



REGIONAL TARIFF RESPONSE INITIATIVE ATTESTATION FORM

STEEL AND AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES

This attestation form is required for applicants in the steel or automotive sectors applying for non-repayable contributions under the Regional Tariff Response Initiative. The purpose of this form is to confirm that the applicant meets the eligibility criteria. Applicants must complete this form accurately and truthfully. The information provided will be verified by ACOA during the application assessment process and additional information may be required. The Regional Tariff Response Initiative Attestation Form is part of the Application for Financial Assistance and is one and the same document.

DEFINITIONS

Steel Industry: Includes the production, processing, and fabrication of products made with steel and iron, from raw materials to finished components used in machinery, vehicles, and infrastructure.

Automotive Industry: Spans the full supply chain from raw material transformation and component manufacturing to final vehicle assembly, involving, but not limited to, metals, plastics, rubber, and electronics.

ATTESTATION

On behalf of the applicant, I hereby attest that the applicant:

Eligibility

- ☐ Operates in the steel or automotive sector, as defined above; and
- ☐ Was viable prior to March 21, 2025; and
- ☐ Meets at least one of the following:
 - ☐ Has a minimum of 25% of sales in markets affected by the U.S./China tariffs; **or**
 - ☐ Can demonstrate a significant likelihood of being negatively affected by the tariffs or the uncertainty they may create (e.g., increased cost for the purchase of production materials, increased costs from suppliers, increased retail cost of finished products, reduced purchase orders or sales, addition of an import or export tax, loss of market access, other evidence that demonstrates negative impact); and
- ☐ Generates economic benefits for the local economy or region (e.g., employment, economic base consolidation, added value creation, role in value chain); and
- ☐ Plays an important role in supporting the local supply chain, with target markets that may be regional, national, or international; and

For Steel Industry

- ☐ Uses at least 20% steel inputs in production (in dollars), on average over the last two years; or

For Automotive Industry

- ☐ Has at least 20% of inputs and/or outputs tied to automotive production or supply chains; **and**
- ☐ Generates generally at least 50% of revenue from products or operations directly contributing to the automotive sector.

I confirm that the information provided in this attestation and in the accompanying Application for Financial Assistance is true, accurate, and complete, and that I have the authority to sign on behalf of the applicant. I acknowledge that ACOA may request additional documentation to verify eligibility during project analysis.

(Please keep a signed copy of this form for your records.)

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL

NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL

SIGNED AT (LOCATION): _____ ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20____