 billion would face headwinds. A report by the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) warned that Indian exports would become more expensive in the US market, potentially reducing their competitiveness and affecting overall trade volumes.

Alcirle

[United States 50% tariff hike on aluminium and steel now in effect](#)

The United States officially raised its tariffs on foreign steel and aluminum products and doubled the import duty from 25 per cent to a hefty 50 per cent, effective June 4. The development, announced by President Donald Trump, was designed to further protect the home market metals industry, but sent waves of worry around the world.

Alcirle

[NALCO's INR 30,000C smelter expansion plan is on track, defies delay report](#)

National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), a 'Navratna' company under the Schedule 'A' category of CPSEs, announced on Thursday, June 5, that its INR 30,000-crore capital expenditure plan for smelter expansion with captive power is still on track. This announcement was made to clarify the previous announcement that NALCO would delay the project by approximately a year.

Alcirle

[Aluminium premiums in east China continue to narrow, with market focused on cargo shipments](#)

Today, SHFE aluminium futures fluctuated in the morning session. The impact of yesterday's Sino-US tariff developments was not evident in the futures market. The fundamental factors were mixed, leading to overall market volatility.

Alcirle

[Fresh trading activity drives modest gains in aluminium futures](#)

Aluminium prices moved up in the futures market on June 5, 2025. Traders increased their position sizes based on favourable spot market news. On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), the July aluminium futures rose by 5 paise to INR 242.10 (USD 2.82) per kilogram.

Alcirle

[Aluminium Prices Decline Amid Renewed Concerns Over China's Economic Outlook By Kedia Advisory](#)

Kedia Advisory - [Aluminium](#) prices declined by 1.04% to settle at ₹237.8, weighed down by renewed concerns over China's economic health. A private survey indicated that China's composite PMI fell to a two-and-a-half-year low, largely due to weakness in the manufacturing sector, despite continued strength in services. This development has sparked fears of slowing demand from the world's largest aluminium consumer, putting downward pressure on prices. Despite the bearish macroeconomic signals, the physical market remains tight. Aluminium premiums in the United States surged to a record \$1,323 per metric ton (or 60 cents/lb), following the Trump administration's imposition of higher tariffs on aluminium imports.