

European anti-dumping of photovoltaic panels

Why did the EU impose anti-dumping duties on Chinese solar panels?

On 2 December 2013, the Council imposed anti-dumping duties in respect of imports of solar panels and key components originating in and consigned from China.¹ An investigation carried out by the Commission in 2012 and 2013 had revealed that Chinese solar panels were being sold in Europe at well below their normal market value.

Why are European solar panels being investigated?

The probes reflect a hardening stance in Europe towards cheap Chinese imports, which the EU's solar industry has blamed for the heavy losses and plant closures of several European solar panel manufacturers. "Solar panels have become strategically important for Europe," said the EU's internal market commissioner Thierry Breton on Wednesday.

Why did the European Commission impose a tariff on Chinese solar panels?

In 2012, the European Commission launched an anti-dumping investigation into Chinese solar panel imports; the following year, it imposed an almost 50 per cent duty on those imports. That decision pitched the EU into its biggest trade dispute with China yet. Beijing threatened retaliatory tariffs on wine and luxury cars.

Will the European Parliament block solar panel imports from China?

Two policies are working their way through the European parliament that could lead to obstacles for solar panel imports from China: the corporate sustainability due diligence directive and the forced labour regulation. Both will require agreement between the parliament and the EU's 27 member states.

Are Chinese companies selling solar panels in Europe?

During these investigations the Commission found that Chinese companies were selling solar panels in Europe at far below their normal market prices and were receiving illegal subsidies, causing significant harm to EU solar panel producers.

Are Chinese solar modules flooding the EU market?

Industry data suggests that solar modules from China sold for 50 % of their production cost are flooding the EU market. While this influx can help the deployment of solar power in Europe in the short term, imports at dumped costs open the door to products benefiting from unfair market and labour conditions.

Five years ago, the European Union imposed provisional anti-dumping tariffs on Chinese solar panels. Since then, Brussels and Beijing defused this dispute. Dr Coraline Goron from the University of Oxford China ...

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fair value of a Chinese solar panel sold Europe should be 88in per cent higher than the price at which it is sold" 8. Thus, from August 2013 the duty on Chinese exports was increased from ...

amending Regulation (EU) No 513/2013 imposing a provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells and wafers) originating ...

Europe produces fewer than 3 per cent of the solar panels needed to hit the bloc's 2030 solar power targets. Developers fear implementing trade measures could hit supply and hold up projects.

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the current anti-dumping framework of the European Union. Chapter 2 of the paper introduces the issue by presenting a factual narrative of the specific antidumping dispute about solar panels ...

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