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**Donald J. Trump**
@realDonaldTrump

Based on a thorough, detailed, and complete review of the ridiculous, poorly written, and extraordinarily anti-American decision on Tariffs issued yesterday, after MANY months of contemplation, by the United States Supreme Court, please let this statement serve to represent that I, as President of the United States of America, will be, effective immediately, raising the 10% Worldwide Tariff on Countries, many of which have been "ripping" the U.S. off for decades, without retribution (until I came along!), to the fully allowed, and legally tested, 15% level. During the next short number of months, the Trump Administration will determine and issue the new and legally permissible Tariffs, which will continue our extraordinarily successful process of Making America Great Again - GREATER THAN EVER BEFORE!!! Thank you for your attention to this matter. President DONALD J. TRUMP

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Just now, President Trump announced that he will increase the previously announced Section 122 tariff from 10% to 15%—the highest rate legally allowable under the law.

- **Give me the details:** I assume the same timing of the tariff hike holds as outlined in the Executive Order he signed yesterday, stating:

> The modifications shall be effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on February 24, 2026, and shall continue in effect through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on July 24, 2026, unless the surcharge imposed in this proclamation is expressly suspended, modified, or terminated on an earlier date, or unless the effective period of such surcharge is extended by an Act of the Congress.

**Take note:** There are some exemptions—goods already subject to Section 232 measures, CAFTA apparel, all USMCA-qualifying goods, and certain agricultural items (not footwear)—but everything else, from everywhere else, will see an added 15% tariff.

- **Go deeper:** You can access our deck on all the trade tools still available to the president via the button below:

POTUS Trade Options

**One last thing:** We'll certainly have more to discuss in the coming days and weeks, so make sure you sign up for our member weekly call via the button below to join in on the fun:

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Hopefully, this will be the last time you hear from us this weekend. Now back to your regularly scheduled weekend programming.

All the best,

Matt & Thomas

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