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Do solar panels have a tariff?

In 2014, tariffs were expanded to solar panels assembled using Chinese or Taiwanese cells regardless of country of origin (U.S. ITA 2014, 2015). In 2018, a 30% tariff was imposed on all major solar product exporters to the U.S. (U.S. President 2018; U.S. Trade Representative 2019). This tariff declined 5% each year to reach 15% by 2021.

What tariffs are imposed on Chinese solar cells & modules?

The U.S. had imposed several trade barriers against Chinese solar cell and module imports. In addition to the original 25% tariff under the Section 301, there are anti-dumping and countervailing duties (AD/CVD) that have been imposed since 2012 as well as the Section 201 tariffs targeting cells and modules from all countries.

How are tariffs affecting the solar industry?

In April 2025, the U.S. administration implemented a series of tariffs affecting a broad range of imported goods, including critical components for solar energy systems. These tariffs, varying between 10% and 50% depending on the country of origin, have introduced new challenges for the solar industry, impacting both manufacturers and consumers.

Is the solar industry insulated from tariffs?

Although the cost to install solar in the United States is higher than elsewhere in the developed world, the industry continues to grow in the U.S. The good news is that there has been significant investment in solar manufacturing in the U.S., so the industry is somewhat insulated from the impact of tariffs.

What if China imposes new solar tariffs on imports from Southeast Asia?

When the presidential moratorium on new solar tariffs on imports from Southeast Asia expires next June, imports of solar cells and modules from these five companies will be subject to the tariffs faced by Chinese solar manufacturers, with the tariff level ranging from 50 percent to 250 percent of the import value.

Are Chinese solar panels subject to US AD/CV tariffs?

In the solar industry, the U.S. imposed AD/CV duties on Chinese solar cells and panels in 2012 (U.S. ITA 2012). In 2014, tariffs were expanded to solar panels assembled using Chinese or Taiwanese cells regardless of country of origin (U.S. ITA 2014, 2015).

American manufacturers saw tariffs on imported solar components as a victory but warned that legislation in Congress threatens any potential benefits to industry. The ...

On February 4, 2022, President Biden announced an extension and modification of the existing safeguard tariffs for an additional four years. In his announcement, the President included an ...



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For twelve years, the United States has waged a tariff war against a rising tide of Chinese solar imports. And for twelve years, Chinese ...

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According to the United States government, certain Chinese producers have been circumventing US import duties by exporting solar ...

Imposed under tariff heading 8541, the 25% duty on solar cells had an additional 2.5% Social Welfare Surcharge (SWS), while there was an extra ...

The U.S. government has announced a new tranche of tariffs on solar panel imports from four Southeast Asian nations, in response to complaints from U.S. manufacturers that ...

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What Do the Tariffs Cover? The newly increased tariffs on imports from China, effective as of September 27, 2024, specifically target products ...



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Under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, solar cells tariffs are to be increased from 25% to 50% in 2024.  
Image: President Biden via Twitter. ...

Washington, DC - U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer announced today that President Trump has approved recommendations to impose safeguard tariffs on imported ...

In addition to reporting the Chapter 85 Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) classification for the imported merchandise, importers shall report the following HTS ...

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As consumers are considering going solar it's important to understand what the impact of tariffs might be for the solar industry.

U.S. trade officials this week may impose new tariffs on solar panels from four Southeast Asian nations that American manufacturers have ...

The U.S. solar PV and storage sectors are entering a phase of major policy and market realignment. The One Big Beautiful Bill (OB BB), together with proposed tariffs on ...

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Four nations face tariffs of up to 3,500 percent on solar cell imports, seen as counterproductive to some solar industry observers and thrilling to ...

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