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# Trump tariffs hit trading partners



United States trading partners are reacting as tariffs set in after months of negotiating with the Trump administration. ESA ALEXANDER/REUTERS

## Import duties spark defiance, concern

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President Donald Trump’s higher tariffs on imports from dozens of countries kicked in on Aug. 7, raising the average U.S. import duty to its highest in a century and leaving major trade partners such as Switzerland, Brazil and India hurriedly searching for a better deal.

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency began collecting the higher tariffs of 10% to 50% at 12:01 a.m. ET after weeks of suspense over Trump’s final tariff rates and frantic negotiations with countries seeking to lower them.



Trump

The leaders of Brazil and India vowed not to be cowed by Trump’s hard-line bargaining position, even while their negotiators sought a reprieve from the highest tariff levels. The new rates will test Trump’s strategy for shrinking U.S. trade deficits without causing massive disruptions to global supply chains or provoking higher inflation and stiff retaliation from trading partners.

### ‘Billions’ promised from tariff revenue

After unveiling tariffs in April, Trump has frequently modified his plans, slapping much higher rates on imports from

some countries, including 50% for goods from Brazil, 39% from Switzerland, 35% from Canada and 25% from India. He announced on Aug. 6 a separate 25% tariff on Indian goods, to be imposed in 21 days, over India’s purchases of Russian oil.

“BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, LARGELY FROM COUNTRIES THAT HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR MANY YEARS, LAUGHING ALL THE WAY, WILL START FLOWING INTO THE USA,” Trump said on Truth Social just ahead of the tariff deadline.

Tariffs are ultimately paid by companies importing the goods, and passed on in full or in part to consumers. Trump’s top trade negotiator, Jamieson Greer,

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## Stop on Red traffic safety campaign made its way to Belleview

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BELLEVIEW — The first in a series of events that are part of the "Stop on Red" traffic safety campaign was held here the morning of Aug. 6.

The event, hosted in the parking lot of Emery Abshier: Allstate Insurance at 6041 SE Abshier Blvd., was put together by the Florida Department of Transportation, city of Belleview, Ocala Marion County Transportation Planning Organization and the National Coalition for Safer Roads.

From Marion, the group travels to Volusia County on Aug. 7 and then Brevard County on Aug. 8. The national "Stop on Red" week began Aug. 4 and ends Aug. 8.

Starting shortly after 9 a.m., several speakers took to the podium to highlight the importance of stopping at red lights and stop signs.

Loreen Bobo, an FDOT official for District 5, which includes Marion, said in 2023 the state had 33,045 crashes because of drivers not stopping on red. In those crashes, 84 people died and 681 were seriously injured.

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Bellevue Police Lt. Michael Miley speaks during the annual “Stop on Red” event, which was held Aug. 6 at U.S. 301/441 in Belleview. Law enforcement and other officials use this event to encourage drivers to be careful, obey the rules of the road and stop at red lights. AUSTIN L. MILLER/OCALA STAR-BANNER

# Kennedy receiving backlash from doctors

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USA TODAY

Dr. Beth Oller, a family physician and medical school instructor in Stockton, Kansas, is no stranger to answering questions about shots. But lately, there are new questions that stump her, such as: Can I get the flu and COVID-19 shots this fall and will my insurance cover it?

“I legitimately don’t know and that’s why it’s so confusing,” said Oller.

Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. changed guid-

ance recommending the COVID-19 shot for healthy people, but medical groups have publicly rejected those changes.

The back-and-forth between the department and the nation’s top doctors is creating confusion and sowing distrust among patients and providers, said Dr. Stephen Patrick, chair of health policy and management at Emory University’s public health school. Patients and their care hang in the balance.

“At the root level, these actions affect people and children,” Patrick said.

In just a few months, Kennedy has

made monumental changes to a long-standing system that crafts health policy and recommendations.

Among them: In June, he fired an entire vaccine panel and named eight new members, including vaccine skeptics. On July 9, Kennedy postponed a U.S. Preventive Services Task Force committee meeting, sparking concerns that he may be planning to fire its members.

Medical groups pushed back. The

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Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. announced Aug. 5 the termination of 22 federal contracts for mRNA-based vaccines. JIM WATSON/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES FILE

