



Regulatory News: Alerts & Updates

Regulatory Alert: U.S. Eliminates *De Minimis* Treatment for Imports Effective August 29, 2025

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BACKGROUND

The U.S. *de minimis* provides for the duty- and tax-free entry of articles valued at US\$800 or less that are imported by one person on one day. Effective May 2, 2025, products of China and Hong Kong were no longer eligible for *de minimis* treatment and became subject to all applicable duties, taxes, and fees.

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

On July 30, 2025, President Trump issued an Executive Order (EO) titled "Suspending Duty-free *De Minimis* Treatment for All Countries." This EO announced the elimination of *de minimis* treatment under 19 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(2)(C) for imports to the U.S., regardless of value, country of origin, mode of transportation, or method of entry. This change is effective for goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on **August 29, 2025**.

Effectively, low-value shipments to the U.S. will no longer be eligible for *de minimis* treatment and will be subject to all applicable duties, taxes, and fees to be paid in accordance with applicable entry and regular payment procedures.

Q & A

What steps should I take to prepare for my future U.S. import shipments?

To avoid potential clearance delays, FedEx encourages customers to follow these best practices:

- Provide precise cargo descriptions when creating shipments with FedEx.
 - The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) guidelines include a precise product description, specific monetary value and currency, and shipper and recipient details.
 - Vague merchandise descriptions are not acceptable and may delay clearance.
- Ensure you are using the most updated version of FedEx shipping software.

RESOURCES

Executive Order 14324, “Suspending Duty-free *De Minimis* Treatment for All Countries”
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<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/08/05/2025-14897/suspending-duty-free-de-minimis-treatment-for-all-countries>

19 U.S.C. 1321(a)(2)(C)

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2023-title19/pdf/USCODE-2023-title19-chap4-subtitleII-partI-sec1321.pdf>