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Overview

Will China impose a tariff quota on solar cells & modules?

Since 2018, “safeguard” measures on Chinese-produced solar cells and modules have been in place and have been extended through 2026. The 2018 Presidential Proclamation implementing the recommendations of the USITC imposed a tariff-rate quota (TRQ) of 2.5 gigawatts (GW), allowing for up to that amount to be imported, above which tariffs are imposed.

Are bifacial solar panels excluded from tariffs?

As a result of the public input received, USTR announced certain products would be excluded from tariffs in September 2018,²⁵ and excluded further products in June 2019, including bifacial solar panels that absorb light and generate electricity on both sides of the panel (bifacial modules).²⁶

How many exclusions are there for solar manufacturing equipment?

Exclusions for solar manufacturing equipment, reduced to 14 from the 19 initially proposed: USTR’s May Notice proposed 19 exclusions covering solar manufacturing equipment: five for equipment to manufacture solar modules; six for solar cells; and eight for solar wafers.

What is the USITC’s “safeguard” policy on solar cells and modules?

The USITC conducts an ongoing review of 201 measures, and the President may determine that modifications, reductions, or termination of safeguard actions may be appropriate.²³ Since 2018, “safeguard” measures on Chinese-produced solar cells and modules have been in place and have been extended through 2026.

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