

Optical module exports are not affected by tariffs



Overview

The short answer is no, semiconductors are not broadly exempt from tariffs. Optical transceivers are subject to the general 10% tariff on all goods imported into the U. This analysis does not constitute legal or regulatory advice; it is based solely on publicly available. At present, the import of optical modules into the United States requires a 10% basic tariff, but according to Executive Order No. While some increases have been temporarily suspended or delayed, existing semiconductor tariffs still apply in many cases, and additional changes are already scheduled. Understanding how semiconductor tariffs work, and how. As global supply chains continue to shift, US tariffs on electronics - particularly on components sourced from China - are becoming a critical cost driver for OEMs and electronics manufacturers. We will update this page regularly as the situation continues to develop.



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These tariffs, originally modified for a 90-day period beginning April 9, 2025, were scheduled to be reinstated on July 9, 2025. However, per the President's latest communication, the

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This will be in addition to any regular tariff or other special tariff currently being assessed on the product, according to the Executive Order. What this means for the optical industry landscape

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Optical modules are significantly affected by tariffs as most of their production takes place overseas. AAOI is probably the only Tier 2 vendor that has some production in the U.S. and no Tier 1

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New tariff increases leave optical industry bracing for impact

The organization currently provides tariff development updates, a tariff dashboard that simulates the financial impact of tariffs for different optical products, and other industry resources

How will reciprocal tariffs impact the optical industry?

Following last month's webinar covering the ongoing trade war's impending impact on the optical industry, The Vision Council (TVC) recently hosted a second and third webinar to discuss how

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At SMT, we understand that navigating tariffs isn't just about knowing the numbers - it's about having a proactive sourcing strategy. If you're looking to reduce your tariff burden, we offer

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The result could be increasing costs for US-based semiconductor equipment suppliers, potentially creating incentives for companies to relocate production to locations not subject to tariffs.

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