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## Trump Expands Global Tariff Plan with New Executive Order, Targeting Dozens of Trade Partners

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President Donald J. Trump has signed a sweeping executive order imposing new tariffs ranging from 10 percent to 41 percent on goods from dozens of countries. Framed as part of his ongoing push to reassert U.S. economic sovereignty, the order builds on his administration's "America First" trade policy and aims to reset longstanding global trade imbalances that have, in his view, disadvantaged American workers and industries.

While the tariffs were initially expected to take effect on August 1, the White House announced a brief delay, pushing enforcement back by one week. The move offers a window for further negotiations, though Trump emphasized that new agreements must meet strict conditions to qualify for tariff relief.

Countries affected include long-time allies and key trading partners. India faces a 25 percent tariff, Taiwan 20 percent, South Africa 30 percent, and Switzerland 39 percent. Several unstable nations, such as Syria (41 percent), Myanmar (40 percent), Iraq (35 percent), and Libya (30 percent), were also hit with steep penalties. Canada's rate was increased from 25 percent to 35 percent, citing failure to help curb fentanyl smuggling. Trump also criticized Canada's recognition of a Palestinian state, calling it a barrier to trade talks.

Brazil received a mixed outcome. While the new order lists a 10 percent tariff, a prior executive action still applies a 40 percent rate on some Brazilian goods, tied to the country's prosecution of former president Jair Bolsonaro.

Mexico avoided new penalties following a call between Trump and Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum. A 30 percent tariff on most Mexican non-automotive goods was postponed for 90 days. Mexico's 25 percent rate remains as both nations pursue a possible trade deal.

Nations without deals or letters from the Trump administration face a default 10 percent tariff. So far, only eight countries or blocs, including the UK, Vietnam, Japan, South Korea, and the European Union (EU), have secured modified tariff agreements. The EU accepted a 15 percent baseline rate.

Legal challenges are mounting over whether the administration exceeded its authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA). Despite this, Trump maintains the policy is working. “Very well, very smooth,” he told NBC, noting that more deals may follow.

Negotiations continue with Cambodia, Thailand, and Australia. Australian Trade Minister Don Farrell said the 10 percent rate on Australian goods appears unchanged. Trump’s team argues the tariffs are long overdue, correcting decades of one-sided trade policies and compelling nations to the table on U.S. terms.