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Canada–US trade: who is exposed

Exposure is set by the tariff line, not the sector: **666** US lines carry the Section **338** duty of **50** per cent, and **68** are excluded from importation since **29 September 2026**.

666 US tariff lines at 50%

68
excluded since 29 Sep

598
duty only, not excluded

565
federal measure named

666

US tariff lines carry the 50% Section 338 duty (HTSUS Revision 20, read 30 Sep 2026)

68

of them excluded from importation since 29 Sep 2026, 28 only when packaged

565

of the 666 sit on lists whose proclamations name a federal measure

2.8%

duty collected on US imports from Canada, July 2026 (USAFacts, 25 Sep 2026)

THE CALL

Exposure to the Canada–US measures is a property of the tariff line. On 30 September 2026 the US schedule (HTSUS Revision 20) lists 666 lines under the 50% Section 338 duty. Since 29 September, 68 of them are excluded from importation, 28 only when packaged for direct consumption.

CUSMA origin removes the broad 35% measure and the 10% measures; the schedule gives it no effect on the Section 338 duty or on Section 232. The duty collected across all goods from Canada stayed near 3% to July 2026, because most goods cross duty-free.

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TAKEAWAYS

1. The US measures on Canadian goods are 26 chapter-99 headings, 23 of them in force, and which one applies is decided by the tariff line.
2. The largest list, 513 lines, spans wood, furniture, electrical goods, paper and 52 further chapters of the schedule.
3. CUSMA origin removes the 35% and 10% measures; as the schedule is written, it does not remove the Section 338 duty or Section 232.
4. The steel, wood and vehicle exemption is drafted to reach one list, whose 52 lines are dairy, sugars and enzymes.
5. The first statistics covering a full month under the duties are scheduled for 6 October 2026.

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