

How Tariffs Are Impacting the Housewares Industry

Please take action to halt the destructive tariffs that are causing my business and the \$70 billion housewares industry great harm. The recent tariff actions have come at a pace and level that have made it impossible to plan or adapt. As an importer, they have eliminated profit margins because the purchase price has been negotiated with the factory, and the sales price has been negotiated with the retailer, well in advance of the tariff announcements.

Tariffs at 125%-145% are unprecedented, and the immediate application makes it impossible to plan or seek alternate sources of production, which can take many months or years. Contrary to the assertions of the administration, the cost of these duties will not be covered by factories in China but will come out of U.S. importers' pockets, which will significantly harm the U.S. housewares industry.

Congress must take action to review and limit the imposition of tariffs and ensure a process whereby U.S. businesses can share their impact so they can be fully understood and evaluated. The current tariff regime makes it impossible for housewares businesses to plan, are too high to be sustainable and will greatly harm our industry and the U.S. economy.

Please support the Bacon-Grassley bills (H.R. 2665/S.1272) and ensure that these tariffs and their negative impacts are understood and subject to approval by Congress.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.