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Happy Saturday. The White House has released a fact sheet outlining the commitments made by both the United States and China during this week’s meeting between presidents Trump and Xi in Korea.

-  **Effective date:** The reduction in the fentanyl tariffs from 20% to 10% will be effective as of November 10, 2025, at port of entry.
-  **Duration:** The fact sheet confirms that the reciprocal rate on Chinese goods will not increase for at least a year.

Give me the details: Here is the pertinent passage found in the White House fact sheet:

The United States will lower the tariffs on Chinese imports imposed to curb fentanyl flows by removing 10 percentage points of the cumulative rate, effective November 10, 2025, and will maintain its suspension of heightened reciprocal tariffs on Chinese imports until November 10, 2026. (The current 10% reciprocal tariff will remain in effect during this suspension period.)

 **Be smart:** Most footwear out of China will now have an additional 10% fentanyl tariff and 10% reciprocal tariff on top of the traditional MFN tariff rate.

- **And don’t forget:** A subsection of footwear will also receive an additional 7.5% 301 tariff if found on List 4a.

Oh, also: The fact sheet confirms the commitment to pause additional port fees, saying:

The United States will suspend for one year, starting on November 10, 2025, implementation of the responsive actions taken pursuant to the Section 301 investigation on China’s Targeting the Maritime, Logistics, and Shipbuilding Sectors for Dominance.

 **Go deeper:** Access the entire fact sheet via the button below:

WH US-China Fact Sheet

 **Did you know?:** I (Matt) released the following statement in regards to the announced agreement this week:

The announcement of a U.S.–China trade truce is a welcome step toward stability, but it’s essential to recognize that existing tariffs remain in place and continue to burden American consumers and footwear companies. While this pause helps prevent further escalation, it does not solve the underlying challenges that have driven up costs for families and disrupted supply chains. We urge the President and his administration to move beyond temporary measures and work toward comprehensive, long-term solutions that eliminate unnecessary tariffs and support fair, open trade.

 **Get involved:** We’ll have more to say about all of these developments on our weekly call Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. ET. Be sure to sign up below if you have not already (one-time signup for the rest of the year).

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Thanks for reading. We’re available for any questions or comments you might have.

Have a great rest of your weekend.

Matt and Thomas

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