

# **Trump's trade war with China making it more expensive to raise kids**



While companies are trying hard to absorb the added costs to keep consumers happy, they are often forced to pass along increases. Manufacturers of baby goods, for example, have absorbed a 20-percent tariff over the past year and are set to see the tax go up to 30 percent by December, explained Joseph Shamie, president of Brooklyn-based **Delta Children**, which makes more than 1,000 items for babies.

As a result, **Delta**'s Westminster convertible crib now costs \$219, up from around \$179 last year, Shamie told The Post. Some of **Delta**'s bassinets also cost as much as 10 percent more now, like its Deluxe Moses line, which sells for \$129.99.

The company's cribs, many of which are sold in Walmart and Costco, cost an average of \$200 — but next year the price could go up to as much as \$300, **Delta** warned in a letter to the US Trade office, where it argued that baby products should be exempt from tariffs.

“In effect, the tariffs have put a tax on babies,” **Shamie** said.