

# US Global De Minimis Suspension

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## Overview

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## Background

This presentation outlines the key changes introduced by the U.S. Executive Order 14324, Suspending Duty-Free De Minimis Treatment for All Countries, issued on July 30, 2025, which suspends the \$800 de minimis threshold for all countries beginning August 29, 2025, at 12:01 am ET.

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# EO 14324 Suspending Duty-Free De Minimis Treatment

## Overview

- As of August 29, 2025, per Executive Order (EO) 14324, duty-free de minimis treatment (for goods valued at \$800 USD or less) is suspended globally, for all mail items entering the United States (U.S.)

### **Duties under the EO do not apply to:**

- Letters and Flats
  - Bona Fide Gifts valued at \$100 USD or less
  - Subject to CBP regulations and procedures, duties under the EO may not apply to certain donation and informational materials
- Application of any exception(s) is subject to CBP regulations and procedures
  - The EO stipulates that effective August 29, 2025, transportation carriers (i.e., airlines, or sea vessel or trucking companies) bringing postal items to the U.S. (from anywhere in the world) must collect and remit customs duties to CBP on the low-value postal items.
  - Qualified third parties, in lieu of transportation carriers, will be allowed to collect and remit duties to CBP.

# Duty Rates, Methodology, Collection, & Payment

# Duty Rates and Methodology

The Specific Duty rate(s) and methodology is available for only six (6) months from the effective date of the Executive Order, August 29, 2025. Additionally, only one method of assessment and payment can be applied at a time.

## Specific Duty

Per EO 14324, this methodology applies a specific (flat) tariff rate associated with the country of origin's effective reciprocal (ad valorem) tariff rate (duty), as follows:

1. Less than 16%: \$80 per item
  2. Between 16 – 25%: \$160 per item
  3. Above 25%: \$200 per item
- If products from multiple countries of origin are contained within the package, only the highest International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) rate will be used to determine the specific duty rate.

## Ad Valorem

- A duty equal to the effective IEEPA tariff rate applicable to the country of origin of the product shall be assessed.

# Duty Rates Reporting

This is only a hypothetical example for illustrative purposes and does not necessarily reflect actual applicable tariff duty rates.

## CBP International Mail Duty Worksheet

### International Postal Package Items Containing Goods

Carrier Code	Flight/ Trip Number	Tracking Number	Arrival Port Code	Arrival Date	Declared Value (USD)	Country of Origin	Tariff Rate	Duties Owed
AB	123	EX123456789CN	4701	5/2/2025	\$47.00	UK	10%	\$4.70
AB	123	EX123456789CN	4701	5/2/2025	\$23.00	FR	25%	\$5.75
ABCD	AB645397645	LS987654321HK	2304	5/3/2025	\$45.00	BR	50%	\$22.50

- Carrier Code (for airlines)= IATA designated 2 letter combination
- Carrier Code (for trucks and ocean)= SCAC 4 letter, number combination
- Flight Number= number to a specific flight
- Trip Number= number to a specific truck crossing/ also for use by ocean carriers
- Tracking Number= Mail Tracking Number of the individual international postal item containing goods (ex. LX12345679HK)
- Arrival Port Code= Arrival port of the conveyance
- Arrival Date= Arrival date of the conveyance
- Declared Value (USD)= Declared value of the individual international postal item containing goods (if applicable)
- Country of Origin= Country of Origin of the goods, not the country of export
- Tariff Rate= A duty equal to the effective IEEPA tariff rate applicable to the country of origin
- Duties Owed= The duty of the goods based on the declared value and the IEEPA tariff rate of the country of origin

# International Transportation Carriers

## Requirements

- Must collect and remit duties to CBP using one of the two methodologies.
- Must have an activity code 3 - international carrier (19 C.F.R. § 113.64) single transaction or continuous bond on file and active in ACE eBond to ensure payment of the duty in accordance with Section 3 of EO 14324.
- Is approved once a CBP Form 5106 has been processed, a basic importation bond is obtained, and both are on file with CBP.
- Once an account has been established, the entity can begin conducting business with CBP and establish a bond.

# Qualified Parties

## Definition

- Qualified Parties are *approved by CBP to collect and remit duties on behalf of transportation carriers*.  
*Link to list of qualified parties: <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/basic-import-export/e-commerce>*
- These companies **assume liability for remittance of the duties** under one of the two methodologies (Slide 5) via Pay.gov and submission of the worksheet for postal items (packages) containing goods to CBP.

## Requirements

- Must **collect and remit duties to CBP** using one of the two methodologies.
- Must have a **basic importation and entry bond** sufficient to secure the imports, be **able to remit payment of all duties** and must be able to **submit the worksheet**, with all required data elements.
- Approval issued once 1) a CBP Form 5106 has been processed, 2) a basic importation bond is obtained, 3) and both are on file with CBP.
- Once an account has been established, the entity can begin conducting business with CBP and establish a bond.



## 19 CFR §10.153 “Bona-fide” Gift Definition

- (a) A “**bona fide gift**” for purposes of [§ 10.152](#) is an article formerly owned by a donor (may be a commercial firm) given to a donee without compensation or promise of compensation. It **does not include** articles acquired by purchase, barter, promissory exchange, or similar transaction, nor does it include articles said to be “given” in conjunction with a purchase, barter, promissory exchange, or similar transaction, such as a so-called bonus article.
- (b) A parcel addressed to a person in the United States from an individual in a foreign country which contains a gift should be clearly marked on the outside to indicate that it contains a gift. Such marking is not conclusive evidence of a gift nor is the absence of such marking conclusive evidence that an article is not a gift. Ordinarily an article **not exceeding \$100** in fair retail value in the country of shipment sent from a person in a foreign country to a person in the United States (\$200, in the case of an article sent from a person in the Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa) will be recognizable as a gift from the nature of the article and obvious facts surrounding the shipment.
- Alcohol and tobacco products are ineligible for the gift exemption.

# CBP Global Guidance

# CBP Global Guidance for International Mail

- The process by which CBP prepares informal entries for dutiable mail shipments (19 C.F.R. § 145.12(b)) will no longer be available as of August 29, 2025, for products covered by EO 14324.
  - Until CBP issues new entry process in the future, customs entry process will not change for:
    - shipments valued between \$800 and \$2,500
    - “formal” entry process and requirements for shipments valued over \$2,500
  - CBP has discretion to apply “formal” entry to any item
- To enable CBP to implement the duties consistent with EO 14324, carriers or qualified parties will provide the total numbers of items (packages) containing goods within all receptacles (this equates to the total number of items with an S-10 bar code per Universal Postal Union (UPU) Article 08-002).
- The country of origin of goods must be listed for every product contained within the package. Aggregate value for all postal items containing goods is also required if the carrier or qualified party is electing to use the duty equal to the effective IEEPA tariff rate.

# Resources

[E-Commerce FAQ's | U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#)

[IEEPA FAQ's | U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#)

[Qualified Parties List | U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#)

## Tariff related questions ?

[traderemedymail@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:traderemedymail@cbp.dhs.gov)

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## Int'l Mail Duty Help ?

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