



Kickstarter Tariff Surcharge Readiness Check

Before asking board game backers to pay more, confirm the charge, files, platform setup, and backer update describe the same cost change.



Do not launch the surcharge if the amount, importer/DDP assumption, tax setting, or backer explanation is still moving.

1 Can / Should / Stop



Can you collect it?

Platform tools may allow a tariff surcharge, but eligibility and setup limits must be confirmed.



Should you collect it?

Only if the tariff/duty reason, amount, import owner, tax setting, and platform label match the same cost change.



When should you stop?

Pause if the cost gap is actually freight, carton weight, shipping zones, or a stale shipping table.

2 10-Minute Stop/Go

- Tariff or duty reason is clear.
- Surcharge amount is tied to a duty estimate or final file set.
- DDP/importer responsibility is final.
- Tax setting and platform collection method are final.
- Backer update explains what changed and why collection happens now.

3 Red Flags

- The amount is still rough.
- The shipping table was built before the cost change was understood.
- The campaign cannot explain why backers are being asked to pay more now.
- Support has no answer for backers who cannot pay.



Operational readiness screen only. Not legal, tax, customs brokerage, tariff classification, or tariff-rate advice.










What To Review Before The Surcharge Goes Live

Send the smallest useful file set first. Add shipment documents as they become available.

1 MINIMUM TO START REVIEW

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| <input type="checkbox"/>  Current BackerKit / Gamefound / Kickstarter Pledge Manager surcharge or shipping setup | <input type="checkbox"/>  DDP assumption |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  Proposed surcharge amount | <input type="checkbox"/>  Importer assumption |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  Tariff or duty reason | <input type="checkbox"/>  Latest backer update draft |

2 HELPFUL IF AVAILABLE

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| <input type="checkbox"/>  Duty estimate | <input type="checkbox"/>  Tax setting |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  Commercial invoice | <input type="checkbox"/>  Freight quote or booked lane |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  Packing list | <input type="checkbox"/>  Receiving hub plan |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  Carton count | <input type="checkbox"/>  Support script or FAQ draft |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  Carton weight | |

3 WHAT WINSBS WILL RETURN

 Ready to collect	 Pause for file review	 Treat as shipping-table adjustment	 Confirm with broker or tax advisor	 Rewrite the backer update before launch
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4 THE MATCHING TEST



A surcharge is ready only when the file reason, import owner, platform charge, backer update, and support answer all describe the **same cost change**.



Check If Your Surcharge Is Ready Before Backers See It 

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Your surcharge setup and pre-launch campaign materials are reviewed only for the requested fulfillment-readiness check. If your team requires an NDA before sharing sensitive files, request that before sending documents.