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Below are a few quick updates on the CIT's tariff decision as well as FDRA's advocacy efforts.

Court of International Trade says 122 tariffs are illegal



The Court of International Trade (CIT) ruled today, in a 2 to 1 decision, that the current 10% temporary Section 122 tariffs are illegal. The administration is expected to appeal the decision.

Tell me more:

- On February 20th, the Supreme Court struck down the reciprocal tariffs imposed under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA). President Trump then imposed across-the-board 10% tariffs on most imports, using Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974.
- The 122 tariffs are intended to be a stopgap measure to give the Trump administration time to conduct the 301 investigations that will be used to rebuild the tariff regime.
- The CIT blocked the 122 tariffs for the handful of small businesses that sued, but most of the 122 tariffs remain in place for now.

Go deeper: This is breaking news, and we will provide additional information as we have it. We will also cover this issue in depth on the weekly call next Tuesday (May 12th).

- Be sure to register below if you haven't already (one-time signup):

[FDRA Member Weekly Call](#)

FDRA Advocacy Day on May 20th



We are planning our next congressional advocacy day for Wednesday, May 20th. We will meet with key Republican members of Congress and congressional staff to urge them to reach out to the administration on the need for footwear tariff relief.

- Thank you to the companies that have committed to join us on the Hill to advocate on this critical issue.
- Given the timeliness of our issues and the Hill schedule, we need a commitment by COB tomorrow (May 8th). We will be creating a very targeted approach to which members and staff we meet with based upon company representation. We appreciate your understanding of this deadline.
- Please let us know ASAP if you have an interest in joining us on May 20th. You can email me at tcrockett@fdra.org.

Thanks for reading this update. Please share with others on your team.

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