



Subject:	US Film Tariff - Correspondence from the Executive Office, Minister for the Economy and the UK Department for Culture, Media and Sport
Date:	5th September, 2025
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Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To update Members on responses received from the Executive Office, the Minister for the Economy and the UK Department for Culture, Media and Sport to correspondence from the Committee in relation to potential US tariffs on films produced outside of the US.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the responses received from the Executive Office, the Minister for the Economy and the UK Department for Culture, Media and Sport in relation to potential US tariffs on films produced outside of the US.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	At the City Growth and Regeneration Committee meeting on 7th May, 2025, Councillor de Faoite raised an issue in advance expressing concern in relation to an announcement by the US President that he would authorise the US Department of Commerce and the US Trade Representative to immediately begin the process of imposing a 100 percent tariff on films produced outside of the US.
3.2	At the request of Councillor de Faoite, the Committee agreed to write to the First Minister and deputy First Minister, the Minister for the Economy, the UK Minister of State for Creative Industries, Arts and Tourism and the Irish Minister for Arts, Culture, Communications, Media and Sport to highlight the importance of the local film and creative industries to Belfast and its concern in relation to the potential impact of any proposed US tariff on films produced outside of the US.
3.3	To date, responses have been received from the Executive Office (Appendix 1), the Minister for the Economy (Appendix 2), and the UK Department for Culture, Media and Sport (Appendix 3).
4.0	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> None associated with this report.
5.0	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None associated with this report.
6.0	Appendices - Document Attached
	Appendix 1 – The Executive Office – US Film Tariff Appendix 2 – Minister for the Economy – US Film Tariff Appendix 3 – UK Department for Culture, Media and Sport – US Film Tariff