

Spring Conference 2025

EMERGENCY MOTION

Trump Tariffs

MOTION AS AGREED BY CONFERENCE

Conference notes:

- A. Implementation of significant trade tariffs by the Trump administration on international imports, including those from the UK.
- B. The limited devolved powers of the Welsh Government in international trade matters.
- C. President Trump's concerning approach to international conflicts, particularly regarding Gaza and Ukraine.

Conference believes:

- I. That accurate sectoral analysis is essential for developing effective economic responses.
- II. That Welsh industrial and agricultural interests require specific protection.
- III. That coordinated UK-wide action is necessary to address these trade challenges.
- IV. That trade policy cannot be separated from broader foreign policy positions that affect humanitarian crises and regional stability.
- V. That the UK should maintain an independent stance on humanitarian concerns in Gaza and continued support for Ukraine's sovereignty.

Conference calls on:

1. The Welsh Government to commission and publish a comprehensive sector-by-sector assessment of the economic impact of US trade tariffs on Welsh industries and the broader Welsh economy.
2. Our Senedd Member to advocate for this assessment as a priority within the Senedd.
3. The UK Government to pursue proportionate and reciprocal tariff measures on US imports to protect Welsh and UK interests.
4. The Welsh Government to establish a cross-sector working group including representatives from affected industries to develop mitigation strategies.
5. Our MP to press Westminster for meaningful consultation with devolved administrations on all future trade policy decisions affecting Wales.
6. The UK Government to maintain humanitarian principles in its approach to Gaza and Ukraine, even when these may diverge from US policy positions.