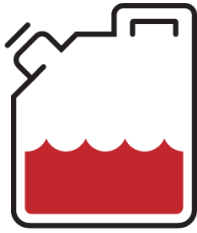


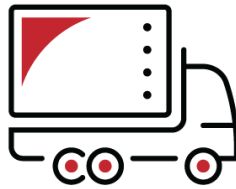


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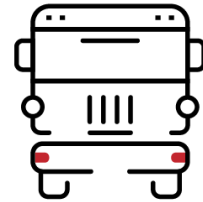
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CURRENT
Diesel Fuel Average



+18.5%

FEB 2026 UP FROM JAN 2026
U.S. Truckload Spot Load Posts



+3.1%

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Freight Market In Recovery

According to a recent report compiling sentiment among supply chain managers, February indicated the freight market comeback is in "full-swing."

The Logistics Managers' Index (LMI) is showing rapid transportation price growth. The LMI is a diffusion index where readings above 50 indicate expansion while readings below 50 indicate capacity retraction. February returned a reading of 41 for transportation capacity which is on par with the height of the Covid shipping boom of 2021. Severe winter storms in December and January were an influence but the largest culprit in regards to the shrinking capacity is likely the heightened regulatory enforcement surrounding CDLs. The report notes transportation prices increased 5.2 points to a level not seen in four years. "It is unclear how changes in tariff policy or the potential for expansion in global conflicts could impact things," it went on to say, "For this moment,



however, the high rates of turnover pushed partly by tariffs have led to the most robust freight market in four years." Logistics managers are anticipating that these conditions will persist and potentially intensify over the next twelve months.

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New High For U.S. - Mexico Trade



Two-way commerce reached \$872.83 billion in 2025, making Mexico the United States' number one trading partner for the third consecutive year.

Trade between the two countries increased 3.9% year over year rising from \$840 billion in 2024 according to an analysis from WorldCity. Meanwhile, trade with Canada and China sunk 6.36% and 28.81% year over year respectively.

The surge in trade activity with Mexico makes the port of Laredo, TX the largest inland port in the U.S and the top gateway for trade between Mexico and the U.S.. Top commodities moving through Laredo include: motor vehicle parts, computers and computer components, cell phones and electronics, passenger vehicles, industrial equipment and electrical components.

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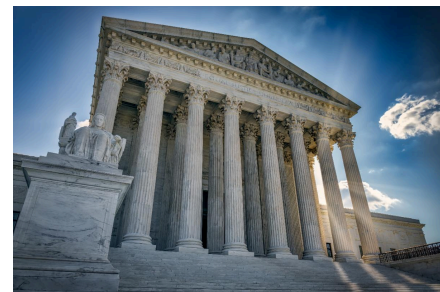
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Supreme Court Rules Against IEEPA Tariffs

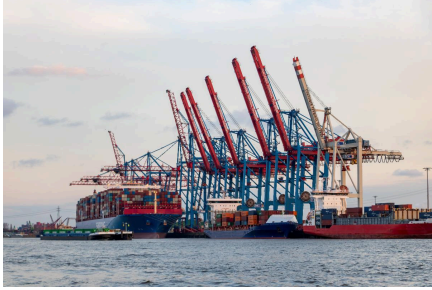
On February 20th, the United States Supreme Court ruled 6-3 against Trump's sweeping tariffs.

More specifically, the ruling is against Trump's use of the 1977 International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) as a means of levying "reciprocal" tariffs and country-specific duties tied to fentanyl enforcement. This ruling does leave in place tariffs enacted under separate trade laws, such as the ones involving steel and aluminum.

IEEPA related tariffs generated approximately \$130 billion dollars in revenue as of December 2025 according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection data. Companies ranging from large retailers to small businesses have already begun filing lawsuits seeking tariff refunds. The rollback of these tariffs could ease cost pressures in 2026, especially for North American supply chains, due to the rollback of the fentanyl-related tariffs.



Trump Implements 15% Global Tariff



Trump pivots to temporary Trade Act authority to implement a 15% global tariff.

After the Supreme Court ruled against Trump's use of the IEEPA to leverage "reciprocal" and fentanyl-related tariffs, many businesses and countries across the world began seeking tariff refunds. In response, Trump quickly pivoted to the use of the Trade Act of 1974 to implement a global tariff of 10%, then less than 24 hours later, raised the global tariff to the maximum allowed rate of 15%. Tariffs implemented under Section 122 must be applied uniformly and on a nondiscriminatory basis and are designed to be temporary. Trump indicated his administration would be looking into additional tariffs under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 targeting unfair trade practices. This would require investigative findings which could take several months to implement.

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Koch Team Updates

Celebrating Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month, we want to take a moment and express our appreciation and gratitude for the hard-working women at Koch Logistics.

For three consecutive years Koch Companies has been nominated as one of the Best Workplaces for Women to Work for in Transportation as reported by the *Women In Trucking Association*. We are fortunate to have such a diverse and inclusive staff that consistently go above and beyond to service our clients' needs. Thank you to all the talented women that drive our business, and our industry, forward!



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