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Chinese Tariff Impacts

As many of us have been watching the trade war between the US and China, in an announcement this week, the first round of 10% tariffs have been finalized and will take effect on Sept. 24th. What does this mean?

- Manufacturers, suppliers, and distributors alike will be hit with added costs for products imported in from China.
- FDG will continue to work with our manufacturing partners to provide the highest quality, value driven products available.
- FDG is part of the American Consumers & Workers Justice Coalition (ACWJC) monitoring, and lobbying for free trade. We encourage you to join the coalition alongside us! Join here:

<http://acwjc.org>



New Logistical Challenge: The Trucking Industry

2018 has proven to be a tough year for distribution. Newly enacted legislation regulating the trucking industry has created tremendous strain on the domestic freight system. The requirement of Electronic Logs and mandatory down/rest times, along with a shrinking pool of qualified drivers have all created longer delivery times. In essence, drivers are on the roads longer for any given route. These regulations have resulted in:

- Fewer driver/trucks available to move shipments.
- Longer shipping times.
- Higher freight costs.

