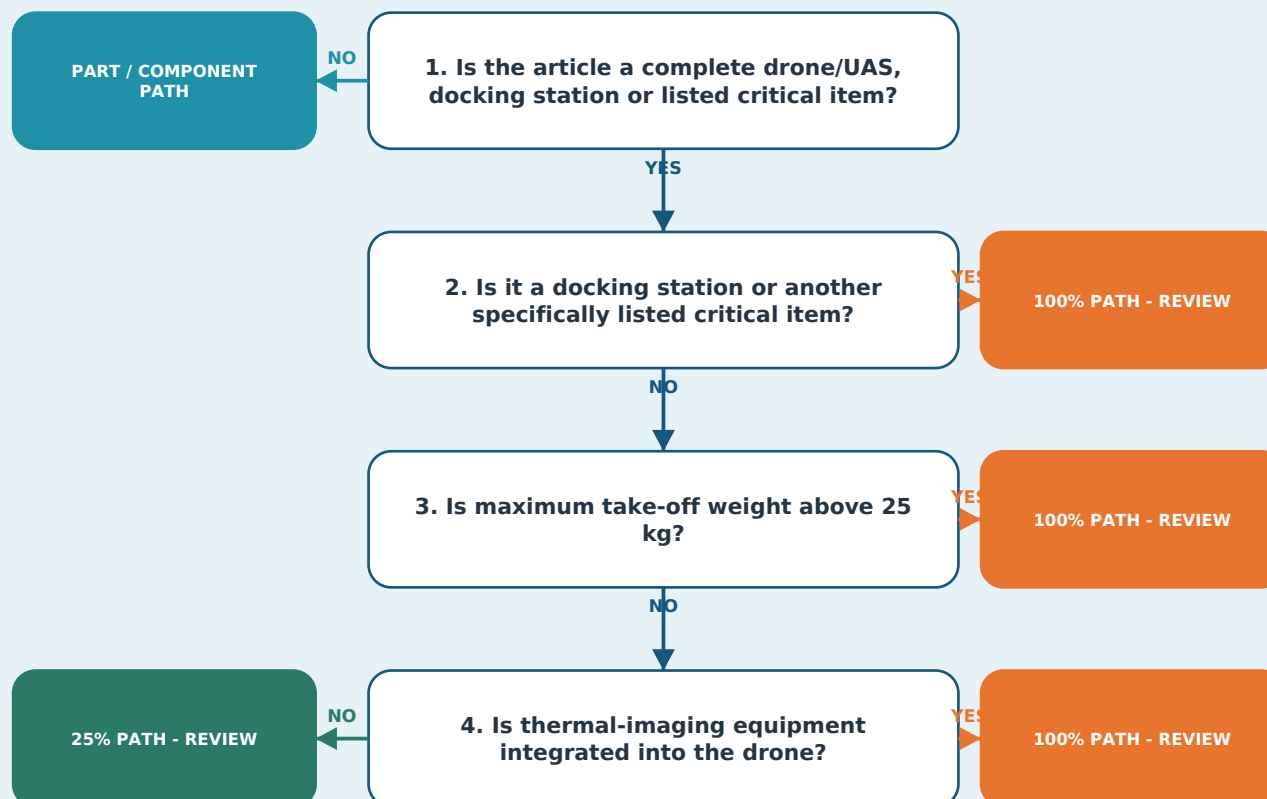


U.S. Drone Tariff Decision Sheet

Answer the questions in order. The result is a starting point, not a final customs determination.

START HERE - FOLLOW THE ARROWS



Do not stop at the headline rate. Other duties may stack. A lower 10% or 15% partner-country ceiling is conditional and must be supported by component-and-technology origin evidence and the required certification.

THREE QUICK EXAMPLES

Light inspection drone
20 kg, no thermal camera integrated
Start with the 25% path.

Heavy cargo drone
Maximum take-off weight 40 kg
Start with the 100% path.

Thermal inspection drone
12 kg, thermal imaging integrated
Start with the 100% path.

Not sure?
Choose Additional verification needed. Confirm the exact imported article, annex entry and HTSUS line before budgeting or pricing.

What this page does not decide
It does not confirm classification, stacking duties, relief eligibility or whether a specific transaction has enough documentation.

From Screening Result to Working Decision

Use this page to test partner treatment, gather evidence and choose the right next step.

A. TEST A PARTNER CEILING

United Kingdom: potential 10% maximum total rate.

EU, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Switzerland and Liechtenstein: potential 15% maximum total rate.

Important: the ceiling is not automatic. Substantially all critical components and technology must originate in approved U.S./partner economies and the required certification must be supportable. Final assembly alone is not enough.

B. GATHER THE EVIDENCE

Preserve:

- exact model and imported configuration
- maximum take-off weight
- thermal-imaging integration
- bill of materials
- component origin
- technology provenance
- supplier certifications
- entry and classification records

Model both the headline case and any conditional lower-ceiling case.

C. CHOOSE THE NEXT ACTION

100% path: budget 100% plus other applicable charges; verify relief separately.

25% path: budget 25% plus other applicable charges; test partner treatment separately.

Part/component path: identify the exact annex and effective date. Annex III parts begin February 9, 2027.

Uncertain: stop and verify before pricing or entry.

PLAIN-LANGUAGE GLOSSARY	
Covered UAS A drone or unmanned aircraft included by the official product scope.	HTSUS line The U.S. tariff classification number used for customs entry.
Headline path The starting 25% or 100% Section 232 duty path before other duties or relief.	Partner ceiling A possible maximum total rate for qualifying partner-origin products; it is conditional.
Technology provenance Evidence showing where controlled or critical technology originated.	Annex The official product list that determines whether an article is covered and when.

Need to apply this to a defined product, supplier or sourcing path?

The paid report adds the complete product matrix, partner tests, staged dates, calculations and evidence controls.

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