



## U.S. Ends Tariff Exemptions on Low-Dollar Imports on 8/29/25

### What's changing?

- Effective August 29, 2025, the U.S. will end its tariff exemption for low-cost imports from all countries.
- Previously, items under \$800 were usually tariff-free when shipped from abroad. With this change, **even inexpensive international purchases** may now be charged a tariff upon arrival.
- Business Imports of **any value** will be subject to the tariff rate in effect for the Country of Origin at the time of U.S. customs clearance.

### Impact:

- In response to newly announced inspection measures, many international postal services have suspended shipments to the U.S. pending clarification on final import and tariff procedures. The [list of affected countries](#) remains fluid.
- Specialty Carriers: *(subject to change)*
  - FedEx: Will still deliver packages from these countries without fees.
  - UPS: Will deliver packages but are charging a per package processing fee.
  - DHL: Has suspended some services, but DHL Express services remain available.
- While Formal documentation was previously required for items over \$800, it is now **required for all imported items**.
- An increased burden on carriers will likely cause delivery delays, carrier fees, and a potential for lost packages.

### Next Steps:

- Limit international purchases. If you must purchase internationally, identify the carrier the vendor will use to deliver your package.

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- Be sure all import documentation and customs broker instructions are in place prior to shipping. (Reference [Procurement's Importing and Exporting Guidelines](#)).
- Plan for delivery delays and potential increases in fees.
- Consider insuring your package if the international vendor does not cover U.S. tariffs under DDP (Delivery Duty Paid) incoterms.

### Questions?

The [Procurement team](#) is here to answer any questions you may have.