



Germany Stands Firm Against Trump's 25% Car Tariffs

Description

Germany has unequivocally asserted its resolve, declaring it "will not yield" in the face of escalating tensions as US President Donald Trump targets imported automobiles and their components with a punitive tariff of 25%. This latest iteration of trade barriers has prompted a robust collective response from other major global economies, with France condemning the initiative as "egregiously detrimental," and Canada characterizing it as an "overt assault." China has decried Washington's actions as contraventions of established international trade protocols.

On Thursday morning, the share prices of prominent German manufacturers such as Porsche, Mercedes, and BMW plummeted, mirroring the decline in shares of France's Stellantis, the conglomerate behind Jeep, Peugeot, and Fiat. Trump has further threatened to implement "vastly more substantial" tariffs should Europe collaborate with Canada, alleging such cooperation inflicts "economic harm" upon the United States.

[The impending vehicle tariffs, scheduled to commence on 2 April](#), will activate import charges for businesses the following day, while levies on automotive parts are anticipated to take effect in May or thereafter. Trump maintains that these tariffs are intended to fortify American manufacturing, asserting that domestically produced vehicles will face "absolutely no tariff."

While tariffs are intended to shield domestic industries, they invariably escalate costs for companies reliant on foreign components. The firms responsible for importing these goods bear the tax burden, with the potential for some costs to be passed on to consumers.

In the prior year, the United States imported approximately eight million vehicles, representing a staggering \$240 billion (£186 billion) in trade and nearly 50% of total vehicle sales. The leading suppliers to the US market include Mexico, South Korea, Japan, Canada, and Germany. Analysts from the Anderson Economic Group estimate that tariffs levied on parts from Canada and Mexico could lead to cost increases of \$4,000 to \$10,000 per vehicle.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Unequivocally** /ˌʌniˈkwɪvəkli/ (adverb): In a way that leaves no doubt; clearly and unambiguously.
2. **Asserted** /əˈsɜːrtɪd/ (verb): Stated a fact or belief confidently and forcefully.
3. **Egregiously** /ɪˈɡriːdʒəsli/ (adverb): In a remarkably bad way; flagrant or outrageous.
4. **Contraventions** /ˌkɒntrəˈvɛnʃənz/ (noun): Actions that violate a law rule or agreement.
5. **Tariff** /ˈtær.ɪf/ (noun): A tax imposed by a government on goods and services imported from another country.
6. **Levy** /ˈlevi/ (verb): To impose a tax fee or fine.



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Which country has asserted its resolve against the punitive tariffs on imported automobiles?
Option: Germany
Option: France
Option: Canada
Option: China
2. Which global economy condemned the tariff initiative as egregiously detrimental?
Option: France
Option: Canada
Option: Germany
Option: China
3. Which manufacturers saw a decline in share prices as a result of the tariffs?
Option: Porsche, Mercedes, BMW
Option: Jeep, Peugeot, Fiat
Option: Stellantis, Toyota, Honda
Option: Ford, Chevrolet, Nissan
4. What was the purpose of the tariffs according to Trump?
Option: Fortify American manufacturing
Option: Hurt foreign economies
Option: Reduce vehicle sales
Option: Increase international trade
5. Which statement is true about tariffs according to the text?
Option: They decrease costs for importing companies
Option: They shield domestic industries
Option: They have no impact on consumers
Option: They reduce international trade
6. Who are the leading suppliers to the US vehicle market?
Option: Mexico, South Korea, Japan



Option: Brazil, India, Russia
Option: China, Australia, UK
Option: Italy, Spain, Sweden

True-False

7. The impending tariffs are expected to take effect in May or thereafter.
8. The tariffs could lead to cost increases per vehicle of up to \$5,000.
9. Canada characterized the tariff initiative as an overt assault.
10. Trump threatened to implement more tariffs if Europe collaborates with Canada.
11. Germany is in favor of the punitive tariffs on imported automobiles.
12. The US imported approximately eight million vehicles in the prior year.

Gap-Fill

13. The punitive tariff on imported automobiles is set at _____ %.
14. Analysts estimate that tariffs levied on parts from Canada and Mexico could lead to cost increases of \$ _____ per vehicle.
15. The United States imported approximately _____ million vehicles in the prior year.
16. The impending vehicle tariffs are scheduled to commence on _____ April.
17. Levies on automotive parts are anticipated to take effect in _____ or thereafter.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Germany 2. France 3. Porsche, Mercedes, BMW 4. Fortify American manufacturing
5. They shield domestic industries 6. Mexico, South Korea, Japan
True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. True 11. False 12. True
Gap-Fill: 13. 25 14. 4,000 to 10,000 15. eight 16. 2 17. May



Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which term best describes a development strategy aimed at meeting present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs?

- Option: Sustainable
- Option: Imminent
- Option: Articulated
- Option: Ecosystem

2. What term refers to the act of interfering or getting involved in a situation to modify outcomes?

- Option: Scrutiny
- Option: Intervention
- Option: Imposition
- Option: Diverting

3. Which term is used to describe a community of organisms interacting with each other and their physical environment?

- Option: Conjecture
- Option: Ecosystem
- Option: Anticipation
- Option: Egregiously

4. What term refers to a tax or duty to be paid on a particular class of imports or exports?

- Option: Entrenched
- Option: Contraventions
- Option: Tariff
- Option: Levy

5. Which term represents the basic physical and organizational structures and facilities needed for the operation of a society or enterprise?

- Option: Asserted
- Option: Accessibility
- Option: Infrastructure
- Option: Transformative

6. What term represents the act of increasing in extent volume number or scope?

- Option: Anticipation
- Option: Catalyzed
- Option: Corrailed



Option: Escalation

7. Which term refers to the action or process of imposing something or striking upon by authority?

Option: Substantial

Option: Unequivocally

Option: Imposition

Option: Asserted

8. What term describes the imposition or collection of a tax or fee?

Option: Egregiously

Option: Contraventions

Option: Levy

Option: Decommissioned

9. Which term best describes turning something aside from its course or intended purpose?

Option: Sustainable

Option: Diverting

Option: Accessibility

Option: Consortium

10. What term describes something that is limited to certain people or groups and not for everyone?

Option: Substantial

Option: Ecosystem

Option: Unequivocally

Option: Exclusively

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The company faced intense _____ over its financial practices.

12. The situation requires immediate attention due to its _____.

13. The new policy _____ significant changes in the industry.

14. The professor _____ that further research was needed to confirm the hypothesis.

15. The political ideology was deeply _____ in the region.

16. The new technology had a _____ impact on the way we communicate.

17. The team waited in _____ for the announcement of the results.



18. Due to budget cuts the project had to be _____ before completion.
19. The old power plant was finally _____ after decades of service.
20. The company announced a _____ increase in its profits this quarter.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The speaker his ideas clearly during the presentation.
22. The evidence supported the theory .
23. The magician succeeded in the audience's attention away from the trick.
24. The company its resources to expand into new markets.
25. Several companies formed a to collaborate on the project.
26. The error in the report was overlooked by the editor.
27. Repeated of the company policy led to disciplinary action.
28. The storm's arrival was prompting evacuation warnings.
29. Successful businesses often use to maximize their potential.
30. The conflict showed signs of as tensions rose between the two sides.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Sustainable 2. Intervention 3. Ecosystem 4. Tariff 5. Infrastructure 6. Escalation
7. Imposition 8. Levy 9. Diverting 10. Exclusively

Gap-Fill: 11. scrutiny 12. urgency 13. catalyzed 14. asserted 15. entrenched 16. transformative 17.
anticipation 18. curtailed 19. decommissioned 20. substantial

Matching sentence: 1. articulated 2. unequivocally 3. diverting 4. leveraged 5. consortium 6. egregiously
7. contraventions 8. imminent 9. leverage 10. escalation

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