



GREENLAND TARIFF DISPUTE

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On January 17, President Trump announced on social media that he was imposing a 10% tariff on all goods from Denmark, Norway, Sweden, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, Netherlands, and Finland, effective February 1, 2026, and these tariffs will rise to 25% on June 1, 2026. President Trump stated that these tariffs will be imposed until a deal is reached for the “Complete and Total purchase of Greenland.” No formal Executive Order or Presidential Proclamation has yet been issued.

Members of the European Parliament have threatened to stop approval of the U.S.-EU [trade deal](#) that is discussed in greater detail in our September 25, 2025 [What's New](#). Furthermore, the European Council is [convening](#) an extraordinary meeting to discuss the U.S. demands. The EU Council is expected to consider applying its [Anti-Coercion Instrument](#) (“ACI”) against products from the United States. The ACI, which is nicknamed the “Trade Bazooka,” was adopted by the European Union in 2023. Reportedly, implementation of the ACI could result in the imposition of 10%-15% duties on U.S.-origin products.

There are likely to be further developments before the announced February 1 implementation date of the initial 10% tariffs. President Trump’s continued comments on the status of Greenland and the announcement of these tariffs have led to a diplomatic row with the European countries. President Trump is traveling to Davos, Switzerland for the World Economic Forum this week and said that he has agreed to meet with NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte and other European leaders in Davos to discuss Greenland.

This communication provides only a summary of the many issues raised by these developments. Clients should read and consider the source documents. Please contact [Marshall Miller](#), [Brian Murphy](#), [Sean Murray](#), or [David Ostheimer](#) with questions.

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