



Trump to Impose 50% Tariffs on More than \$5.6 Billion in Canadian Goods Beginning Aug. 19

President Donald Trump will [impose](#) 50% tariffs on about \$5 billion in Canadian goods, because Canada retaliated against U.S. action to impose 25% tariffs on its cars and light trucks by imposing quotas on U.S. autos and trucks that meet USMCA rules imported into Canada. The annex of HTS codes is [here](#).

A senior administration official said the president is also [imposing](#) 50% tariffs on about \$580 million worth of Canadian goods because most Canadian provinces no longer sell U.S. beer, wine and liquor. Those regional governments decided to ban the sale of American beverages because of President Donald Trump's declarations that Canada should be the 51st state. The slate of goods in that action is [here](#).

Finally, the administration is imposing 50% tariffs on [52 tariff lines](#) from Canada, because the U.S. says that Canada discriminates against U.S. dairy exports in the way that it administers the tariff rate quotas it agreed to in USMCA. The proclamation did not quantify the lost sales due to these actions; U.S. dairy sales had been growing to Canada since NAFTA became USMCA.

None of the tariffed products are subject to the Section 232 tariffs, which include vehicles of all kinds, including buses and heavy trucks; lumber; steel, aluminum and copper, and derivative products made from those metals and from wood. They will also not apply to aerospace trade, energy trade, or critical minerals or potash.

Unlike when there were tariffs imposed on Canadian goods in response to what the U.S. said was inadequate action against fentanyl smuggling and irregular migration from the north, goods that used to be duty-free under USMCA will not get any credit for meeting the trade pact's rule of origin.

The administration is using [Section 338](#) of the U.S. Trade Act of 1930, a subsection of the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act. There have never been tariffs imposed under Section 338 before. There is no time limit for these tariffs in the law, and no language in the law about when they should be removed.

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