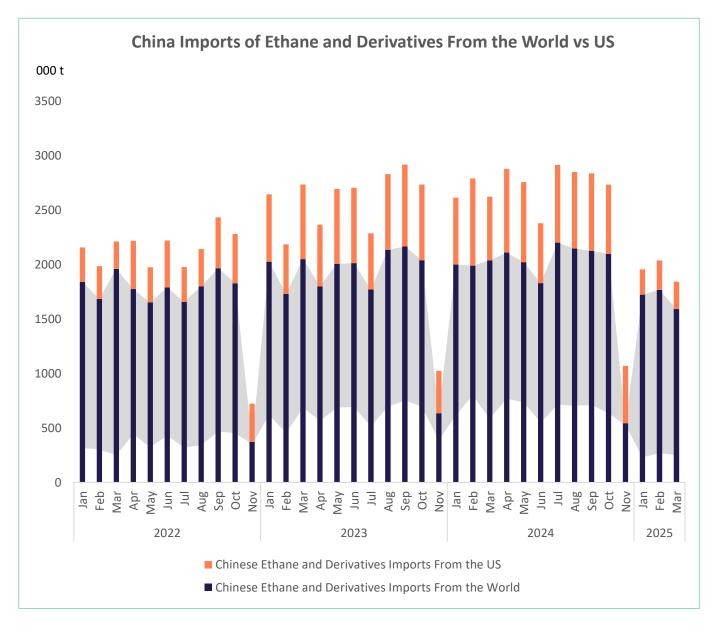


## RLA Market Insights – Wednesday, 30 April 2025

# **China Proposes Tariff Exemptions on Selected US Shipments**

China is considering exempting 131 US products, about 28% of total imports from its additional 125% tariffs, according to the First Batch List of Reciprocal Tariff Exempted Commodities. While this provides no timeline for implementation, it highlights key items proposed for exemption, including polyethylene (PE) and feedstock ethane, which are vital to the US chemical sector. All main grades of PE are included in the exemption list, offering potential relief for US producers heavily impacted by the tariffs. However, ethylene glycol (EG), another major US chemical export to China, is notably absent from the proposed list. The move comes amid escalating trade tensions, with the US raising tariffs on Chinese imports to 145%. The proposed exemptions could signal a step toward easing trade friction between the two countries, especially in critical industrial sectors like chemicals. See the full list of chemicals proposed to be exempted below along with total imports since 2022 below.







Chemical	Imported Quantity From the US 2022 - 2025	e Imported Quantity From the World 2022 - 2025
*Ethane	Units in	1 000 tonnes 12419
*Other saturated acyclic hydrocarbons	12303	12419
2,3,3,3-Tetrafluoropropene (HFO-1234yf), 1,3,3,3-tetrafluoropropene (HFO-1234ze) and (Z)-1,1,1,	, 1	2
Other halogenated derivatives of aromatic hydrocarbons	11	60
Other diols	56	363
Other organo-sulphur compounds	63	204
Other heterocyclic compounds with oxygen hetero-atom(s) only	3	15
Other compounds containing an unfused pyridine ring (whether or not hydrogenated) in the struct	12	30
Other compounds containing a pyrimidine ring or piperazine ring (whether or not hydrogenated) in	8	25
Other lactams	7	35
Other heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom(s) only	1	79
Other heterocyclic compounds	1	37
Dexamethasone	0	0
Cefalexin and its salts	0	0
Other antibiotics	1	1
Polyethylene glycol waxes	14	49
Polyethylene having a specific gravity of less than 0.94, in primary forms	1253	8562
Polyethylene having a specific gravity of 0.94 or more, in primary forms	1711	15388
Linear low density polyethylene	2592	13524
Other polymers of ethylene, in primary forms	173	2277
Other polymers of styrene, in primary forms	48	1350
Chemical wood pulp, dissolving grades	588	10472
Total	18850	64893
* Sum of imported quantities of Ethane and Other saturated acyclic hydrocarbons		





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