



Export tariffs on lithium battery energy storage containers



Overview

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. This increase goes into effect in 2026. The item under consideration is referred to as a Battery Energy Storage System. The system will be imported under four model numbers: SBE 125, SBE 250, SBE 500, and SBE 1000, and housed in either a 10-foot or 20-foot container. The main components in each container will include rechargeable lithium. On July 31, 2025, the President issued Executive Order 14288 "Further Modifying the Reciprocal Tariff Rates," to correct persistent trade imbalances by imposing additional ad valorem duties on imports from key trading partners. EDT on August 7, 2025 The White. Proposed tariff increases on Chinese lithium-iron-phosphate (LFP) battery imports threaten to disrupt the United States' deployment of battery energy storage systems (BESS), a critical enabler of grid stability and the renewable energy transition. 5% to 25%, more than tripling the tariff rate.



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