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RegAlert: Mexico – Tariff Hike for Countries Without Free Trade Agreements

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Background

Today, Mexico has enacted an import tariff hike on 1,463 Harmonized System (HS) codes spanning over 17 types of goods. The increases range from 5 to 50 percentage points and apply only to *ad valorem* (baseline) rates.

The increase does not apply to originating goods compliant with the Rules of Origin of the 14 Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with 52 countries maintained by Mexico, which includes countries of origin in North America, the European Union, Latin America, the Middle East, and the Asia Pacific region.

What will change?

Effective January 1, 2026:

- a. Import duties will increase for 1463 HS codes on 17 types of goods, including automobiles and spare parts, aluminum, apparel, appliances, cardboard and paper, cosmetics and perfumes, footwear, furniture, glass, leather goods, motorcycles, plastics, steel, toys, textiles, and soaps. (For the full list, please consult the official publication referenced below).
- b. Tariff increases range between 1 and 50 percentage points.
- c. Imported Originating Goods (i.e., goods compliant with Rules of Origin, which generally refer to where the goods are manufactured, produced, or grown) of the 14 FTAs Mexico maintains in force with 52 countries will continue to pay the preferential tariffs agreed upon in each of those FTAs.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1 - When will the changes go into effect?

A1 – The increases are slated to become effective for those goods arriving in the country as of January 1, 2026.

Q2 – Are these rates applicable to express shipments cleared under a simplified, global entry document?

A2 – No. These new tariff rates are applicable to formal imports of goods cleared under an individual or formal entry document (a.k.a., “*pedimento*”), such as A1-type *pedimentos* for

final imports. Express shipments cleared under a T1-type simplified *pedimento* (non-tax-deductible pedimento) will continue to pay the flat import tax rates applied to that kind of shipment.

Q3 – How do I ensure preferential tariff rates continue to be applied to my imports from countries with a Free Trade Agreement (FTA)?

A3 – Make sure to have a valid certification or Certificate of Origin for your goods, prior to their arrival or import clearance into Mexico.

Q4 – I am shipping from a country part of an FTA with Mexico. Will my shipment be exempt from the tariff hike?

A4 – No. merely shipping from an FTA country is not enough to shield your shipment from the increased tariff rates. Instead, tariffs are applied on the basis of A valid certification or Certificate of Origin, which generally refers to where the goods are manufactured, produced, or grown, as substantiated by a valid certification or Certificate of Origin.

Date of enforcement: January 1, 2026

Reference:

DECRETO por el que se reforman diversas fracciones arancelarias de la Tarifa de la Ley de los Impuestos Generales de Importación y de Exportación. (“DECREE amending various tariff codes of the Tariff Schedule to the Law on General Import and Export Taxes.”) - available only in Spanish.

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