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How much is the import tariff for new energy storage equipment



Overview

According to the 2025 provisional tariff schedule, industrial energy-saving equipment has Equipment import Tariff options of 5% base rate and 3% provisional rate operating in parallel. Will US tariffs affect energy storage?

There have also been indications that the US administration may consider other tariff proposals impacting energy storage, such as a 10-20% universal tariff, tariffs of up to 60% across the board on Chinese-origin goods, and tariffs of 25% on Mexican and Canadian origin goods.

Are Chinese tariffs affecting battery energy storage systems?

If you're in the business of battery energy storage systems (BESS), you've probably felt the squeeze of tariffs on Chinese imports. For years, China has been a go-to for affordable, high-capacity energy storage solutions, but ongoing trade policies and tariffs have made importing these systems into the U.S. more complicated — and expensive.

Will China increase battery tariffs in 2026?

The increase in tariffs for lithium-ion batteries from China from 7% to 25% was announced last week (14 May), effective this year for EV batteries and from 2026 for non-EV batteries, including battery energy storage system (BESS). Industry reaction to the move has been mixed, as we reported this week (Premium access).

How does tariff risk affect a battery energy storage system (BESS) project?

Mitigating tariff risk in battery energy storage system (BESS) projects is crucial for ensuring project financial viability, as tariff changes can significantly affect cost structures and overall project economics.

How will China's new battery tariffs affect us BESS integrators?

The new tariffs on batteries from China will increase costs for US BESS integrators by 11-16%, consultancy Clean Energy Associates said, adding that

new guidance around the domestic content ITC adder will make it easier to access.

How will the new tariffs affect the energy-storage cell industry?

Currently, LG demonstrates the most production expansion plans, potentially accumulating 25 GWh of energy-storage cell production capacity in the U.S. by 2027. Phasing in gradually in 2026, the new tariffs will not affect demand in the short term.

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