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## **JAPAN URGES US TO HONOR TRADE DEAL AMID NEW TARIFF PLAN**

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*Japan has urged the United States to ensure fair treatment under a new tariff plan and not treat Tokyo less favorably than under last years bilateral trade agreement, local media reported Tuesday.*

Japans Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Ryosei Akazawa raised the issue during a phone call Monday with US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, according to Kyodo News, citing the trade ministry.

Under a deal reached in July, Washington agreed to impose a 15% reciprocal tariff on Japanese goods, including automobiles, in exchange for Tokyos pledge to invest \$550 billion in the US.

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