

AMERICAN SHIPPING COMPANY

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Presidential Memorandum for Reciprocal Tariffs Signed

President Trump signed a memorandum Thursday afternoon, Feb. 13, <u>presidential</u> <u>memorandum</u>, to start a comprehensive investigation for purposes of imposing an equivalent reciprocal tariff on our trading partners with existing tariffs on U.S.

The reciprocal tariff will be customized on a country-by-country basis based on the following criteria:

- tariffs imposed on U.S. products
- -unfair taxes, costs to U.S. business and consumers from other countries policies including value added tax
- -exchange rates caused to deviate from their market value by other countries policies and practices, including subsidies.
- -wage suppression
- -non-tariff barriers or measures; unfair or harmful acts, policies, or practices, including subsidies; and burdensome regulatory requirements on U.S. businesses operating in other countries
- policies that make U.S. workers less competitive
- -Other mercantilist policies that make U.S. businesses and workers less competitive

The memo does not direct the immediate imposition of the tariffs, but it allows his administration to begin the review process. This will also give countries time to either lower or eliminate their tariffs on U.S. goods. It is anticipated the investigation will not begin until after April 1, the due date for the number of reports on various trade related issues. No deadline has been set yet for the actual completion of the investigation.

As more info is made available to us, we will be sure to communicate the details to you as soon as possible.