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OTTAWA — Canada's retaliatory tariffs will target Republican states and Donald Trump allies.

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There are 1,256 items in the first tranche of tariffs that will come into force Tuesday.

The list includes oranges and fruit from Florida, home to Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort; household appliances from South Carolina and Ohio, states to Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and Vice President J.D. Vance; and motorcycles and coffee from southern Pennsylvania, which helped return Trump to the White House.

The full list, which you can read here, contains food and agriculture products, textiles and furniture.

Energy and tech products were not included in the first round of tariffs. A second list will be published in the coming days.

Government officials also said Ottawa is not ruling out other retaliatory measures such as targeting Elon Musk's companies, or slapping export taxes on Canadian oil.

The White House has announced plans to tariff Canadian goods at 25 percent and Canadian energy at 10 percent. Canada's International Trade Office said it's considering launching a legal challenge under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement or through the World Trade Organization. Trudeau's Cabinet will ultimately decide.

"In the immediate term, I think we're looking at leveraging the trade agreements that we have to make the point that these tariffs are not only unjustified and unreasonable, but illegal pursuant to the treaties that the U.S. has signed," a government official told POLITICO, who was granted anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly about it.

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The prime minister announced Saturday night that Ottawa will hit back with countertariffs on C\$155 billion in goods. A C\$30 billion list will come into effect Tuesday.

Canadian officials say they hope to apply economic pain to the advisers who have Trump's ear. They said they're hopeful they can convince the president to walk back from his threat.

Below is the initial list of U.S. products facing countertariffs:

- Cosmetics and body care (C\$3.5 billion)
- Appliances and other household items (C\$3.4 billion)
- Pulp and paper products (C\$3 billion)
- -Tires (C\$2 billion)
- Plastic products (C\$1.8 billion)
- Precious gems and metals (C\$1.7 billion)
- Furniture (C\$1.6 billion)
- Wood products (C\$875 million)
- Coffee (C\$714 million)
- Grains (C\$600 million)
- Wine, grape, spirits and other products (C\$589 million)
- Cocoa products (C\$569 million)
- Tools (C\$560 million)
- Dairy (C\$555 million)

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- Sugar and sugar containing products (C\$542 million)
- Sauces and dressing (C\$517 million)
- Orange juice and fruits (C\$512 million)

Premiers in Ontario, British Columbia and Newfoundland are also pulling America wine, beer, spirits and seltzers off shelves and restaurant menus.

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