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## U.S. set to give Huawei another 90 days to buy from American suppliers

SINGAPORE/WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S. Commerce Department is expected to extend a reprieve given to Huawei Technologies that permits the Chinese firm to buy supplies from U.S. companies so that it can service existing customers, two sources familiar with the situation said.

The "temporary general license" will be extended for Huawei for 90 days, the sources said.

Commerce initially allowed Huawei to purchase some American-made goods in May shortly after blacklisting the company in a move aimed at minimizing disruption for its customers, many of which operate networks in rural America.

An extension will renew an agreement set to lapse on August 19, continuing the Chinese company's ability to maintain existing telecommunications networks and provide software updates to Huawei handsets.

The situation surrounding the license, which has become a key bargaining chip for the United States in its trade negotiations with China, remains fluid and the decision to continue the Huawei reprieve could change ahead of the Monday deadline, the sources said. U.S. President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping are expected to discuss Huawei in a call this weekend, one of the sources said.

Huawei did not have an immediate comment. China's foreign ministry did not immediately respond to a faxed request for comment.

When the Commerce Department blocked Huawei from buying U.S. goods earlier this year, it was seen as a major escalation in the trade war between the world's two top economies.

The U.S. government blacklisted Huawei alleging the Chinese company is involved in activities contrary to national security or foreign policy interests.

As an example, the blacklisting order cited a criminal case pending against the company in federal court, over allegations Huawei violated U.S. sanctions against Iran. Huawei has pleaded not guilty in the case.

The order noted that the indictment also accused Huawei of "deceptive and obstructive acts".

At the same time the United States says Huawei's smartphones and network equipment could be used by China to spy on Americans, allegations the company has repeatedly denied.



FILE PHOTO: A Huawei company logo is pictured at the Shenzhen International Airport in Shenzhen, Guangdong province, China July 22, 2019. REUTERS/Aly Song/File Photo

## U.S. removes some Chinese furniture, modems from planned 10% tariffs

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The Trump administration is sparing some Chinese-made household furniture, baby items and internet modems and routers from its next rounds of 10% tariffs, it said on Friday.

The U.S. Trade Representative's office released a complete list of the items that were removed from \$300 billion in tariffs scheduled to go into effect on Sept. 1 and Dec. 15, some of which had already been hit with 25% tariffs.

Trump on Tuesday delayed more than half of the proposed tariffs until December, saying it would help shield businesses and consumers from the U.S.-China trade war fallout during the Christmas selling season.

The new list of 44 categories of spared imports, worth about \$7.8 billion according to U.S. Census Bureau data, also includes some chemical compounds used in the manufacture of plastics. Reuters previously reported that bibles and religious texts would be spared from the tariff list.

Modems and routers made in China were part of a \$200 billion list of products hit with tariffs last September that have since been raised to 25%. Friday's exclusion would avoid a further 10% hike as Trump imposes tariffs on Sept. 1 to products in the same broad customs category, including smart watches, smart speakers and Bluetooth headphones.

The bulk of the items removed from the tariff list were furniture products, including wooden- and metal-framed chairs and those made of plastics. Some of these were previously hit with tariffs as part of broader furniture categories.

Baby-related furniture items also were spared, including toddler beds, bassinets, cradles, strollers and children's seats.

The \$114 billion retail furniture industry has been among the sector's hardest hit with price increases due to Trump's tariffs, which rose to 25% in May. The U.S. Labor Department said on Tuesday that the price index for household furnishings rose



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# Goldman bumps up no-deal Brexit odds after May resignation

LONDON (Reuters) - Goldman Sachs raised its probability of a no-deal Brexit to 15% from 10% on Friday as Prime Minister Theresa May's resignation potentially opened the way for a more hardline politician to lead the UK to exiting the European Union.

Goldman Sachs economist Adrian Paul said ratification of a Brexit deal would no longer be possible in the second quarter. "We pencil in an orderly EU withdrawal in late 2019 or early 2020, but our conviction is low," he wrote.

The new Prime Minister will face the same constraints May grappled with in negotiating a deal, Paul added, saying they will eventually return to parliament with a close variant of the current withdrawal agreement.

"We revise up our probability of 'no deal'... not because this Parliament (or indeed the next) is likely to coalesce in favor of its pursuit, but because the recent performance of the Brexit Party and the Eurosceptic credentials of the next Prime Minister may strengthen the case for including 'no deal' on the ballot in a second referendum to unlock the impasse."



FILE PHOTO: A Goldman Sachs sign is displayed inside the company's post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in New York, U.S., April 18, 2017. REUTERS/Brendan McDermid/File Photo

# Tesla blames misprinted label for China customs hiccup

BENGALURU/SHANGHAI (Reuters) - Tesla Inc said on Tuesday that China's customs authorities have accepted the electric carmaker's plan to resolve problems with the clearance of its Model 3 sedans that centered around misprinting of labels.

Shares in Silicon Valley billionaire Elon Musk's company fell more than 5 percent in early trading after Chinese media reported Shanghai customs had suspended clearance for a batch of Tesla's cars. They were last down 1.3 percent at \$281.73.

"We have already reached a resolution with Chinese customs, and we are working closely with them to resume clearance procedures on these vehicles," a Tesla spokesperson said in a

statement.

"Sales of Model 3 in the country are not impacted, and we continue to deliver Model 3 vehicles that have already been processed." Making inroads into China, the world's largest electric vehicle market, is crucial for the Tesla as it seeks to offset softening demand in the United States and convince investors of its ability to become consistently profitable.

"Selling into China has clear hurdles and this is a reminder of the pitfalls when betting on growth in the region," Wedbush Securities analyst Daniel Ives said. Musk has played up the support Tesla is getting from Chinese authorities as the

company invests in the country's first wholly foreign-owned car plant in Shanghai, due to come online later this year.

Until then, Tesla has to import U.S.-made cars with substantial customs duties, putting it at a disadvantage against locally-made, government-subsidized electric vehicles from rivals such as Nio Inc, Byton and XPeng Motors.

Financial publication Caixin had first reported about China's customs authorities blocking the cars.

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# Editor's Choice



A policeman walks past a woman injured during clashes after police banned planned protests over austerity and rising living costs called by the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) party in Harare



Firefighters pour water on a tanker truck, that was transporting diesel, to extinguish the flames in Guadalupe



Revellers sprint near bulls and steers during the second running of the bulls at the San Fermin festival in Pamplona, Spain,. REUTERS/Susana Vera



Spanish migrant rescue ship Open Arms is seen close to the Italian shore in Lampedusa



Soccer Football - Copa America Brazil 2019 - Final - Brazil v Peru - Maracana Stadium, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - Brazil's Richarlison celebrates winning the Copa America with the trophy REUTERS/Ricardo



U.S. first lady Melania Trump visits a field of American flags at Ritter Park in Huntington



; Las Vegas, NV, USA; Amanda Nunes (red gloves) lands a kick to the face of Holly Holm (blue gloves) at T-Mobile Arena. Mandatory Credit: Stephen R. Sylvania-USA TODAY Sports TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



People walk under a sign reading "closed due to a bomb disposal" as they leave the East End prior to the disposal of a World War II 500kg aircraft bomb in Frankfurt, Germany,

# Texas Cities Dominate List of U.S. 'Boomtowns'

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Aerial View of Austin, Texas. (Photo AP)

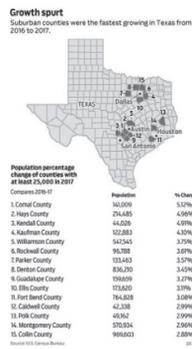
Magnify Money, a consumer finance website, released a new study this week that found Texas dominated the list of U.S. "boomtowns" and Austin scored the top spot. "Americans are flocking to and prospering in Texas," wrote Kali McFadden, a Magnify Money senior analyst. She said Lone Star State metros represented one-third of the top 15 spots on their rankings. Five of the six Texas cities on the list placed in the top 11. "We wanted to find out where Americans are gathering now to take advantage of growing prosperity and improved lifestyles to achieve the American dream," said McFadden. Magnify Money researchers examined the 100 largest U.S. metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) over the five year period from 2011 to 2016 using data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey and County Business Patterns. Researchers focused on business growth, population and housing, and workforce and earnings. Boomtowns saw the biggest influx of people, work opportunities, and business growth. "Austin jumps way out ahead of all the metros we reviewed, showing the greatest five year growth in population and housing," said McFadden. The Texas capital earned a perfect population and housing score of 100. It added people and had jobs for them. The Austin metro area experienced a 23 percent drop in unemployment. The median wage increased by nearly nine percent. The number of businesses operating in Austin rose by 21 percent and new hires soared by 24 percent. Analysts identified one shortcoming — 10 percent housing unit growth lagged next to the almost 16 percent population boom. Dallas (7), San Antonio (9), and McAllen (10) made the top 10. Houston (11) and El Paso (24) placed in the top 25. Business also boomed in Provo, Utah; Raleigh, North Carolina; Charleston, South Carolina; and Nashville, Tennessee; ranking second through fifth, respectively. Provo got the highest score, 95.1, in the business growth category. Its population increased by 12 percent and housing rose eight percent. Although the workforce grew by 13 percent, median wages stalled, budging only 3.5 percent higher than five years earlier.



Provo, Utah

Raleigh, with a 13 percent surge in residents and a nine percent rise in dwellings, ranked second to Austin in the population and housing subset. The North Carolina capital was fifth in business growth. Nearby Durham ranked 16th. Charlotte took 13th. Charleston got the third highest marks for workforce and earnings, with a healthy 22 percent drop in joblessness. Its workforce grew by 11 percent. During this time, Charleston's population also increased 11 percent but the number of housing units fell short, stalled at slightly more than six percent. Nashville firms grew staff by a healthy 21 percent. Their workforce grew nine percent. Unemployment dropped 25 percent. Median wages rose seven percent. McFadden suggested the boom "may be luring people to work" and noted the city diversified from its traditional country music roots. Housing, though, increased by five percent, not nearly enough for the influx of new people. Colorado's Denver ranked sixth while Colorado Springs placed 23rd. Boise, Idaho, took eighth, and Des Moines, Iowa, was 15th. Top 25 listers included Florida's Orlando (14),

Fort Myers (17), and Sarasota (25); Utah's Ogden (12) and Salt Lake City (18), and California's San Jose (19) and San Francisco (22). Riverside (40), San Diego (43) and Los Angeles (58) placed lower. (Courtesy <https://www.breitbart.com/texas>) The study also identified the slowest growing places in the nation. Four of six Ohio metros shrunk their labor forces and number of businesses between 2011 and 2016. Only Columbus (34) saw appreciable growth. Connecticut and Pennsylvania MSAs landed in the bottom quarter of the findings as did metros in New York, except for New York City (62). Boston (46) was the sole northeastern city in the top half of the list. **Eight of 15 of the fastest-growing counties in the U.S. between 2016 and 2017 are in Texas** Suburban counties in Texas led the way nationwide in percentage growth in that one-year period. Suburban counties in the Austin and San Antonio metropolitan areas were among the fastest-growing in the nation between 2016 and 2017, according to figures the Census Bureau released late Wednesday.



In the Austin area, Hays, Williamson and Caldwell counties were among the fast-growing at 4.96 percent, 3.75 percent and 2.99 percent, respectively. Caldwell County, which abuts Travis County to the south, saw its largest growth rate this decade; its previous annual growth rates since 2010 were under 2 percent.

Among metro areas with more than 1 million people, the five-county Austin area was the fastest-growing for the seventh consecutive year.

The agency estimated population changes between July 1, 2016, and July 1, 2017.

Amelia Smith, who's worked in real estate in Caldwell County for more than 30 years, attributed the area's growth to lighter traffic and lower cost of living.

"The toll road is becoming increasingly popular," Smith said of Texas 130. "Even though it is expensive to drive, it is a flash trip from Austin to Lockhart. I live in Lockhart, and I can get to Onion Creek in about 18 minutes. It's fast."

"People in Austin, particularly in the east side, are seeing property values rise so much that the land their \$100,000 house sits on is worth \$700,000 or \$800,000, and they're being driven out by high taxes, and they're coming to Lockhart with proceeds from their sale and buying houses (with) cash. ... We're seeing a lot of that."

Also, under a new Lockhart school superintendent, the district is working toward becoming one of the best in Central Texas, which might be another draw, Smith said.



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**China's Manufacturing Base Is Being Negatively Impacted**  
**European And U.S. Companies Moving Out Of China**



A Marit Maersk cargo ship sets off from the Qingdao Qianwan Container Terminal in China. European manufacturers are following in the footsteps of their American counterparts and sourcing goods elsewhere due to the trade war. (Photo/Bloomberg Finance)

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

Make no mistake about it – the trade war between the U.S. And China is remapping global supply chains to the serious detriment of China's manufacturing base.

The percentage of China-leaving businesses surveyed by quality control and supply chain auditor QIMA was 80% for American companies and 67% for those based in the European Union.

QIMA has more than just anecdotal evidence. Demand for their China-based audits dropped by 13% as mainland manufacturers are either losing their foreign clients faster due to costs associated with tariffs or are relocating part of their manufacturing out of China to avoid those tariffs.

European companies are less affected by the trade war because their countries have not slapped tariffs on Chinese imports. But QIMA thinks they have their own reasons to reduce their dependence on China manufacturing. Most are diversifying throughout southeast Asia and closer to home.

This ongoing diversification of the global supply chain creates ample opportunities

for corporate investors and gives rise to new markets in countries like Vietnam, now getting the equivalent of a steroid shot to beef up their own economy.

QIMA's quarterly barometer reporter was released last week. It combines data from the ground collected through tens of thousands of inspections and audits of more than 150 companies across consumer products sectors.



Trump's trade war with China is pulling the rug out from under China's position as the world's go-to manufacturing hub. (Photo/Bloomberg Finance)

The trade war has pushed many Chinese

and American multinationals over the edge. For years, both sides have been sourcing goods in countries like Vietnam and Bangladesh. This has been particularly true of apparel, which is now as likely to read Made in Vietnam on the clothing tag as it once read Made in China.

Companies were moving as China's labor costs rose and as the government made strides in catching up to Western-style environmental laws.

That is not the case in smaller southeast Asian nations, though a move there is not necessarily a step back in time to the 1990s, where China was all cheap labor and ignored pollution and labor rights.

In the latest QIMA survey, over 75% of U.S. respondents reported being affected by the tariffs, saying rising costs associated with them is one of the most serious impacts on their business.

As a result, they are moving or looking to move faster than they once had planned. Europe is in the same boat.



Romania? Brazil? No ... it's Portugal! Believe it or not, the trade war has richer European multinationals sourcing apparel from Portugal again. Welcome to the 1920s. (Photo/Bloomberg News)

EU businesses are less affected by the trade war with China. Only 14% of them said they were decreasing their China sourcing because of tariffs. That makes sense, given that they are not faced with the same tariff situation as their American counterparts. But despite a lower stress level regarding tariffs, the threat

of tariffs coupled with the fact that their competitors are sourcing elsewhere means European corporations are revisiting their mature supply chains.

Some of them are moving on from China.

Most are sourcing goods in South Asia, which saw a 34% annualized increase in inspection and audit demand in the first half of the year, meaning there are more factories there than there were a year ago.

Some European companies are also bringing their supply chains closer to home.

Turkey and some African countries recorded growth above 40% in inspection and audit demand. QIMA noted that EU textile and apparel makers have increased their sourcing from Romania and Portugal this year.

But leaving China is not easy.

Besides the fact that companies here have spent more than 20 years getting to know their Chinese partners, Chinese companies have vastly improved their manufacturing quality. The \$10 beach chairs found at surf shops at beach tourist towns in the U.S. are still made in China, but so are the \$80 ones. And the \$80 ones are not getting made in Pakistan. Some countries don't have the tech or the skill sets to replace China's move up the value chain.



Vietnam consistently shows up as a new hot spot for manufacturers leaving China or as a new source for goods to be exported to the U.S. (Photo/Bloomberg Finance)

Product quality in South Asia has even deteriorated since the start of 2019, with

inspection failure rates over 33% and 37% in India and Pakistan, respectively, QIMA analysts wrote.

Meanwhile, in Cambodia, over 40% of all goods inspected in the second quarter of this year were unacceptable.

Local suppliers are struggling to keep up with the increased demand without the time or resources necessary to establish proper quality management processes or train new workers to make new widgets, or larger quantities of widgets, once made in China.

For the EU market, countries closer to home may be better positioned to try their luck at becoming a mini-China for European companies.

Turkey has handled the increased production pace better than most. Following a brief spike in quality issues late last year, local suppliers have succeeded at pushing the inspection failure rate below 25% this year.

Made-in-China quality, meanwhile, is getting better. According to QIMA, China manufacturers showed a 13% improvement in the second quarter of 2019. Still, around 25% of Chinese manufacturers still fail to meet standards in quality inspection reports. That \$10 Made in China beach chair from Tsunami's at Myrtle Beach will probably break after a few sittings. (Courtesy forbes.com)

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