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# 2025 US REGULATORY CHANGES

## OVERVIEW

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### US CUSTOMS REGULATORY CHANGES OVERVIEW: Reciprocal Tariffs & De Minimis



- On April 1, 2025, U.S. President Trump signed an **Executive Order (EO)**, invoking emergency economic powers under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), **to impose reciprocal tariffs on all imports from all trading partners.**
  - Effective April 5, 2025:** Shipments from all countries will be subject to a 10% duty.
  - Effective April 9, 2025:** The duty rate increases to apply individualized reciprocal tariffs on the countries with which the US has the largest trade deficits, which are listed [here](#)
- Except for Canada and Mexico, these reciprocal tariffs apply in addition to the General duty rate, and any other applicable duties, fees and taxes such as: IEEPA duties issued by other Executive Orders, and section 301 duties.
- For Canada and Mexico, a 12% reciprocal tariff was announced. However, it will not go into effect, as the existing 25% IEEPA tariff (10% for energy products from Canada) remains in effect for goods not eligible under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).
- For countries with existing Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the US, FTA benefits apply only with respect to the general duty rate. IEEPA duty rate will still apply.
- In addition, a second **Executive Order (EO)** eliminated **De Minimis (DM) treatment** for all products with **Country of Origin (COO) China and Hong Kong with an effective date of May 2, 2025.**

**Note: De Minimis treatment remains available for all countries, except for China and Hong Kong, until the Administration notifies that adequate systems are in place to effectively process and collect tariff revenue under IEEPA.**

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

**As of April 5, 2025, shipments valued over \$800 US for all countries will be subject to IEEPA tariffs and will require formal entry.** Shipments valued up to \$800 continue to be eligible for De Minimis treatment and as such no duties are levied.

**As of May 2, 2025, shipments containing products made in China/Hong Kong will not be eligible for De Minimis and will be subject to all applicable duties. Shipments valued over \$250 will require formal entry.**

**Exclusions from reciprocal tariffs:** The following products are exempted from the additional reciprocal duties: 1) donations; 2) goods in personal effects/baggage; 3) Informational Materials (publications, films, posters, phonograph records, photographs, microfilms, CDs, etc.); 4) steel/aluminum articles and autos/auto parts already subject to Section 232 tariffs; 5) all articles that may become subject to future Section 232 tariffs; 6) copper, pharmaceuticals, semiconductors, and lumber articles; 7) bullion; 8) energy and other certain minerals that are not available in the US; 9) Articles from trading partners subject to special duty rate.

Summary of changes for shipments from Rest of World to USA		
Category	Before	After Changes take Effect on April 5 & May 2
De Minimis	Shipments up to \$800 • Duty & Tax Free	Shipments up to \$800 • Duty & Tax Free (Except CN/HK from May 2, 2025)
Informal Entry	Shipments valued above \$800 and up to \$2,500 • Duties & Taxes based on HTSUS. • Not applicable to CN/HK/MX/CA	• Shipments valued above \$800 and up to \$2,500 – Not Applicable • <b>From May 2, 2025: Shipments valued up to \$250 (CN/HK Only)</b> • Duties & Taxes based on HTSUS.
Formal Entry	Shipments valued above \$2,500 • Duties & Taxes based on HTSUS • Requires Ultimate consignee Tax ID • Customs Merchandise Processing Fee (MPF) 0.3464% of the value with a minimum of \$32.71. Maximum is \$634.62.	Shipments valued above \$800 (above \$250 for CN/HK ONLY after May 2) • Duties & Taxes based on HTSUS (1. General duty rate, 2. Section 301 duties (China), 3. Applicable IEEPA duties) • <b>Requires Ultimate consignee Tax ID</b> • Customs Merchandise Processing Fee (MPF) 0.3464% of the value with a minimum of \$32.71. Maximum is \$634.62.

### IMPORTANT

- Shippers must provide complete and accurate Commercial Invoice data for all products, including detailed goods description, to the extent possible the HTSUS classification, **Country of Origin (COO)** of the goods (**where goods are manufactured**), and ultimate consignee's **Tax ID/Social Security Number** (for formal entry), and USMCA/FTA supporting information/documentation, when applicable.

For additional information, please consult the Government websites below:

- [EOs on reciprocal tariffs](#)
- [EOs on China/Hong Kong De Minimis](#)

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