

Weekly News Bulletin

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[EU considers broader CBAM scope for aluminium products; industry concern intensifies](#)

The European Union is evaluating an expansion of its Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). After setting carbon tax certificates at [EUR 75.36 \(USD 88.14\) per tonne of aluminium and steel imports](#) for Q1 2026, the push could widen the scope of carbon-linked import costs for global exporters. A draft proposal presented within the European Parliament indicates the bloc's extension of [CBAM](#) to cover a broader range across steel and aluminium products. Marking a shift from raw materials to processed goods, the proposal is intensifying concerns among traders and exporters.

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[Global downstream aluminium and end-use markets enter transition phase amid tariffs, costs and tech breakthroughs](#)

The landscape of aluminium and related materials is undergoing a quiet transformation, driven by shifting policies, changing cost structures and exciting technological advancements. The global downstream and end-use sector is seeing everything from trade adjustments and tariff changes to disruptions in downstream processes and innovative breakthroughs. All these interconnected factors suggest that we might be on the brink of significant structural shifts that could reshape competitiveness, supply chains and the demand patterns of the future.

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[From Guinea to the Gulf: Policy shifts, alumina surplus and middle east disruptions split the value chain](#)

Over the past two weeks, the aluminium value chain has unfolded in fragments rather than a single, linear move. What starts as policy shifts and price pressure in bauxite moves through a well-supplied alumina market, before ending in a sudden supply shock in primary aluminium. Each layer is reacting to a different trigger-but together, they are reshaping the balance across the system.

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[Alcoa sees \\$55M gain in the aluminium segment in Q1, while alumina faces \\$15M hit; Bauxite Mining, Price, Ore, Mineral, Formula, Production.](#)

Alcoa boosted Q1 2026 profits (about USD 212 million net income) with higher aluminium prices (around USD 3,600-3680 per tonne) despite falling revenue. The company reported Q1 2026 revenue of USD 3.2 billion, down from USD 3.4 billion in Q4 2025. Net income rose to USD 425 million,

or USD 1.60 per share, compared with USD 213 million in the fourth quarter of 2025. Adjusted net income stood at USD 373 million, while adjusted EBITDA reached USD 595 million.

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[LME index peaks as aluminium gains 15%, copper up 11%; Bauxite Mining, Price, Ore, Mineral, Formula, Production.](#)

The [LME index](#), which tracks six major metals, has climbed nearly 12 per cent in the past four weeks and closed at an all-time high on Thursday. Aluminium prices have risen about 15 per cent since the start of the Iran war. Around 9 per cent of global aluminium output comes from the Middle East, making the market sensitive to disruptions in the region.

Reuters

[Aluminium in crisis: war, tariffs and a market running on empty | Reuters](#)

LONDON, April 16 (Reuters) - The [Iran war](#) is triggering an unprecedented crisis in the global aluminium market with potentially devastating knock-on effects across sectors as diverse as construction, packaging, transport and green energy. Even if the war were to end tomorrow, it could take up to a year for Emirates Global Aluminium to recover from the [damage inflicted](#) by a missile strike on its Al Taweelah smelter last month.

Woodmac

[Reassessing the short term global aluminium outlook amid rising market risk | Wood Mackenzie](#)

The Middle East conflict will have a lasting impact on the global aluminium market. The initial challenge for regional producers is to secure sufficient alumina and other raw materials to maintain production, even at lower utilisation rates. Meanwhile, the closure of the Strait of Hormuz and recent risks to shipping via the Suez Canal have created obstacles to exports.

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[India: Aluminium prices rise further as global benchmarks rally, tight inventories support market; Aluminium Extrusion, Profiles, Price, Scrap, Recycling, Section](#)

Domestic aluminium prices in India extended their upward trend as of 16 April 2026, tracking continued gains in aluminium futures on both the [London Metal Exchange \(LME\)](#) and the Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX), supported by firm market sentiment. As per market assessments, P1020 ingot prices in Delhi NCR increased by INR 20,000 per tonne, or 5.2 per cent, W-o-W to INR 378,000 per tonne on 16 April, up from INR 358,000 per tonne on 09 April. Similarly, Mumbai prices rose by INR 19,000 per tonne, or 5 per cent, to INR 379,000 per tonne, compared to INR 360,000 per tonne in the previous week.

Businessline

[Industry seeks removal of 2.5% duty on aluminium scrap to ease costs - The HinduBusinessLine](#)

A leading industry group representing small and mid-sized firms that recycle metals, plastics, e-waste, rubber and glass has sought intervention from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) to remove an import tax on aluminium scrap, citing rising costs and strong demand, according to a letter reviewed by Reuters.

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[Unwrought aluminium alloy imports declined in Q1 while exports increased](#)

The General Administration of Customs released import and export data for March 2026 today.

Customs data showed:

imports of unwrought aluminium alloy in March 2026 were 84,400 tonnes, down 5.7 per cent Y-o-Y and up 28.2 per cent M-o-M. Cumulative imports from January to March 2026 were 240,500 tonnes, down 14.4 per cent Y-o-Y.

Exports of unwrought aluminium alloy in March 2026 were 27,400 mt, up 50.8 per cent Y-o-Y and up 106.3 per cent M-o-M. Cumulative exports from January to March 2026 were 64,900 tonnes, up 20.7 per cent Y-o-Y.