Chart of the Day





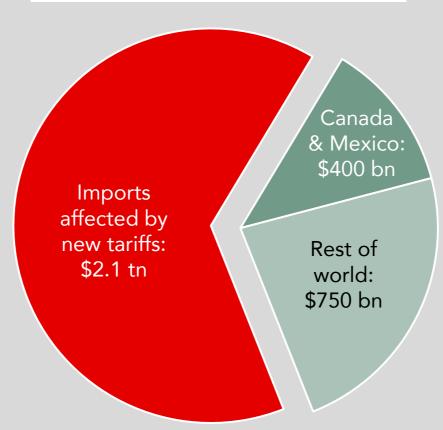


The Trump administration has excluded more than a third of US imports (> \$1tn) by value. This includes about \$750bn excluded from his April 2 tariff announcements and the \$400 bn covered by the USMCA, under which the President gave cars and other products a relief from duties. The largest beneficiaries of exemptions to date have been large tech companies.

Imports by origin and exclusion status



Imports
impacted
by new
tariffs:
\$2.1 tn



Imports
exempt
from new
tariffs:
\$1.15 tn

During President Trump's first term, companies had more time for planning given the investigations-based approach, and were also given an opportunity to apply for product exemptions on US tariff escalation. By contrast, corporates in 2025 have had to navigate a more difficult path given the more rapid implementation of IEEPA-based tariffs and less opportunity for exemption-based processes (though a substantive amount of exemptions were provided automatically this time).

Selected exemptions by country and category

| Category | Tariffs | Exemptions |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Pharmaceuticals | 100% | Generic drugs; any firm with US manufacturing facilities and plans to add more; imports from EU (15%) |
| Semiconductors | 100% (threatened) | Exemption for companies that announce investment plans in America |
| Machinery & electronics | Varied | Smartphones, laptops (43% of \$753bn in US imports exempt) |
| Autos | 25% | Modified rates for EU, Japan, UK, USMCA |
| Energy | Varied | Nearly all energy products excluded |
| Reciprocal | 10-15% | Goods that face product specific tariffs (steel, aluminum, autos, electronics) |
| Mexico | 25% | Goods covered under USMCA (~49% of imports), 10% potash |
| (*) Canada | 35% | Goods covered under USMCA (~38% of imports), 10% energy and potash |
| Brazil | 50% | Almost 700 product categories (aircrafts, brazil nuts, orange juice, iron ore) |

Source: (1-2) Bloomberg, "How Trump Let \$1 Trillion Worth of Imports Escape His Tariff Hammer" US Census Bureau. Import values based on 2024 data.

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