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Below are a few quick updates on the CIT order released today on the tariff process, an important FDRA survey, and the annual FDRA Sourcing Shifts webinar.

CIT order on tariffs released today

Today, the Court of International Trade (CIT) ordered the government to issue refunds for the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) tariffs, and it provided some clarity for how U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) must handle entries.

- **For unliquidated entries**, the government must remove the IEEPA tariffs.
- **Liquidated entries that are not final** must be re-liquidated without the IEEPA tariffs.

⁉️ **Yes, but**: There are still many unanswered questions facing importers —what about FTZs? What about the money the government is about to debit for last months' IEEPA tariffs — how should those be handled? What is the refund process going to be for the liquidated entries that *are* final?

- **Take note**: We expect guidance from CBP, hopefully this week, that will clarify some of these questions. CBP may have been waiting to see what the courts would say before issuing formal guidance.
- **Oh also**: The CIT will hear from CBP on Friday. We will have more to share after that.

📑 **Go deeper**: Read the court order here.

Stay tuned: We are still reviewing the order and will provide you with more information as soon as we have it.

- Be sure you join us for our FDRA weekly member calls for the latest updates, every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. ET. Register below (one-time signup for the year):

FDRA Weekly Member Call

Feedback needed: shoe sourcing industry insights survey

Shoe sourcing is shifting faster than at any time in decades. Industry leaders have asked us to benchmark some basic info on what's happening *right now* — to provide directional insights the industry urgently needs.

✅ **Feedback needed**: If you work for a shoe brand or retailer OR are involved in sourcing, logistics, trade, or supply chain strategy ... please take 60 seconds to share your perspective in our blind survey:

Take the survey

Take note*:* We do not collect personal or company names.

What's next: We will unveil the results live during our Sourcing Shifts Webinar March 26th — more info on that event here.

Key FDRA Sourcing Shifts update on March 26th

On Thursday, March 26th, we will hold our annual review of global shoe sourcing shifts, which provides a country-by-country breakdown.

🎙️ **Tell me more**: We will cover the tariff landscape ... as well as a range of new considerations in the footwear sourcing and supply chain landscape.

- ✋ **Exclusive Data Insights**: The event provides an important 2026 outlook on factory and material cost pressures, including how footwear brands are rebalancing sourcing across established hubs and emerging markets.
- We will provide a 🌏 country-by-country PDF analysis you can download afterwards as a valuable reference. This sourcing reference guide is only available to those who register for this webinar.

✌️ **Two more things**: Apex Logistics will provide a country-by-country analysis of key supply chain considerations. Eurofins will cover material, chemical, and compliance issues impacting footwear sourcing.

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