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Canada 50% Tariffs Paused: What Changed - and What Didn't

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THE BOTTOM LINE

The three-day suspension moves the planned start of the 50% Section 338 tariffs from Aug. 19 to Aug. 22, 2026. The U.S. and Canada say a deal is subject to final documents. Existing Section 232, AD/CVD and Section 301 treatment remains separate; confirm final customs instructions before affected entries.

What Changed Overnight

1. The effective date for the new 50% Section 338 tariffs moved from Aug. 19 to Aug. 22, 2026.
2. The U.S. and Canada say they have a deal, subject to finalizing documents.
3. Final product terms and customs entry instructions remain the next key checkpoint.

Where the Product Split Stands

NO NEW 50%

Dimension lumber & studs (4407.11-.19), **peeler cores** (4401.49), **standard OSB** (4410.12), and **finished pallets** (4415.20.80) remain outside the new 50% Section 338 layer under the classifications reviewed.

50% PAUSED UNTIL AUG. 22

Selected hardwood (4407.99.02), selected **veneer / mouldings / panels**, many **4412 plywood** provisions, and selected **doors / other wood articles** remain the principal listed-code exposure pending final deal terms.

BUYER / SELLER ACTION

Do not add the new 50% Section 338 surcharge before Aug. 22. Keep exact HTS classifications ready and confirm final entry instructions with your customs broker before affected entries.

Product & HTS Reference

The announced three-day suspension moves the planned effective date of the new Section 338 50% tariffs from Aug. 19 to Aug. 22, 2026. This matrix shows the product split. Exact HTS classification, origin, entry facts and final customs instructions control.

PRODUCT	HTS	STATUS	MARKET READ
Standard softwood dimension lumber & studs	4407.11-.19	NO NEW 50%	Already subject to Section 232 wood duties and excluded from the Section 338 50% action. Existing Section 232 and AD/CVD continue.
Peeler cores / veneer log cores / wood waste	4401.49	NO NEW 50%	4401.49 is not listed in the current Section 338 Annex II schedules. Exact classification still controls; other tariff layers may apply.
Standard OSB	4410.12	NO NEW 50%	4410.12 is not listed in the current Section 338 Annex II schedules.
Manufactured wood pallets / complete pallet kits	4415.20.80	NO NEW 50%	Finished pallets and qualifying unassembled kits generally classify under 4415.20.8000, which is not listed. Review Section 301 and USMCA treatment separately.
Selected hardwood lumber	4407.99.02	PAUSED UNTIL AUG. 22	This listed hardwood-lumber provision was scheduled for the new 50% duty Aug. 19. The announced three-day suspension moves the planned effective date to Aug. 22, pending final terms.
Veneer, mouldings & selected panels	4408.10.01; selected 4409 / 4410 / 4411	PAUSED UNTIL AUG. 22 ON LISTED CODES	Selected veneer, moulding, particleboard and MDF/fiberboard provisions are listed. Exposure depends on the exact HTS code and final deal terms.
Plywood / veneered & engineered panels	Many 4412 provisions	PAUSED UNTIL AUG. 22 ON LISTED CODES	Many plywood and laminated/veneered panel provisions are listed. Exact HTS classification remains essential.
Selected doors & other wood articles	4418.21.80; 4418.29.80; selected 4421	PAUSED UNTIL AUG. 22 ON LISTED CODES	Selected door and other-article provisions are listed. Treatment varies by exact classification and the final implementing documents.

OFFICIAL REFERENCES

[Search Current HTS Codes - U.S. International Trade Commission](#)

[White House - Section 338 Canada Proclamations](#)

Sources checked through 11:10 P.M. MT Aug. 18: White House Section 338 proclamations and Annex II (July 20, 2026); Associated Press and Wall Street Journal reporting President Trump's Aug. 18 three-day suspension announcement. The announced pause moves the planned start to Aug. 22; final customs implementation guidance should be confirmed before entry.