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Overview

What are China's new tariffs on lithium-ion batteries?

On May 14, 2024, the Biden Administration announced changes to section 301 tariffs on Chinese products. For energy storage, Chinese lithium-ion batteries for non-EV applications from 7.5% to 25%, more than tripling the tariff rate. This increase goes into effect in 2026. There is also a general 3.4% tariff applied lithium-ion battery imports.

What are the tariffs on batteries?

Tariffs have been levied on batteries and other clean energy technology products, particularly solar cells, since 2018 under the previous Trump Administration. The existing 7.5% rate for batteries rises to 10.89% when importing full containerised battery energy storage system (BESS) products containing lithium-ion cells from China.

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.

Which countries import lithium-ion batteries?

Lithium-ion batteries power various technologies, from smartphones to electric vehicles and grid storage. China dominates the global lithium battery supply chain, producing over 75% of the world's lithium-ion battery cells. The U.S. imports nearly 70% of its lithium batteries from China, making tariffs on these products highly impactful.

How many lithium batteries did the US import in 2024?

This marks a significant increase compared to the average 20.8% rate



recorded in 2024. Recent trade data shows that the U.S. imported approximately \$1.9 billion lithium batteries from China in 2024. With the implementation of Trump's China tariffs in 2025, these imports now face a much higher cost structure.

What is the import code for lithium-ion batteries?

Lithium-ion battery modules, packs, and container blocks are generally categorized under import code 8507.6020, and it said the tariff change will likely apply to imports under this code. CEA said further clarity is needed for the correct import code for lithium-ion cells.



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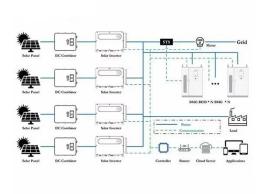
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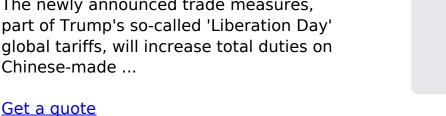
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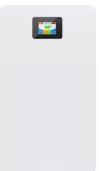
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