

ECIA INDUSTRY ALERT

U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on IEEPA Tariffs – Implications for Electronic Component Distributors and Manufacturers

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Overview

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) does not authorize the imposition of tariffs. As a result, tariffs enacted under IEEPA authority have been invalidated, and the collection of those duties is being halted.

This decision may affect ECIA member companies that import electronic components, subassemblies, or finished electronic products.



Scope of Impact for ECIA Members

Products potentially affected include:

- Semiconductors and integrated circuits
- Printed circuit boards (PCBs)
- Passive components (capacitors, resistors, inductors)
- Connectors and cable assemblies
- Power supplies and electronic modules

If these items were subject to additional duties imposed under IEEPA authority, those duties are no longer enforceable.

What Remains in Effect

The ruling does not impact tariffs imposed under other statutory authorities, including:

- Section 301 tariffs
- Section 232 tariffs
- Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974

Members should continue to evaluate applicable duties based on product classification and country of origin.

Operational Considerations

ECIA members may wish to:

- Review import records to identify entries assessed under IEEPA authority
- Confirm HTS classifications and applicable tariff codes
- Assess liquidation status and protest timelines
- Quantify potential financial exposure or refund opportunities
- Reevaluate landed cost models and customer pricing strategies

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection is expected to provide additional administrative guidance regarding implementation and potential refund procedures. None of that was addressed by the Supreme Court's decision.

The administration has said it will attempt to recreate the IEEPA tariffs under other statutory frameworks.

ECIA will continue to track regulatory updates and provide member communications as additional guidance becomes available.