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What are the tariffs affecting battery energy storage?

The tariffs affect a range of clean energy imports including EVs, solar PV, battery energy storage, and inputs for these. This briefing focuses on the tariffs affecting battery energy storage. Policy changes affecting the solar portion of the Section 301 tariffs are addressed in a separate briefing.

Why are Chinese lithium batteries being tariffed in US-China trade?

Additional tariffs imposed under recent trade actions push the total tariff on Chinese lithium batteries to approximately 82% by 2026. These tariffs are part of a broader strategy to reduce U.S. dependence on Chinese battery imports and encourage domestic production. Part 2. Why are lithium batteries necessary in U.S.-China trade?

What is the US tariff policy on lithium ion batteries?

In April 2025, the U.S. government updated its tariff policy on lithium-ion batteries imported from China. The current tariff structure includes: A 3.4% global tariff on lithium-ion batteries, regardless of origin. A Section 301 tariff targeting Chinese imports, currently at 7.5%, is scheduled to rise to 25% by January 2026.

What are China's new tariffs on lithium-ion cells & components?

Starting in 2025, new Chinese tariffs on imported lithium-ion cells and components--especially those used in energy storage systems--have reached levels as high as 104%, according to updated trade filings. This marks a significant increase compared to the average 20.8% rate recorded in 2024.

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Importers have already been posting cash deposits for the duties since last fall. The adjustments Monday to the preliminary rates set last fall will apply from the date the final ...

The U.S. has been slapping tariffs on Chinese imports for a while now, but the focus on clean energy components -- like BESS -- has gotten tighter. The biggest impact ...

Discover how solar EPCs and developers can survive 2025 tariffs, UFLPA detentions, and battery shipping chaos. Learn smart logistics strategies to cut costs, stage ...

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