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PRESS RELEASE

United States Imposes New Tariffs on Canadian Imports

Nemaska, Eeyou Istchee (March 6, 2025)– The Cree Nation Government is closely monitoring the new tariffs by the United States on imports from Canada. As of March 4, 2025, all imports from Canada are now subject to 25% tariffs, with the exception of Canadian energy imports, subject to 10% import duties. These measures may remain in effect indefinitely, and they could have widespread impacts on the Canadian economy, possibly resulting in significant increase in unemployment, inflation, and economic hardship for Canadians. In particular, these measures have the potential to impact economic activities in Quebec and Eeyou Istchee, especially sectors that rely on cross-border trade, such as natural resources, forestry and the softwood lumber industry, and manufacturing.

The Government of Canada has announced a plan to fight back against these U.S. tariffs, while supporting Canada’s interests, industries, and workers. As part of this plan, Canada responded swiftly by imposing 25% retaliatory tariffs on a wide range of strategically selected goods intended to target economic impact on key sectors, including agricultural products, dairy and food products, iron, steel, aluminum and precious metals, machinery and equipment, electronics, jewelry and precious metals, packaging, chemicals, wood and paper.

In addition to the federal response, several Canadian provinces have announced actions such as limiting procurement from U.S. companies, canceling existing contracts and rejecting bids from U.S. entities, and removing U.S. alcohol from provincially controlled liquor stores. Ontario is considering stopping electricity exports to the United States.

The Cree Nation Government remains committed to protecting our economic interests and ensuring that our communities are not disproportionately affected. The Cree Nation Government will continue to assess the situation and advocate for fair trade policies and measures that respect Indigenous self-determination and advance economic reconciliation.

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