

Advisory Note: Tariffs, Supply Security, and Enterprise Caution Set the Operating Context for ITAD and Secondary Materials Recovery in 2026

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Recent policy signals from the U.S. administration indicate a period of heightened tension, driven by trade uncertainty, industrial policy intervention, and geopolitical leverage affecting technology, materials, and cross-border supply chains. This posture has become more explicit following the suspension of U.S.-EU trade engagement by European lawmakers in January 2026, amid disputes linked to tariffs, strategic resources, and U.S. positions on Greenland. While no sector-specific actions have been directed at IT asset disposition (ITAD) or electronics recycling, several developments warrant attention from our clients due to their indirect but material relevance.

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