

Timeline of the U.S.-China Trade Conflict

Who	What	Trade volumes affected	Date of implementation
U.S.	Global safeguard measures based on Section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974 at a rate of 30 percent on solar panels (exception: panels from Canada).	8.5 billion U.S. dollars	February 7, 2018
	Global Section 201 safeguard measures of 20 percent on washing machines.	1.8 billion U.S. dollars	
U.S.	Global security tariffs based on Section 232 of the Trade Act of 1962 at 25 percent on steel imports (Exceptions: Steel from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, South Korea, later Canada and Mexico).	46 billion U.S. dollars ¹	March 23, 2018
	Global section 232 tariffs of 10 percent on aluminum imports (Exceptions: Argentina, Australia).		
China	A retaliatory tariff of 15-25 percent on 128 U.S. product categories (including fruit, pork, recycled aluminum, steel tubing).	3 billion U.S. dollars	April 2, 2018
U.S.	Section 301 tariffs based on the Trade Act of 1974 of 25 percent on 818 Chinese product categories such as aircraft parts, batteries, medical devices (List 1).	34 billion U.S. dollars	July 6, 2018
China	Retaliatory tariffs of 25 percent on 545 U.S. product categories such as agricultural products and automobiles.	34 billion U.S. dollars	July 6, 2018
U.S.	301-Sonderzölle in Höhe von 25 Prozent auf 333 chinesische Produktkategorien wie Chemikalien, Plastik, Motorräder und Elektro Scooter (Liste 2).	16 billion U.S. dollars	August 23, 2018

¹ European Parliament 2018: Consequences of US trade policy on EU-US trade relations and the global trading system. Brussels.

China	Retaliatory tariffs of 25 percent on 333 US product categories such as coal, buses, medical equipment.	16 billion U.S. dollars	August 23, 2018
U.S.	Section 301 tariffs of initially 10 percent, with the option to increase them to 25 percent on January 1, 2019 (List 3).	200 billion U.S. dollars	September 24, 2018
China	Retaliatory tariffs of 5 to 10 percent.	60 billion U.S. dollars	September 24, 2018
	At the G20 summit in Buenos Aires, Trump and Xi agree on a temporary suspension of further tariff increases.		December 1, 2018
China	As part of the ceasefire agreed with the United States, China suspends the announced tariffs of 5 and 25 percent on U.S. cars and U.S. car parts.	144 different automotive products and 67 automotive parts products	January 1, 2019
U.S.	Increase in Section 301 tariffs from 10 to 25 percent on Chinese products on List 3 .	200 billion U.S. dollars	May 10, 2019
U.S.	Inclusion of Huawei on the Entity List, all business relationships with Huawei require approval under the United States Export Control Act.	N.N.	
China	Retaliatory tariffs are increased from 10 to 20 or 25 percent, and from 5 to 10 percent. Additional products will be subject to a 5 percent additional tariff for the first time.	60 billion U.S. dollars	June 1, 2019
U.S.	110 Chinese products such as medical devices are granted an exemption from 25% tariff for one year.	N.N.	July 9, 2019
U.S.	The U.S. Department of Commerce declares that Huawei will be issued a temporary license until August 19, 2019 to ensure a resumption of business relations.	N.N.	July 9, 2019
U.S.	U.S. President threatens new 10 percent tariffs on Chinese products not yet affected as of September 1, 2019 (List 4).	300 billion U.S. dollars	Announced on August 1, 2019, will be effective on September 1, 2019

U.S.	The U.S. Department of the Treasury declares that China is a currency manipulator.	N.N.	August 6, 2019
U.S.	The USTR states that some products on List 4 will not be subject to new tariffs until December 15 (List 4B, approximately 156 billion U.S. dollars). The rest of the products will be subject to the announced tariffs as of September 1 (List 4A, approximately 111 billion U.S. dollars). Some products will be completely removed from the two lists, i.e. excluded from the tariffs.	300 billion U.S. dollars	August 13, 2019
U.S.	U.S. Department of Commerce extends temporary license for Huawei until November 18, 2019.	N.N.	August 19, 2019
China	Announcement of 5 and 10 percent retaliatory tariffs on as yet unaffected U.S. products, partly from September 1, 2019, partly from December 15, 2019. Tariffs of 5 and 25 percent, which were suspended at the beginning of the year on U.S. cars and car parts from China, are to be imposed again from December 15, 2019.	75 billion U.S. dollars	August 23, 2019
U.S.	U.S. President Trump announces 5 percentage points increase in additional tariffs on Chinese imports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ as of September 1, and December 15, the already announced tariffs are to be increased from 10 to 15 percent to a volume of approximately 300 billion U.S. dollars ▪ as of October 1, the tariff already imposed on goods worth 250 billion U.S. dollars is to be increased from 25 to 30 percent. 	550 billion U.S. dollars overall	August 23, 2019
U.S.	The Section 301 tariff of 15 percent on imports from China is imposed (List 4A products).	111 billion U.S. dollars	September 1, 2019
China	Retaliatory tariffs on imports from the United States of 5 and 10 percent is imposed.	First part of the 75 billion U.S. dollars	September 1, 2019

China	As a sign of goodwill, China exempts 16 product categories from import tariffs and exempts these products from further tariffs for one year.	16 product categories, including cancer drugs and pesticides	September 11, 2019
U.S.	As a reaction to China's concession, U.S. President Trump postponed the announced increase of already applied Section 301 tariffs on goods from China from 25 to 30 percent from October 1 to October 15, 2019.		September 11, 2019
China	In response to U.S. President Trump's announcement to postpone the increase of tariffs, China announces to exclude various agricultural products from the U.S. from further tariffs.	Soybeans, pork, etc.	September 13, 2019
U.S.	United States and China report breakthrough for "Phase 1" of an agreement. The United States announced not to increase special tariffs on Chinese goods from 25 to 30 percent as planned for October 15. Further agreements on exchange rate fluctuations have been announced.	250 billion U.S. dollars	October 11, 2019
China	China agrees to buy 40 to 50 billion US dollars' worth of soybeans and pork from the United States. The Chinese financial market is to be opened further to foreign financial companies.	Soybeans, pork 40 - 50 billion U.S. dollars	October 11, 2019
U.S.	U.S. Department of Commerce license for Huawei expires.	N.N.	November 18, 2019
China	WTO grants China the right to impose retaliatory tariffs worth 3.6 billion U.S. dollars' against the United States in an earlier anti-dumping case. The ruling will take effect on November 22.	3.6 billion U.S. dollars	November 18, 2019
U.S.	Following a political agreement on a "Phase 1 deal" between the US and China, President Trump declares that the special tariffs of 15 percent on imports from China from September 1, 2019 on products on List 4A will be halved to 7.5 percent. The threatened 15 percent special tariff on imports from China on List 4B products originally scheduled to be imposed on December 15, 2019 is suspended.	111 billion U.S. dollars 156 billion U.S. dollars	December 15, 2019

China	<p>The retaliatory tariff on imports from the United States of 5 and 10 percent, originally announced for December 15, 2019, will be suspended until further notice.</p> <p>The announced tariffs of 5 and 25 percent on U.S. cars and car parts are suspended until further notice.</p>	Second part of the 75 billion U.S. dollars	December 15, 2019
U.S./China	The <i>Phase One Deal</i> is signed.		January 15, 2020
U.S.	Special tariffs imposed on certain products from China will be reduced from 15 to 7.5 percent in order to meet the political obligations of the <i>Phase One Deal</i> .	120 billion U.S. dollars	February 14, 2020
China	<p>China agrees to import an additional 200 billion U.S. dollars worth of U.S. goods in the next two years. The <i>Phase One Deal</i> also includes agreements to protect intellectual property, prevent forced technology transfer and address exchange rate issues.</p> <p>China reduces tariffs on 1,717 product categories partly from 10 to 5 percent and partly from 5 to 2.5 percent.</p>	<p>Imports of goods worth 200 billion U.S. dollars</p> <p>75 billion U.S. dollars</p>	February 14, 2020
China	China's Tariff Commission announces that 696 U.S. products will be exempted from additional tariffs to fulfill the political commitments made in the <i>Phase One Deal</i> .	The 696 products include pork, beef, soybeans, LNG, or crude oil	February 17, 2020
China	China announces two lists of U.S. products exempted from additional Chinese tariffs. List 1 and List 2 include 55 and 10 categories of U.S. products respectively. The exemptions will be in effect for one year, starting February 28, 2020.	Products include timber, aircraft parts, or medical equipment	February 28, 2020