

2 Sep 2025: UPS - U.S. Import Rules Are Changing – All Shipments Will Soon Be Taxed

Please see the below update from UPS regarding changes to the U.S. Import Rules.

"We are writing to inform you of a significant change to the United States (U.S.) trade policy that may affect your shipments.

On July 30, President Trump signed an executive order suspending the de minimis exemption for low-value shipments (under US \$800) to the U.S.. This change takes effect on and from August 29, 2025.

Key Changes:

All imports into the U.S., regardless of value, origin, mode of entry, or how they are routed into the country, will now be subject to applicable U.S. duties and taxes and import regulatory requirements. This may result in additional shipping costs and clearance requirements.

Recommended Actions to Minimise Potential Delays:

1. Provide complete and accurate information on commercial invoices and submit customs forms digitally with UPS Paperless® Invoice to eliminate the need to attach multiple paper copies to a shipment

- Product details and description of goods
 - What is it?
 - What is it made of?
 - What is it used for?
 - Tip: Use UPS® Export Assure AI to refine descriptions and ensure customs compliance to avoid delays
- Country-of-origin / manufacture for the goods
- 10-digit Harmonised Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) code
- Quantity and value of items in the shipment
- For shipments requiring formal entry, an Importer Tax ID with Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Social Security Number (SSN) is required

2. Include the recipient's email and contact information to ensure UPS can contact the recipient for collection of duty and taxes or additional information for customs clearance if necessary

3. Eliminate surprise customs-related charges by offering your customers a guaranteed landed cost using UPS® Global Checkout

4. Consolidate clearance and reduce costs if shipping to multiple consignees in a single country with the [World Ease®](#) service

5. Reach out to your UPS Account Manager, if applicable, or contact your local UPS Customer Service hotline to explore how we can support your business with smoother customs clearance, standardised processing across multiple transportation modes, duty optimisation, navigating global regulations, and [more](#).

UPS is here to help you navigate shifts in global trade and minimise any disruption to your business. Our team can work with you to evaluate your needs, adjust your supply chains, and implement tailored solutions—including small package, consolidated freight, warehousing, and customs brokerage services—to help you ship compliantly to the U.S. and avoid potential backlogs.

For more details on these changes, including tariff updates and frequently asked questions, please visit [here](#)."

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to your dedicated freight consultant.