To:	All members, warehouse companies and their London agents and other interested parties	
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Subject:	**CONFIRMATION OF DEADLINE FOR ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS UPLOAD FOR LME-LISTED BRANDS OF ALUMINIUM ALLOY, COBALT, LEAD, NASAAC, NICKEL, TIN, AND ZINC TO LMEPASSPORT**	

Summary

1. This Notice specifies the LMEpassport electronic Certificate of Analysis ("eCOA") upload deadline for all LME-listed brands of aluminium alloy, cobalt, lead, North American Special Aluminium Alloy Contract ("NASAAC"), primary nickel, special high-grade zinc, and tin brands will be Friday 31 October 2025.

Background

2. The LME has been working with stakeholders on the implementation of a centralised registry of digital credentials ("LMEpassport"). LMEpassport is a central tool in the LME's efforts to support the physical industry to improve efficiency and promote sustainable production through digitisation and transparency; the transition of Certificates of Analysis ("COA") from paper to electronic documents is a key tenet of this.

3. This transition began with LME-listed primary aluminium brands. In Notice 21/044 (16 March 2021), the LME informed producers of LME-listed brands ("Producers") that all LME branded metal (with the exception of copper brands) created on or after 1 January 2024 (the "Upload Obligation Date") would require an enhanced eCOA to be digitally uploaded to the LMEpassport platform.

4. Following engagement with Producers, and mindful of the significant amount of work involved in the implementation of eCOA requirements, the LME believed it was appropriate to extend the timetable for its implementation. As such, in Notice 23/087 (23 March 2023) the LME notified Producers and other interested parties of the deferral of the Upload Obligation Date (the "Deferred Upload Obligation Date").

5. In Notice 24/215 (24 July 2024), the LME confirmed that the Deferred Upload Obligation Date for producers of LME-listed High Grade Primary Aluminium brands was 24 October 2024, and that the eCOA upload date for other metals, excluding LME copper brands, would be no earlier than 1 October 2025.

6. Following the successful delivery of eCOA uploads for primary aluminium, the LME is now confirming next steps in relation to all other metals (excluding copper, for which the LME does not currently require COAs).

Deadline

7. This Notice confirms that the Deferred Upload Obligation Date for producers of all other LME branded material (excluding copper) is 31 October 2025.

8. The LME has been in touch with the producers of all relevant brands with further information about the deadline and the process for automated uploads. Further information is available on the LME website here, and any producer looking for further clarity is asked to contact the LME at lmepassport@lme.com.

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