

Decree increasing import tariffs

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On April 22, 2024, the “Decree amending the Tariff of the General Import and Export Duties Law” (here in after referred to as the “Decree”) was published in the evening edition of the Official Gazette of the Federation, whereby the general import tax is increased to rates between 5% and 50% for the importation of various goods classified under 544 different tariff codes, including steel, aluminum, textiles, footwear, wood, plastic, chemicals, paper, ceramics, glass, electrical materials, transportation equipment, musical instruments, furniture, among others.

The increase in tariffs aims to provide certainty and fair market conditions for sectors of the domestic national industry apparently facing vulnerability due to practices affecting international trade. It seeks to foster the promotion and development of the national industry and support the domestic market.

Furthermore, the Decree states that due to the increase in nearshoring projects, it is important to maintain a balanced market interaction and avoid economic distortions that may affect productive sectors considered strategic for the country, as well as attracting new high-value-added companies and industries.

The Decree nullifies the “Decree amending the Tariff of the General Import and Export Duties Law” published on August 15, 2023, which had temporarily increased tariffs on 392 tariff codes ranging from 5% to 25%, therefore, as of April 23, 2024, the tariffs applicable to goods described in the Decree will be those specified therein, rather than those covered by the August 2023 decree.

It's worth mentioning that the Decree acknowledges that preferential tariff rates under Mexico’s Free Trade Agreements are still applicable to goods qualifying as originating from signatory countries.

The Decree will be in effect for a period of 2 years, from April 23, 2024, to April 23, 2026, and is available for consultation at the following link: https://dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5724207&fecha=22/04/2024&print=true

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