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U.S. Has Not Formally Lifted the Tariff on Irish Whiskey

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Irish Whiskey Tariff Removal Still Awaiting Formal U.S. Notice

The U.S. government has not yet formally implemented the removal of the tariff on Irish whiskey, according to a logistics update published Friday by the Wine and Spirits Shippers Association.

WSSA said that nearly three weeks after President Donald Trump announced the change, no notice had appeared in the *Federal Register*, the publication typically used for official federal actions. Until that notice is issued, importers do not have formal confirmation that the tariff has been lifted.

The group pointed to a recent precedent in the spirits trade. It said the comparable removal of a tariff on Scotch whisky took about 12 weeks from announcement to implementation. That suggests the Irish whiskey change may not take effect immediately, even after the White House announcement.

The delay matters for companies that buy, ship, and sell Irish whiskey in the United States. If the tariff remains in place for now, importers, traders, and distributors may need to keep adjusting prices, margins, and inventory plans until the federal government publishes the change.

WSSA did not say when the notice might appear. The update simply said the removal had still not been formally carried out as of Friday.

For the beverage industry, the issue is less about the announcement itself than the timing of enforcement. In alcohol trade, companies often make purchasing and shipping decisions weeks in advance, and an unresolved tariff change can leave them uncertain about final landed costs.