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## Pakistan Welcomes 19 Per Cent US Tariff Deal

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Pakistan has hailed the imposition of a 19 per cent tariff on its exports under a new trade arrangement with the United States, calling it a “balanced and forward-looking” decision that positions the country competitively in American markets. The move marks a significant moment in Pakistan-US trade relations, with Islamabad describing the

agreement as a pragmatic adjustment to evolving global economic pressures and shifting trade alliances.

According to official statements from Pakistan's Ministry of Commerce, the new tariff structure reflects a realistic recalibration of market access rather than a punitive measure. Officials stressed that the 19 per cent rate still maintains room for growth in key export sectors, particularly textiles and manufactured goods, which form the bulk of Pakistan's overseas shipments. The statement further described the agreement as a strategic outcome of ongoing trade diplomacy that seeks to maintain a sustainable balance between protection and opportunity.



While some economic analysts had expected higher levies amid wider global trade realignments, the agreed rate was lower than anticipated and is being interpreted as a gesture of continued engagement from Washington. The development also comes amid broader recalibrations of United States tariffs toward multiple countries, aimed at streamlining trade flows and reducing dependence on a limited range of suppliers. Pakistan's favourable standing in this new framework signals increased relevance in the US supply chain, particularly for mid-tier industrial and consumer goods.

The new tariff terms are expected to encourage Pakistani exporters to enhance product quality, streamline operations and explore value-added segments to sustain profitability under the updated terms. With the US remaining one of Pakistan's largest trading partners, this development offers both a challenge and an opportunity for economic stakeholders. As global trade dynamics continue to shift, Pakistan's ability to adapt its strategies and improve domestic production standards will play a key role in capitalising on the evolving partnership.

