

Current tariffs on optical modules



Overview

At present, the import of optical modules into the United States requires a 10% basic tariff, but according to Executive Order No. 14257, two exemptions have been obtained: one is the exemption from the 245% ad valorem tariff on Chinese goods, and the other is that tariffs from. Alexandria, VA — August 4, 2025 - The White House has issued formal notice that updated reciprocal tariffs for key trade partners will go into effect beginning August 7, 2025, at 12:01 a. EDT, ending a temporary pause in enforcement first signaled in April 2025. These new measures pose a. The Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) sets out the tariff rates and statistical categories for all merchandise imported into the United States. The HTS is based on the international Harmonized System, which is the global system of nomenclature applied to most world trade in. Amidst the backdrop of an ever-changing landscape of new tariffs impacting the United States economy over the last few weeks—including a new round that took effect on March 12—The Vision Council (TVC) recently hosted a webinar to discuss the potentially significant implications the optical industry. The U. 00" - the result will be marked "General Free1/", indicating a 0% base tariff rate.

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The new reciprocal tariff rates outlined in the Executive Order, vary by country, ranging from 15 percent to 41 percent on imports. Countries not listed will incur a 10 percent reciprocal tariff.

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