

Reciprocal Tariffs on China/HK/Macau Increased to 125%

TRADE ALERT - IMPORTS

HEADLINE	Reciprocal Tariffs on China/HK/Macau Increased to 125%
DATE	April 9, 2025
AGENCY	Trump Administration; Department of Commerce; United States Trade Representative; Customs and Border Protection
EFFECTIVE DATE	12:01 am EDT on April 10, 2025
BACKGROUND	<p>On April 2, 2025, the Trump Administration announced a “baseline” 10% tariff on imports from all countries effective April 5, and enhanced “reciprocal” tariff rates for specific countries effective April 9. The specific tariff rate announced at that time for goods from China was 34%. On April 8, 2025, China’s rate was raised to 84%, with additional increased duties on <i>de minimis</i> shipments from China.</p> <p>Starting on April 10, 2025, the enhanced reciprocal tariff rate for China (defined to include Hong Kong and Macau), which was initially announced at 34%, has been raised to 125%. This represents a 91% increase in the rate applicable to Chinese origin goods, in addition to other tariffs (unless exempted, see below).</p> <p>In-Transit Goods. Goods loaded onto a vessel at the port of loading and in transit on the final mode of transit before 12:01 a.m. EDT April 9 will not be subject to the respective additional tariffs so long as they are entered before May 27.</p>
DETAILS	<p>Exemptions. No other aspect of the “reciprocal” tariff program exemptions changed as a result of the increased tariff on China. The following exemptions remain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steel or aluminum articles and derivatives subject to Section 232 duties;• Automobiles and automotive parts subject to recently imposed Section 232 duties;• Copper, pharmaceuticals, semiconductors, lumber articles, certain critical minerals, energy and energy products, and other products (set forth in Annex II);• Imports subject to column 2 rates of duties (goods from Cuba, North Korea, Russia, and Belarus);• Goods subject to future Section 232 actions;• Goods validly claiming exemption under Chapter 98 duty relief. <p>China is not included in the recent 90-day pause on reciprocal tariffs.</p>
BASIS	International Emergency Economic Powers Act of 1977 (IEEPA)
HTS/PRODUCTS	All products. 9903.01.63: Articles the product of China, including Hong Kong and Macau, will be assessed an additional ad valorem rate of duty of 125% .
COUNTRY	China/HK/Macau
CITE	Amendment to Reciprocal Tariffs and Updated Duties as Applied to Low-Value Imports from the People’s Republic of China - The White House CSMS # 64701128 -

