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Trump to Release More Trade Letters Amid Tariff Clash

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President Donald Trump has announced plans to release additional letters detailing tariff and trade proposals to at least seven more countries. The new letters are expected on Wednesday morning, with additional letters possibly released by midday.

This comes just one day after Trump made public letters to 14 countries, warning that new reciprocal tariffs would take effect on August 1 unless they concluded trade agreements. In those letters, he warned that any retaliatory measure, such as raising their import taxes, would be met with even higher tariffs imposed by the U.S.

Trump shared the news on his social media platform, Truth Social, writing, “We will be releasing a minimum of 7 Countries having to do with trade, tomorrow morning, with an additional number of Countries being released in the afternoon.” His message reflects his determination to pressure foreign governments into renegotiating trade deals on terms he believes will help revive American manufacturing and protect domestic industries.

While Trump insists these measures are necessary, critics warn that escalating tariffs could slow global economic growth and potentially push the U.S. and other economies closer to recession. Economists have also noted that higher import costs can eventually be passed on to American consumers.

Despite those concerns, Trump has remained firm in his approach. Just last week, he signed new tax cuts into law and has argued that the additional revenue from tariffs will help fund these measures. His strategy of making direct, public demands rather than working quietly behind closed doors marks a sharp break from traditional trade negotiations carried out by past administrations.

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said Trump is committed to “tailor-made trade plans for every country on this planet,” underscoring the administration’s belief that a one-size-fits-all policy does not serve America’s interests.

Trump’s pattern of releasing letters publicly, mailing them to foreign leaders later, and declaring tariff threats has become a signature part of his trade policy playbook. It also signals that the uncertainty surrounding trade relationships will likely continue in the months ahead.

For now, the world’s economies are left to watch and wait as Trump prepares to send out his next wave of letters, each carrying the possibility of further trade tensions.

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