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## Factbox: Next rounds of Trump's tariffs on Chinese goods to hit consumers

(Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump's next round of tariffs on Chinese imports is scheduled to take effect starting on Sunday, escalating the trade war between the world's two largest economies with a big hit to consumer goods.

Trump has targeted some \$300 billion in annual goods imports from China for 15% tariffs in two parts, on Sept. 1 and Dec. 15. If fully imposed, virtually all Chinese imports - worth about \$550 billion - would be subject to punitive U.S. tariffs imposed since July 2018.

Here is a look at U.S. tariffs and expected Chinese retaliation scheduled over the next several months.

### SEPT. 1 TARIFFS

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency will begin collecting tariffs for Chinese goods at 12:01 a.m. EDT (0401 GMT) on Sunday. Guidance issued on Friday indicated that there will not be a grace period for cargoes that have left China before that time, unlike that granted for goods in transit when the United States imposed a tariff increase in May.

The Sept. 1 list covers about \$125 billion worth of mostly consumer products, based on a Reuters analysis of 2018 U.S. Census Bureau data. The target list includes flat panel television sets, flash memory devices, power tools, cotton sweaters, bed linens, multifunction printers and many types of footwear.

The largest category of targeted products covers smart watches, smart speakers, Bluetooth headphones and other internet-connected devices that were spared from a prior round of tariffs, with Chinese imports estimated at \$17.9 billion annually by the Consumer Technology Association.

### OCT. 1 TARIFF INCREASE

The Trump administration is accepting public comments through Sept. 20 on a proposed Oct. 1 tariff rate increase to 30% from the 25% duty already in place on \$250 billion worth of Chinese imports.

These products include \$50 billion worth of largely non-consumer goods, including machinery, electronic components including semi-conductors and printed circuit boards, and chemicals. But a later \$200 billion list of goods included many consumer goods and building products, including furniture, vacuum cleaners, lighting fixtures, plumbing fixtures, handbags, luggage and vinyl flooring.

### DEC. 15 TARIFFS

The second part of the 15% tariffs on Chinese goods not previously hit by U.S. duties is scheduled to go into effect on Dec. 15. This list represents the heart of the consumer technology sector, including \$43 billion worth of cell phones imported from China in 2018, \$37 billion worth of laptop and tablet computers and \$12 billion worth of toys.

Trump delayed tariffs on these products, saying he wanted to avoid hurting Christmas season sales for Apple Inc (AAPL.O) and other companies and retailers.



FILE PHOTO: A "Made in China" sign is seen on a box at a stall inside an electronics mall on Huaqiangbei Commercial Street, a marketplace for Chinese producers and international wholesale buyers, in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, China August 9, 2019. REUTERS/Jason Lee

The list covers about \$156 billion worth of total 2018 imports from China, based on U.S. Census Bureau data, and includes a wide range of consumer goods, including plastic tableware, socks, light-emitting diode lamps, Christmas decorations and clothing.

### CHINESE RETALIATION

After Trump in early August announced that he was moving ahead with tariffs on virtually all remaining Chinese imports, Beijing announced that it would impose additional 5% or 10% tariffs on a total of 5,078 product categories from the United States, representing worth about \$75 billion annually.

The Chinese move, which also goes into effect in two steps on Sept. 1 and Dec. 15, targets U.S. crude oil for the first time with a 5% tariff. U.S. soybeans, already subject to a 25% Chinese tariff, will be hit with an extra 5% tariff on Sept. 1, while beef and pork from the United States will get an extra 10% tariff.

Beijing also will reinstitute a 25% tariff on U.S.-made vehicles and a 5% tariff on auto parts that it had suspended in December at a time when U.S.-China trade negotiations were gaining momentum.

China already has tariffs in place on about \$110 billion worth of U.S. products, ranging from 5% to 25%, including soybeans, beef, pork seafood, vegetables, liquefied natural gas, whiskey and ethanol. Based on 2018 imports, there are only about \$10 billion worth of U.S. imports untouched, with the largest category consisting of large commercial aircraft built by Boeing Co(BA.N).

### U.S. TARIFF EXCLUSIONS

The Trump administration has excluded some Chinese-made household furniture including cribs and other baby safety products and bibles and other religious texts from the Sept. 1 and Dec. 15 rounds of tariffs.

Some of the products, including internet modems and routers, were removed because they had already been hit with 25% tariffs previously, while others were taken out for safety or religious reasons. Chinese-made rosaries and religious medals, however, will still be hit with 15% tariffs on Sept. 1.



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## Facebook, Amazon and Alphabet take center stage on Wall Street

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - The so-called FANG stocks take center stage on Wall Street this week, with Amazon (AMZN.O), Alphabet (GOOGL.O) and Facebook (FB.O) set to report as the S&P 500 approaches a record high. The group of high-growth stocks that supercharged the S&P 500's decade-long rally in recent years has had mixed results in 2019, with Facebook and Amazon dramatically outperforming the broader market, while Netflix (NFLX.O) and Google-owner Alphabet have lagged.

Facebook reports on Wednesday after the bell, with Amazon and Alphabet on Thursday, all together accounting for 9% of the S&P 500's stock market value. Overall, companies reporting this week account for about 30% of the S&P 500's value.

Investors' reactions to those reports could affect broader market sentiment as the S&P 500 trades about 1% below its July 12 record high close, with investors widely expecting the Fed to cut interest rates later this month. The benchmark index was up 0.3% on Monday.

"I'm more concerned about how the reports from the likes of Alphabet and Facebook will affect my other tech stocks, because they suck the oxygen out of the room every time something happens to them," said Jake Dollarhide, chief executive officer of Longbow Asset Management in Tulsa, Oklahoma, which owns shares of Amazon and Alphabet.

Also reporting this week are chipmakers Intel (INTC.O), Texas Instruments (TXN.O) and Xilinx (XLNX.O), which will likely give investors fresh information about the impact of the U.S.-China trade war, the pace of 5G growth, and when a downturn in global semiconductor demand may end.

Netflix has tumbled 14% since Wednesday, when it reported weaker-than-expected subscriber growth. Facing an approaching wave of com-

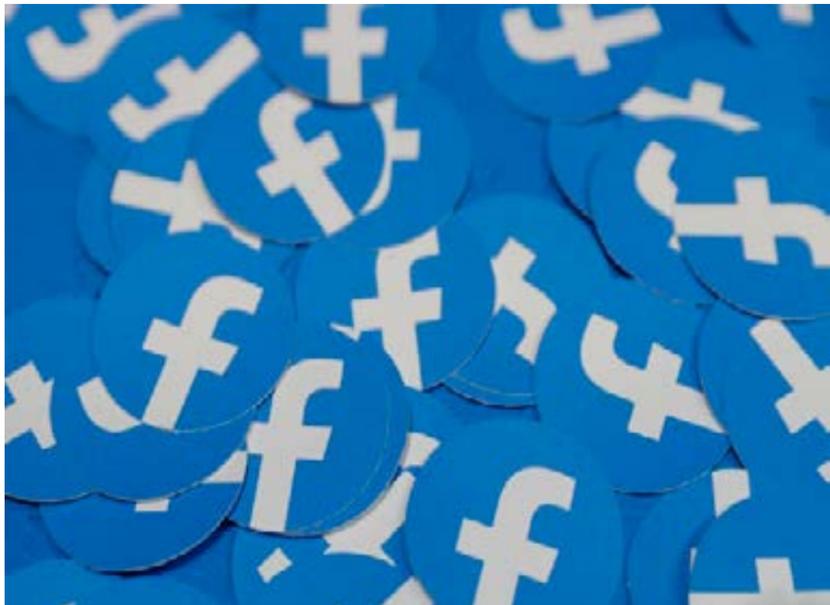
petition, the video streaming service is up 18% year to date, just below the S&P 500's 19% gain. Alphabet is up just 8% in 2019, while Amazon has surged 31%.

When Facebook reports, investors will focus on how the leading social network is responding to regulatory scrutiny of its handling of users' personal data, and how planned measures including a "Clear History" option may hurt advertising revenue.

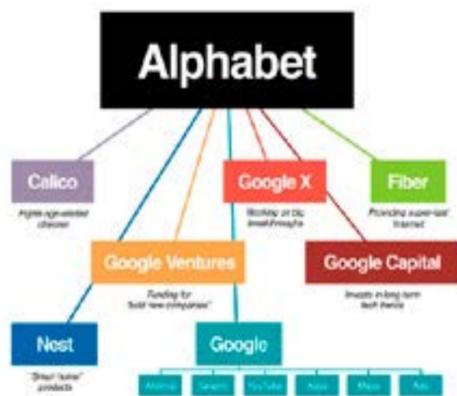
Reflecting improved expectations, Facebook has surged 51% in 2019 and is 7% short of the record high it set a year ago, just before it warned of a multi-year squeeze on its business margins, sending its stock into months of decline.

Facebook's June-quarter revenue is seen jumping 25% to \$16.5 billion, with net income up 5% to \$5.4 billion, equivalent to \$1.87 per share, according to Refinitiv.

Analysts expect Alphabet's quarterly revenue to climb 17% to \$38.2 billion, with net income falling 4% to \$7.9 billion. Analysts expect Amazon's quarterly revenue to grow by 18% to \$62.5 billion, with net income growing 11% to \$2.82 billion.



FILE PHOTO: Stickers bearing the Facebook logo are pictured at Facebook Inc's F8 developers conference in San Jose, California, U.S., April 30, 2019. REUTERS/Stephen Lam/File Photo



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# Editor's Choice



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U.S. President Trump announces administration efforts to gain citizenship data during the 2020 census at the White House in Washington



German Chancellor Merkel receives Denmark's Prime Minister Frederiksen in Berlin



Royal Navy Type 23 frigate HMS Montrose is pictured at speed in the Mediterranean Sea during Exercise Cougar 12 October 10, 2012. Picture taken October 10, 2012. LA(PHOT) Joel Rouse/Royal Navy/Ministry of Defence/Handout via REUTERS. THIS IMAGE HAS BEEN SU



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Tennis - Wimbledon - All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London, Britain - July 11, 2019 Romania's Simona Halep celebrates winning her semi-final match against Ukraine's Elina Svitolina REUTERS/Hannah McKay TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Cats are seen in the village of Krompach near the town of Cvikov, Czech Republic, July 11, 2019. REUTERS/David W Cerny TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Two women stand among damaged lounge chairs and debris following heavy storms at the beach of the village of Nea Plagia

HOUSTON (March 13, 2018) – A \$4.4 million grant awarded to Texas A&M University from the National Science Foundation will provide a boost to Houston Community College students pursuing careers in cybersecurity.

With the award from the NSF Foundation CyberCorps Scholarships for Service Program, the Texas A&M Cybersecurity Center will administer the Cyber Leader-Scholars Program in partnership with HCC.

The program will combine the academic experience at both institutions to develop and mentor a group of students over a five-year period. In return for their scholarships, which include generous stipends, the students agree to work for a government agency for a period equal to the length of the scholarship.

## NSA \$4.4 Million Grant To Help HCC Cybersecurity Students

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



“We are fortunate to have highly motivated partners from Houston Community College who will administer the program on their campus,” said Daniel “Rags” Ragsdale, director of the Texas A&M Cybersecurity Center. Doug Rowlett, dean of HCC Digital and Information Technology Center of Excellence, said the grant is a big boost for HCC.

“We are very pleased to be working closely with Dr. Ragsdale,” he said. “Our two programs complement each other, and the foundation we can give students transferring to A&M will help them be successful as they pursue their careers.”

HCC’s designation by the Department of Homeland Security and the National Security Agency insures that the com-

munity college’s programs meet the highest federal standards for cybersecurity, Rowlett said.



“It is one of the reasons we were chosen to partner with A&M on this NSF grant, and it opens a wonderful opportunity for our students to move forward with their studies in a prestigious cybersecurity center like the one at A&M,” he said. In today’s world, computer networks are an essential part of business operations. With accessing information over

the network and the high availability of multiple resources, administrators of enterprise networks have to be aware and understand all potential threats to the network.

Cyber security, also referred to as information technology security, focuses on protecting computers, networks, programs and data from unintended or unauthorized access, change or destruction.



The courses offered at HCC through the Cyber Leader-Scholars Program will include Security Certification, CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner and Enterprise Network Security (Firewalls & Network Security).

Cybersecurity, also known as computer security or information technology security, is a field that covers the tools and systems used to monitor, mitigate, and prevent online threats. Cybersecurity professionals use innovative technology to combat hackers, cyberterrorists, network outages, and other technical problems that could compromise network security. Due to our growing reli-

ance on web-based technology at home and in the workplace, this fast-paced profession has grown quickly over the past two decades. Today, the U.S. government maintains a National Cybersecurity Division under the Department of Homeland Security; additionally, the



Internet Crime Complaint Center is comprised of personnel from the FBI, the National White Collar Crime Center, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Most careers in cybersecurity are attainable with a bachelor’s degree. While some schools offer standalone cybersecurity programs, most students pursue a cybersecurity specialization or concentration as part of a larger major, such as criminal justice, information technology, or network administration. Often, cybersecurity programs facilitate internship opportunities for their students, allowing them to spend time at a practical worksite, where they receive supervised training from experienced

professionals.

Today, many students are choosing to earn their bachelor’s in cybersecurity online. The best online cybersecurity degree programs equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to launch a career in this dynamic field. The asynchronous format used by most web-based programs is particularly convenient for students with part-time jobs, childcare responsibilities, or other commitments that make it difficult to attend class on campus.

Students who graduate with a bachelor’s degree in cybersecurity will be qualified for most entry-level positions in the field, along with some managerial roles normally reserved for candidates who have completed a four-year education. Common careers for cybersecurity degree recipients include data analysts, software development, network administration, and digital forensics.



For more information about the Cyber Security program at HCC, go here: <http://www.hccs.edu/continuing-education/departments/information-technology-it/cyber-security/>

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## Astronaut Is Accused Of Accessing Her Wife's Bank Account From The International Space Station

### NASA Investigates The First Possible Alleged Criminal Activity In Space



#### Overview

#### Bitter Divorce Battle on Earth Led to Claims of a Crime in Space

Astronaut Anne McClain was accused of accessing her estranged wife Summer Worden's bank account while she was in space.

Worden filed an identity theft complaint with the FTC against McClain.

Her parents also filed a complaint with NASA's Inspector General.

McClain said that she was just checking up on Worden's finances.

Worden's parents claim that McClain's actions were part of a custody battle over her son, who she gave birth to a year before the couple were married.

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

NASA is looking into claims that an astronaut accessed her estranged wife's bank account from space during a six-month stint on the International Space Station.

Decorated astronaut and US Army lieutenant colonel Anne McClain has been accused of improperly gaining access to Summer Worden's online bank account using NASA computers, the New York Times reported.

McClain allegedly accessed the bank account as part of a 'highly calculated and manipulated campaign' to obtain custody of Worden's son, who she had given birth to about a year before the couple got married.

Worden, a former Air Force intelligence officer, brought a complaint against McClain with the Federal Trade Commission, claiming that McClain had committed identity theft, even though none of Worden's funds had been tampered with.

She told the Times that she discovered McClain's actions after becoming curious about how McClain knew details about the way she'd been spending her money, even though they were separated and McClain was orbiting the earth.



Astronaut Anne McClain has been accused of improperly accessing her estrange spouse's financial information while on the International Space Station earlier this year

Worden's parents went a step further, filing a complaint against McClain with NASA's Office of Inspector General, al-

leging identity theft and improper access to Worden's private financial records.

Last week, McClain, who is back on terra firma, sat down for an under-oath interview with the inspector general, during which she was said to have admitted that she did access Worden's banking information.

However, McClain apparently claimed that she was just doing something she had always done while she and Worden were still a couple - checking in on Worden's finances to make sure that there was enough money to support Worden's child, who they had been raising together.

McClain claimed that she was using the same password that she had always used during their relationship and that she had not been told to stop accessing Worden's bank account.



McClain's (left) estranged spouse, Summer Worden (right), filed an identity theft complaint with the FTC over the incident, while Worden's parents lobbed a complaint to NASA's Inspector General, claiming it's part of McClain's efforts to gain custody of Worden's child.

McClain and Worden married in 2014, with Worden filing for divorce in 2018 after McClain accused her of assault, a claim which Worden denies and said was part of McClain's efforts at gaining custody of her son. The assault case was eventually dismissed.

Worden had previously denied McClain's attempts to adopt the boy even after they'd gotten married.

In Worden's parents' complaint, they said that McClain's actions were part of a 'highly calculated and manipulative campaign' to obtain custody of Worden's

son, who she had given birth to about a year before the couple got married.

McClain's lawyer told the Times that McClain 'she strenuously denies that she did anything improper' and cooperating with the investigation.

Worden told the New York Times that the FTC had not yet responded to her identity theft claims, but that investigators were accessing her family's complaint to NASA.

NASA officials declined to comment on its Office of the Inspector General's actions regarding the claims against McClain.

Ms. Worden put her intelligence background to work, asking her bank about the locations of computers that had recently accessed her bank account using her login credentials. The bank got back to her with an answer: One was a computer network registered to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.



McClain claimed that she checked on Worden's bank account to make sure there were enough funds for the care of Worden's son, who they raised together while married.

Ms. Worden's spouse, Anne McClain, was a decorated NASA astronaut on a six-month mission aboard the International Space Station. She was about to be part of NASA's first all-female spacewalk. But the couple's domestic troubles on Earth, it seemed, had extended into outer space.

Ms. McClain acknowledged that she had accessed the bank account from space, insisting through a lawyer that she was merely shepherding the couple's still-intertwined finances. Ms. Worden felt differently. She filed a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission and her family lodged one with NASA's Office of Inspector General, accusing Ms. McClain

of identity theft and improper access to Ms. Worden's private financial records.

Investigators from the inspector general's office have since contacted Ms. Worden and Ms. McClain, trying to get to the bottom of what may be the first allegation of criminal wrongdoing in space.

"I was pretty appalled that she would go that far. I knew it was not O.K.," Ms. Worden said.

The five space agencies involved in the space station — from the United States, Russia, Japan, Europe and Canada — have long-established procedures to handle any jurisdictional questions that arise when astronauts of various nations are orbiting Earth together. But Mark Sundahl, director of the Global Space Law Center at Cleveland State University, said he was not aware of any previous allegation of a crime committed in space. NASA officials said they were also unaware of any crimes committed on the space station.



Astronaut Anne McClain back on earth.

Ms. McClain, now back on Earth, submitted to an under-oath interview with the inspector general last week. She contends that she was merely doing what she had always done, with Ms. Worden's permission, to make sure the family's finances were in order.

"She strenuously denies that she did anything improper," said her lawyer, Rusty Hardin, who added that the astronaut "is totally cooperating."

The domestic dispute in space may be the first such investigation, but it is unlikely that it will be the last.

"The more we go out there and spend time out there," A NASA spokesman said, "all the things we do here are going to happen in space." (Courtesy <https://www.msn.com> and <https://www.daily-mail.co.uk>)



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