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Trump-era tariffs to remain in place as appeals court accelerates review of presidential trade authority

Legal battle over executive power and international trade policy draws attention from businesses, policymakers, and foreign governments ahead of July hearing

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A federal appeals court in the United States has ruled that tariffs announced by former President Donald Trump on what was called 'Liberation Day' will remain in effect while an appeal is underway. The case centers on a previous decision by the U.S. Court of

International Trade (CIT), which had ordered the suspension of these tariffs, arguing that Trump had overstepped his authority when imposing them.

The Federal Circuit Court of Appeals issued its decision after reviewing arguments from both sides. The court stated that both parties presented substantial arguments regarding the merits of the case. After considering traditional factors for granting a stay, the judges concluded that maintaining the tariffs is justified under the current circumstances.

The court also noted that the legal questions raised in these cases are of exceptional importance. Because of this, it has decided to accelerate its review process. The court instructed both parties to submit a joint proposal for an expedited briefing schedule within two business days of the decision. The goal is to hold oral arguments on July 31.

This latest ruling follows a decision made on May 29, when the same appeals court agreed to temporarily halt the CIT’s order that found most of Trump’s global tariffs illegal. The CIT had determined that Trump exceeded his presidential powers when he imposed these tariffs, but the appeals court’s stay means they will continue to be enforced until a final decision is reached.

The tariffs in question were part of a series of trade measures introduced during Trump’s presidency, which affected a wide range of imported goods. These measures have been controversial, drawing criticism from some business groups and foreign governments, while others have supported them as necessary for protecting American industries.

The ongoing legal battle has significant implications for international trade and U.S. economic policy. Businesses affected by the tariffs are closely watching the proceedings, as are policymakers and trade partners abroad. The outcome could influence future presidential authority over trade policy and set precedents for how such powers are interpreted by U.S. courts.

As the case moves forward, all eyes will be on the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals as it prepares for oral arguments at the end of July. The decision will likely have lasting effects on U.S. trade law and executive power in economic matters.