

Dave Townsend on the Supreme Court's Ruling on President Trump's Tariffs

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Dorsey Partner [Dave Townsend](#) commented on the Supreme Court's decision striking down President Trump's global tariffs, holding that he exceeded his authority by invoking the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) to impose the measures. Although the Court did not outline a refund process, some justices recognized that unwinding the tariffs may be complex. In an [interview with NPR](#), Dave noted that U.S. Customs can use its existing system to return import taxes that are now unlawful.

"More than 2,000 lawsuits have already been brought seeking such refunds, but this is a small fraction of U.S. importers that may be entitled to such refunds," Dave said in an [interview with The Washington Times](#). "The United States has said in litigation that more than 300,000 U.S. importers have paid IEEPA tariffs," he added.

"It's landmark, it's an enormous decision," Dave said in a [Bloomberg Law Podcast interview](#), adding that "it's really unclear what happens next on the refund issue."

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