



United States Begins Implementing U.S.-China Trade Arrangement, Lowers Fentanyl-Related Tariffs and Delays Reciprocal Tariff Rate Hike

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On November 4, 2025, President Trump issued two Executive Orders to carry out U.S. commitments pursuant to a trade arrangement reached October 30 with the People's Republic of China (PRC). Together, the orders (1) reduce by half the fentanyl-related IEEPA tariffs on imports from China; and (2) extend for one year the pause on implementation of China's higher IEEPA Reciprocal Tariff rate.

The [order](#) *Modifying Duties Addressing the Synthetic Opioid Supply Chain in the People's Republic of China* reduces from 20% to 10% the fentanyl-related IEEPA tariffs first imposed on Chinese imports into the United States in February 2025 (the tariffs were initially imposed at a rate of 10% before President Trump doubled them a month later). The reduced rate of 10% is effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. EST on November 10, 2025.

The [order](#) *Modifying Reciprocal Tariff Rates Consistent with the Economic and Trade Arrangement Between the United States and the People's Republic of China* further suspends for one year the scheduled increase in China's Reciprocal Tariff rate from 10% to 34%. The United States will maintain the current 10% Reciprocal Tariff rate until 12:01 a.m. EST on November 10, 2026.

Both orders direct the President's trade and economic team to monitor conditions and developments and provide that the President may modify the orders – and, thus, the tariff rates – as necessary should the PRC fail to implement its commitments.

Under the bilateral arrangement, the United States has also agreed to: extend until November 10, 2026, certain Section 301 tariff exclusions [previously set to expire](#) on November 29, 2025; suspend until November 10, 2026, the implementation of the U.S. Commerce Department Bureau of Industry and Security's interim final rule titled *Expansion of End-User Controls to Cover Affiliates of Certain Listed Entities* (the so-called "Affiliates Rule," which we have previously written about [here](#)); and suspend until November 10, 2026, the implementation of its [remedy](#) in response to the Section 301 investigation on *China's Targeting the Maritime, Logistics, and Shipbuilding Sectors for Dominance*. We are awaiting formal notice and implementation of these commitments.

For its part, the PRC has committed to a number of actions including, but not limited to: stopping the

flow of fentanyl precursors into the United States; eliminating global export controls on rare earth elements and other critical minerals; suspending or removing many retaliatory tariffs and non-tariff countermeasures taken against the United States; removing measures imposed in retaliation for the U.S. Section 301 shipbuilding remedy; and purchasing U.S. soybeans and other agricultural exports.

Additional details can be found in the [Fact Sheet](#) published by the White House on November 1, 2025.

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