

Navigating The New Trade Landscape: The Impact of US Trade Tariffs on Key Industries

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Why read this report? Key findings

INTRODUCTION

Imports of capital and consumer goods dominate in the US import structure

Proposed trade tariffs create uncertainty as final impact and scale remain unknown

Trade disruptions would impact GDP growth and significantly increase price pressures

EFFECTS OF TARIFFS ON US IMPORTS

Imports of higher-value-added goods dominate in US trade flows
Imported goods represent around 80% of US consumption of consumer goods
Trade diversification is visible, yet China continues to play key role in electronics supply
Trade tariffs would increase prices of critical goods, with limited diversification potential
Final scale and impact of trade tariffs remains unknown, with several scenarios possible
Industries with high imports share from China would be hurt the most
Hi-tech goods, machinery and pharma would feel the heaviest impact from tariffs

POSSIBLE COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST US EXPORTS

US trade tariffs can lead to an accelerated global trade war
Retaliatory measures would largely hurt US commodity and automotive suppliers
US electronic components and aircraft exporters are more immune to counter tariffs
Asymmetric countermeasures on the US are likely to minimise impact on domestic markets
Canada, Mexico and China countermeasures: What we know so far
Case study: Previous US tariffs on steel show that compromise is likely
Case study: Retaliatory measures from China hurt US agricultural exporters

Case study: Mexico implemented targeted counter tariffs to minimise negative effects

CONCLUSION

Recommendations to navigate through challenges Evolution of new trade landscape

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