

## PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS

ADJUSTING IMPORTS OF SEMICONDUCTORS, SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING  
EQUIPMENT, AND THEIR DERIVATIVE PRODUCTS INTO THE UNITED STATES

Proclamations

January 14, 2026

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
A PROCLAMATION

1. On December 22, 2025, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) transmitted to me a report on his investigation into the effects of imports of semiconductors (semiconductors or chips), semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products on the national security of the United States under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1862 (section 232). Based on the facts considered in that investigation, and taking into account the close relation of the economic welfare of the Nation to our national security and other relevant factors, see 19 U.S.C. 1862(d), the Secretary found and advised me of his opinion that semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products are being imported into the United States in such quantities and under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security of the United States.
2. The Secretary found that the present quantities and circumstances of imports of semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products pose a threat to the national security and economy. The United States' capacity to produce semiconductors, certain semiconductor manufacturing equipment such as advanced lithography and etching tools, and their derivative products is insufficient to meet domestic demand. This has led the United States to be dependent on foreign sources to meet domestic demand for semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products.

3. The Secretary found that semiconductors are essential to the United States' economic, industrial, and military strength. Modern defense systems depend on high-performance semiconductors for radar and communication systems, electronic warfare and cybersecurity systems, and guidance and control systems for missiles and drones. Furthermore, defense systems often require specialized semiconductors that can withstand extreme environments. This reliance on semiconductors is expected only to increase.
4. The Secretary found that semiconductors are essential to each of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors identified by National Security Memorandum 22 of April 30, 2024 (Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience). For example, the communications sector requires semiconductors for broadband networks, routing, switching, telecommunications infrastructure, smartphones, and satellite communications systems. The energy sector requires them for smart grid control and converter systems. Nuclear reactors use semiconductors for sensors and safety systems, control-rod-actuation systems, distributed control systems, and power-management systems. The medical sector uses semiconductors in its imaging systems, diagnostic-assay systems, robotic surgical systems, and in pacemakers and defibrillators.
5. The Secretary found that the United States' capacity to manufacture semiconductors is too low to meet projected national defense needs and to match the requirements of a growing commercial industry. The United States consumes roughly one quarter of the world's semiconductors. The United States currently fully manufactures only approximately 10 percent of the chips it requires, making it heavily reliant on foreign supply chains. This dependence on foreign supply chains is a significant economic and national security risk. Given the foundational role that semiconductors play in the modern economy and national defense, a disruption of import-reliant supply chains could strain the United States' industrial and military capabilities.
6. The Secretary found that semiconductors that enable artificial intelligence (AI) are an important element of many data centers currently in use, such that the importation in current quantities and circumstances poses a threat to the national security, when such importation does not contribute to the buildout of the United States technology supply chain.
7. In light of these findings, the Secretary recommended a two-phase plan of action to adjust imports of semiconductors so that such imports will not threaten to impair the national security of the United States. In the first phase, the United States would

continue ongoing trade negotiations with foreign jurisdictions that have the potential to strengthen the United States semiconductor industry. The Secretary also recommended, as part of this first phase, immediately imposing a 25 percent *ad valorem* tariff on a very narrow category of semiconductors that are an important element of my Administration's AI and technology policies, and that such tariff would not apply when the chips are imported to support the buildout of the United States technology supply chain. In the second phase — after trade negotiations have concluded — the Secretary recommended broader tariffs on semiconductors, at a rate of duty that is significant. The Secretary also recommended that this broader tariff be accompanied by a tariff offset program to enable companies investing in United States semiconductor production and certain parts of the United States semiconductor supply chain to obtain preferential tariff treatment.

8. After considering the Secretary's report, the factors in section 232(d) (19 U.S.C. 1862(d)), and other relevant factors and information, among other things, I concur with the Secretary's finding that semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products are being imported into the United States in such quantities and under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security of the United States. In my judgment, and in light of the Secretary's report, the factors in section 232(d) (19 U.S.C. 1862(d)), and other relevant factors and information, I have also determined that it is necessary and appropriate to adopt a plan of action, as described below, to adjust such imports of semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products so that such imports will not threaten to impair the national security of the United States.

9. I have decided to include in the plan of action negotiations to address the threatened impairment of the national security with respect to imports of semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products. I therefore direct the Secretary and the United States Trade Representative (Trade Representative) to jointly pursue negotiation of agreements or continue any current negotiations of agreements, such as agreements contemplated in section 232(c)(3)(A)(i) (19 U.S.C. 1862(c)(3)(A)(i)), to address the threatened impairment of the national security with respect to imported semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products, with any foreign jurisdiction the Secretary and the Trade Representative deem appropriate, and to update me on the progress of such negotiations within 90 days of the date of this proclamation. Under current circumstances and in light of future requirements of

the United States, this action is necessary and appropriate to address the threatened impairment of the national security.

10. I have also determined that it is necessary and appropriate to impose an immediate 25 percent *ad valorem* duty rate on the import of certain advanced computing chips and certain derivative products described in the Annex to this proclamation (Covered Products), when such importation does not contribute to the buildout of the United States technology supply chain and the strengthening of domestic manufacturing capacity for derivatives of semiconductors. I have further determined that it is necessary and appropriate that this duty rate not apply to imports of these Covered Products for use in United States data centers, for repairs or replacements performed in the United States, for research and development in the United States involving these chips, for startups in the United States, for non-data center consumer applications in the United States, for use in non-data center civil industrial applications in the United States, for use in United States public sector applications, or for other uses that the Secretary determines contribute to the strengthening of the United States technology supply chain or domestic manufacturing capacity for derivatives of semiconductors. In my judgment, the tariff regime imposed in clause (3) of this proclamation will address the threat to the national security found in this proclamation by, among other things, incentivizing the development of domestic manufacturing of certain semiconductors and their derivative products, reducing reliance on imports of certain advanced computing chips and certain derivative products, and promoting research and development in support of the United States' high-tech infrastructure and capabilities.

11. In my judgment, based on current circumstances as well as the future needs of the United States, the actions in this proclamation are necessary and appropriate to address the threat to impair the national security posed by imports of semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivatives. In particular, the actions in this proclamation will, among other things, help increase domestic production of semiconductors and reduce our Nation's reliance on foreign sources and foreign supply chains. Along with other efforts by my Administration to promote the domestic semiconductor industry, the actions in this proclamation will ensure that domestic supply chains will be able to meet current and future domestic demand for semiconductors and their derivative products, which is essential for our defense systems and industry. These actions will also incentivize domestic industry to reduce reliance on imports of semiconductors, while leveraging imported

semiconductors in circumstances that accelerate AI innovation in the United States and aid in building out the domestic technology supply chain.

12. Section 232 authorizes the President to take action to adjust the imports of an article and its derivatives that are being imported into the United States in such quantities or under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security. Section 232 includes the authority to adopt and carry out a plan of action, with adjustments over time, to address the national security threat. This plan of action may include negotiations of agreements with foreign trading partners along with other actions to adjust imports to address the national security threat, including tariffs. If action under section 232 includes the negotiation of an agreement, such as one contemplated in section 232(c)(3)(A)(i) (19 U.S.C. 1862(c)(3)(A)(i)), the President may also take other actions he deems necessary to adjust imports to eliminate the threat that the imported article poses to the national security, including if such an agreement is not entered into within 180 days of the date of this proclamation, is not being carried out, or is ineffective. See 19 U.S.C. 1862(c)(3)(A).

13. Section 604 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2483) (section 604), authorizes the President to embody in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) the substance of statutes affecting import treatment, and actions thereunder, including the removal, modification, continuance, or imposition of any rate of duty or other import restriction.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 232, 19 U.S.C. 1862; section 604, 19 U.S.C. 2483; and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, do hereby proclaim as follows:

(1) The Secretary and the Trade Representative, and any senior official they deem appropriate, shall jointly pursue or continue pursuing negotiations of agreements contemplated in section 232(c)(3)(A)(i) (19 U.S.C. 1862(c)(3)(A)(i)) to address the threatened impairment of the national security with respect to imported semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products. Depending on the status or resolution of such negotiations, I may consider imposing significant tariffs on imports of semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products, as well as an accompanying tariff offset program to incentivize domestic manufacturing.

(2) Within 90 days of the date of this proclamation, the Secretary and the Trade Representative, in consultation with any senior official they deem appropriate, shall

update me on the status or outcome of the negotiations directed under clause (1) of this proclamation.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this proclamation, imports of Covered Products will be subject to a 25 percent *ad valorem* duty rate. This tariff shall be effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on January 15, 2026, and shall continue in effect, unless such action is expressly reduced, modified, or terminated. This tariff is in addition to any other duties, fees, exactions, and charges applicable to such imported semiconductors, unless stated otherwise below. The duty rate described in this clause shall not apply to imports of those Covered Products for use in United States data centers, for repairs or replacements performed in the United States, for research and development in the United States, for use by startups, for non-data center consumer applications in the United States, for use in non-data center civil industrial applications in the United States, for use in United States public sector applications, or for other uses that the Secretary determines contribute to the strengthening of the United States technology supply chain or domestic manufacturing capacity for derivatives of semiconductors. In making his determination, the Secretary shall consider factors he deems relevant, including the need to address the national security threat found in this proclamation and the purpose of this proclamation.

(4) The Secretary, in consultation with the Chair of the International Trade Commission and the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), shall determine whether any modifications to the HTSUS, end-use certifications, or other administrative measures are necessary to effectuate or implement this proclamation or any actions taken pursuant to this proclamation. Any changes shall be published in a notice in the *Federal Register*.

(5) If any Covered Product is subject to tariffs under both this proclamation and other section 232 proclamations, the Covered Product shall be subject to the terms and duties imposed under this proclamation and not those imposed pursuant to any other section 232 proclamation. Covered Products subject to tariffs pursuant to clause (3) of this proclamation shall not be subject to any tariffs imposed by Executive Order 14257 of April 2, 2025 (Regulating Imports With a Reciprocal Tariff To Rectify Trade Practices That Contribute to Large and Persistent Annual United States Goods Trade Deficits), as amended; Executive Order 14193 of February 1, 2025 (Imposing Duties To Address the Flow of Illicit Drugs Across Our Northern Border), as amended; and



Executive Order 14194 of February 1, 2025 (Imposing Duties To Address the Situation at Our Southern Border), as amended.

(6) No drawback shall be available with respect to the duties imposed pursuant to this proclamation.

(7) CBP may take any necessary or appropriate measure to administer the tariff imposed by this proclamation to the extent permitted by applicable law.

(8) Any product described in clause (3) of this proclamation, except those eligible for admission as “domestic status” as described in 19 CFR 146.43, that is subject to a duty imposed by this proclamation and that is admitted into a United States foreign trade

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privileged foreign status as described in 19 CFR 146.41 and will be subject upon entry for consumption to any *ad valorem* rates of duty related to the classification under the applicable HTSUS subheading.

(9) The Secretary shall continue to monitor imports of semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products. The Secretary also shall, from time to time, in consultation with any senior executive branch officials the Secretary deems appropriate, review the status of such imports with respect to the national security. The Secretary shall inform me of any circumstances that, in the Secretary’s opinion, might indicate the need for further action by the President under section 232. By July 1, 2026, the Secretary shall provide me with an update on the market for semiconductors that are used in United States data centers, so that the President may determine whether it is appropriate to modify the tariff imposed in this proclamation. The Secretary shall also inform me of any circumstance that, in the Secretary’s opinion, might indicate that the tariff imposed in this proclamation is no longer necessary.

(10) To the extent consistent with applicable law and the purpose of this proclamation, the Secretary, the Trade Representative, and the Secretary of Homeland Security are directed and authorized to take all actions that are appropriate to implement and effectuate this proclamation and any actions contemplated by this proclamation, including, consistent with applicable law, the issuance of regulations, rules, guidance, and procedures and the temporary suspension or amendment of regulations, within their respective jurisdictions, and to employ all powers granted to the President under section 232, as may be appropriate to implement and effectuate this proclamation. The Secretary, the Trade Representative, and the Secretary of Homeland Security may, consistent with applicable law, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, redelegate any of these functions within their respective

executive departments or agencies. All executive departments and agencies shall take all appropriate measures within their authority to implement this proclamation to the extent permitted by applicable law.

(11) Any provision of previous proclamations and Executive Orders that is inconsistent with the actions taken in this proclamation is superseded to the extent of such inconsistency. If any provision of this proclamation or the application of any provision to any individual or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of this proclamation and the application of its provisions to any other individuals or circumstances shall not be affected.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
fourteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-six, and of the  
Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.

DONALD J. TRUMP

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