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### Germany Works to Reopen Key Waterway Following Lock Incident Last Week

On Monday, authorities in western Germany began testing freight traffic on the Mosel River following a lock accident that halted shipping on July 3. A passenger vessel damaged the Sankt Aldegund lock.

Initial trials over the weekend allowed about 40 vessels to transit downriver using the damaged lock, with the inland navigation authority WSV reporting that the lock has performed well during each passage.

If successful operations continue, upriver freight traffic could resume as early as July 8.

Read more in an [article from Safety4Sea](#).

### Low Water Levels on Danube Disrupt Shipping as Heatwave Hits Hungary

Unusually low water levels on the Danube river in Hungary are affecting shipping, agriculture and local ecosystems along Europe's second-longest river, which is a major transport route across the continent.

As a result of the low water levels, cargo ships must leave behind more than half of their cargo and can operate at only 30% to 40% capacity, Attila Bencsik, deputy president of the Hungarian Shipping Association, said.

Shipping rates might increase by as much as 100% as a surcharge is added when a ship cannot sail fully loaded, he said.

Read more in an [article from gCaptain](#).

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## Customs Regulatory

### U.S. De Minimis Exemption Slated to End in 2027

The de minimis exemption will be eliminated in two years after President Donald Trump signed a sweeping policy bill into law on Friday.

As part of the package introduced as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," the U.S. will repeal the exemption allowing imports under \$800 to enter the country duty and tax free, effective July 1, 2027.

The bill also establishes a civil penalty, starting 30 days after its enactment, for any person attempting to use de minimis entry in a way that "violates any other provision of" U.S. customs law. The amount is \$5,000 for the first violation and up to \$10,000 for subsequent violations.

The move builds upon the Trump administration's efforts to restrict the de minimis exemption, which lawmakers and customs officials have scrutinized in recent years due to contraband entering the U.S. via low-cost packages. Earlier this year, the White House removed the exemption for imports from China and Hong Kong and announced its plans to end de minimis for other countries once systems are in place to collect duty revenue.

Read more in an [article from Supply Chain Dive](#).

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## International Business/Government

### Trump Threatens Extra 10% Tariffs on BRICS as Leaders Meet in Brazil

President Donald Trump said the U.S. will impose an additional 10% tariff on any countries aligning themselves with the "Anti-American policies" of the BRICS group of developing nations, whose leaders kicked off a summit in Brazil on Sunday.

With forums such as the G7 and G20 groups of major economies hamstrung by divisions and the disruptive "America First" approach of the U.S. president, BRICS is presenting itself as a haven for multilateral diplomacy amid violent conflicts and trade wars.

In a joint statement, the group warned the rise in tariffs threatens global trade, continuing its veiled criticism of Trump's tariff policies.

Hours later, Trump warned he would punish countries seeking to join with the grouping.

Read more in an [article from the American Journal of Transportation](#).