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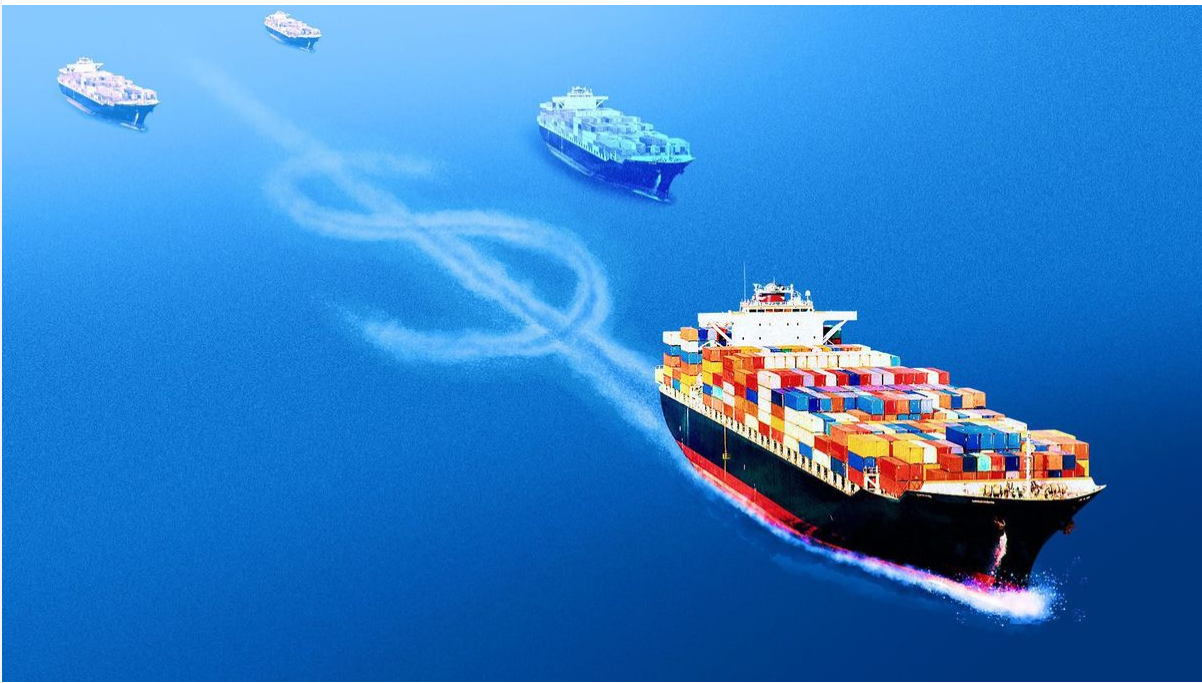
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Two important updates from FDRA on goods on the water and China’s tariff retaliation.


Critical FDRA member-only information below.

Latest update: goods on the water situation, tariff retaliation



 **Goods on the Water:** Documents from U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP), and statements by the President, have created confusion about whether the new China tariffs hit immediately or have a goods on the water exception. We are getting a lot of questions on this critical issue.

- **The New York Times reported:** “The Trump administration has exempted goods that were already in transit from the new tariffs, meaning importers have not yet started to incur them. In the case of goods shipped by air, this will happen in the next few days, while goods moving by ship will take several weeks to arrive.” [Read more.](#)
- This is consistent with how CBP has handled this issue in the past. We encourage you to let us know if you receive different information from CBP when you bring in your shipments.

 **China retaliates:** Beijing announced new tariff rates of 125 percent on U.S.-made goods, effective Saturday, in response to President Trump’s decision to increase tariff rates on Chinese-made products to 145 percent.

- China’s State Council said, “If the U.S. insists on substantively damaging China’s interests, China will firmly retaliate and fight to the end.”
- **Oh, also:** White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said this afternoon that President Trump is “optimistic” about a deal with China.

We will keep you updated with additional details as they become available.

Please keep the questions coming. We’re on stand-by to handle your inquiries in realtime.

Matt and Thomas

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