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## Government of Nunavut responds to U.S. tariffs with coordinated measures

**Iqaluit, Nunavut (March 4, 2025)** – The Government of Nunavut (GN) remains committed to protecting Nunavut’s economy and ensuring supply chain stability in response to the newly imposed 25% U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods. While Nunavut does not directly export to the U.S., the territory relies heavily on imports for essential goods, infrastructure, and services, making it vulnerable to rising costs and supply chain disruptions.

“Nunavut faces distinct economic and logistical challenges, and it is critical that our interests are considered as Canada moves forward in responding to these tariffs,” said Premier P.J. Akeeagok. “We are taking measured steps to support Canadian suppliers and safeguard the affordability and availability of goods for Nunavummiut.

“Our government stands with other territories and provinces in opposing unnecessary trade barriers between Canada and its largest trading partner, the United States,” Premier Akeeagok added. “I encourage all Nunavummiut to support Canadian businesses and products in response to these tariffs. Buying Canadian not only strengthens our economy but also reinforces the importance of investing in domestic industries.”

The GN is also taking steps to mitigate potential cost impacts on procurement and infrastructure projects. Given Nunavut's reliance on imported goods, the Department of Community and Government Services (CGS) is actively monitoring supply chain disruptions and working with contractors and suppliers to ensure continued project viability.

“We recognize the uncertainty these tariffs create for businesses and infrastructure planning,” said CGS Minister David Joanisie. “Our government is committed to supporting procurement strategies that minimize risk, maintain project stability, and prioritize Canadian suppliers wherever feasible.”

In alignment with other Canadian jurisdictions, the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Commission will no longer sell alcohol products made in the U.S.

“This decision ensures we are doing our part to align with our provincial and territorial partners in ways that have minimum impacts on Nunavummiut,” said Finance Minister Lorne Kusugak. “We will continue to monitor the situation and make decisions that reflect the best interests of Nunavummiut.”

Economic Development and Transportation Minister David Akeeagok reinforced the GN's commitment to ensuring Nunavut's interests are well-represented in national discussions.

“The Government of Nunavut is committed to maintaining stability while supporting national efforts to strengthen Canada’s economy,” said Minister Akeeagok. “We are engaged with other jurisdictions to ensure that northern realities are understood in this evolving trade situation, and we will continue advocating for policies that protect Nunavummiut.”

The GN is also reviewing its Party-Specific Exceptions (PSEs) under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA). While Nunavut's PSEs are carefully targeted to support our unique economic landscape and do not create unnecessary barriers to trade, the GN is undertaking this review to ensure continued alignment with other jurisdictions and Canada's broader internal trade objectives.

The GN will remain actively involved in discussions with the Government of Canada and other jurisdictions as Canada's trade response develops. Ensuring Nunavut's economic interests are represented, and supply chains remain strong will continue to be key priorities in the weeks ahead.

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