United States – Mexico Tariffs

The White House announced on May 30th that a 5% tariff will be imposed on goods from Mexico effective June 10, 2019 in an effort to resolve concerns related to immigration. The White House has stated that if Mexico’s response is not deemed sufficient, tariffs will be increased according to the following schedule:

- 10% on July 1;
- 15% on August 1;
- 20% on September 1;
- 25% on October 1.

Rates will remain at 25% until the White House believes Mexico has adequately addressed their concerns related to immigration.

Impact:

- Similar to previous tariff actions initiated by the White House, this action would mean additional tariffs on top of existing rates of duty, including on NAFTA qualifying goods.

What You Should Do:

- **Plan Ahead** - By identifying alternative suppliers you can avoid disruption to your teaching and research activities. If you need assistance with identifying alternative suppliers, please contact Procurement.

- **Consult a Customs Broker** - If you are considering making a purchase from a supplier in Mexico, contact American River (Princeton’s Customs Broker). They can assist you with determining whether the purchase could be subject to tariffs and what the tariff amount might be.

- **Ask The Supplier** - If you are buying goods from a U.S. supplier that are not produced domestically, you should ask the supplier to confirm the country of origin. If they say Mexico, advise them that you will not accept additional tariff fees on your quote. If you need assistance with this conversation, please contact Procurement.

Resources:

- **American River**
  - Import: arbnj@americanrivergroup.com
  - (732)947-5488
  - Export: nyairexport@americanrivergroup.com, nyoceanexport@americanrivergroup.com
  - (631) 396-6800

- **Procurement Services**
  - Purchase@princeton.edu