

Are optical modules affected by tariffs



Article Overview

Optical modules are affected by tariffs, but exemptions and policy uncertainty play a larger role in shaping procurement and pricing decisions.

Current Tariff Landscape

Optical modules imported into the U.S. are generally subject to a 10% basic tariff, but they are exempt from the 245% ad valorem tariff on Chinese goods under Executive Order 14257, which also provides a 90-day grace period for other countries . Pluggable optical components specifically fall under the exempted Harmonized Tariff Schedule subcategory 8517.62.0090 . Despite these exemptions, tariffs still influence costs, particularly for companies sourcing from China, which remains a dominant manufacturing hub for optical transceivers .

Cost and Supply Chain Implications

Tariffs have historically raised the cost of Chinese-manufactured optical transceivers by up to 25%, impacting high-volume purchasers such as hyperscale data centers and telecom operators . Even with exemptions, policy uncertainty is often cited as more disruptive than the tariffs themselves, complicating supply chain planning and potentially slowing procurement in the short term . Companies may face higher prices for optical components, and capital expenditures may not fully absorb these increases, leading to reduced procurement volumes .

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