

From trade tension to trade war - the timeline

March 8, 2018

US: President Donald Trump announces tariffs of 25% on imports of steel and 10% on aluminium

March 22

US: Suspension of these tariffs for certain countries, but not for China.

China: Responds with list of 128 products to face tariffs of 15%-25%

April 3

US: New tariffs on US\$50 billion worth of Chinese imports.

China: Responds with list including soya, cars and aircraft

May 19

US & China draft deal to reduce the US trade deficit

July 6

US: Applies duties of 25% on US\$34 billion worth of Chinese machinery

and electronics.

China: Responds with similar tariffs

Aug 23

US: New tariffs on US\$16 billion worth of Chinese goods.

China: 25% tariffs on US\$16 billion worth of US goods

Sept 24

US: 10% tariffs on US\$200 billion worth of Chinese products

China: Customs duties on US\$60 billion worth of American products

Dec 1

President Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping agree on a 3-month ceasefire in trade war

From Dec 14

Suspension and delay in application of extra tariffs; trade talks resume

March 6, 2019

US: Record US trade deficit of US\$621 billion in 2018

May 5

US: Mr Trump announces hike in tariffs on US\$200 billion worth of Chinese goods, from 10% to 25%

May 9-10

No deal after trade talks in Washington

May 13

US: Will hold a public hearing next month on Mr Trump's proposal to impose tariffs on another US\$300 billion (US\$411 billion) worth of Chinese goods.

China: Announces higher tariffs on US\$60 billion worth of US goods