

# US holds off on new Chinese chip tariffs

**PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S** administration on Tuesday said it will slap tariffs on Chinese semiconductor imports over Beijing's "unreasonable" pursuit of chip industry dominance, but would delay the action until June 2027.

The tariff rate will be announced at least 30 days in advance, according to the filing, which follows a year-long "Section 301" unfair trade practices investigation into China's exports of "legacy" or older-technology chips to the US, launched by former President Joe Biden's administration.

"China's targeting of the semiconductor industry for dominance is unreasonable and burdens or restricts U.S. commerce and thus is actionable," the US Trade Representative said in its release.

The Chinese Embassy in Washington did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The move preserves Trump's ability to impose the duties while seeking again to dial down tensions with Beijing in the face of Chinese export curbs on the rare earth metals that global tech companies rely on. As part of negotiations with China to delay those curbs, Washington pushed back a rule to restrict US tech exports to units of already-blacklisted Chinese companies. **REUTERS**