



July 31, 2025 – (Alexandria, V.A.) The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) Executive Director and CEO Jonathan Thompson released the following statement concerning the latest Executive Order from President Trump on the de minimis loophole.

"NSA commends the Administration for its decisive action to suspend duty-free "de minimis" treatment for all countries, a long-overdue move that will significantly curb the flow of synthetic drug precursors, counterfeit goods, and illicit materials into the United States.

For years, America's Sheriffs have sounded the alarm on how criminal networks exploit the de minimis loophole by shipping hundreds of millions of small parcels with minimal inspection, often filled with deadly chemical precursors used in the illicit manufacturing of fentanyl and other synthetic opioids. This exploitation has had devastating consequences in communities across our country, fueling the overdose crisis and placing enormous strain on local law enforcement, emergency responders, and public health systems.

This action is a major win for public safety by protecting American consumers and businesses from counterfeit and harmful goods and supporting the brave men and women in law enforcement who are on the front lines of the fight against synthetic drugs. This comes after the NSA advocated Executive Order in May that closed the de minimis loophole on goods from China.

The NSA stands ready to work with the Administration, Congress, and federal agencies to ensure strong implementation and continued vigilance. Together, we can protect our communities, secure our borders, and save lives."

### **About the National Sheriffs' Association**

The National Sheriffs' Association is one of the largest associations of law enforcement professionals in the U.S., representing more than 3,000 elected Sheriffs across the nation, and with a total membership of more than 13,000. NSA is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising the level of professionalism among sheriffs, their deputies, and others in the field of law enforcement, public safety, and criminal justice. Throughout its eighty-four-year history, NSA has also served as an information resource for all law enforcement, as well as state governments and the federal government.

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