

Trump slaps Canada with 35% tariff over Fentanyl, trade



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NEW YORK, July 10—U.S. President Donald Trump has announced a 35% tariff on Canadian imports, effective August 1, citing drug trafficking and unfair trade practices.

In a letter addressed to Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney and posted on Trump's platform

Truth Social, he accused Canada of retaliating against earlier U.S. tariffs and blamed it for the flow of fentanyl into the United States. Trump said he may consider adjusting the tariff if Canada cooperates in curbing fentanyl smuggling.

The letter echoed similar warnings sent to more than 20 global leaders this week, urging them not to retaliate and to consider relocating businesses to the United States. Trump reiterated that tariff rates could be reduced for countries aligning with U.S. economic and security interests.

In a phone interview with NBC News, Trump confirmed a broader shift in trade policy, announcing plans to impose blanket tariffs of 15–20% on most U.S. trading partners. “We’re just going to say all of the remaining countries are going to pay... We’ll work that out now,” he said.

Trump had previously imposed a 25% tariff on Canadian goods during his presidency but later exempted items covered under the U.S.-Canada-Mexico trade agreement.

The latest move signals a renewed protectionist stance and could further strain U.S.-Canada relations, especially as both countries gear up for elections amid rising concerns over trade and border security.