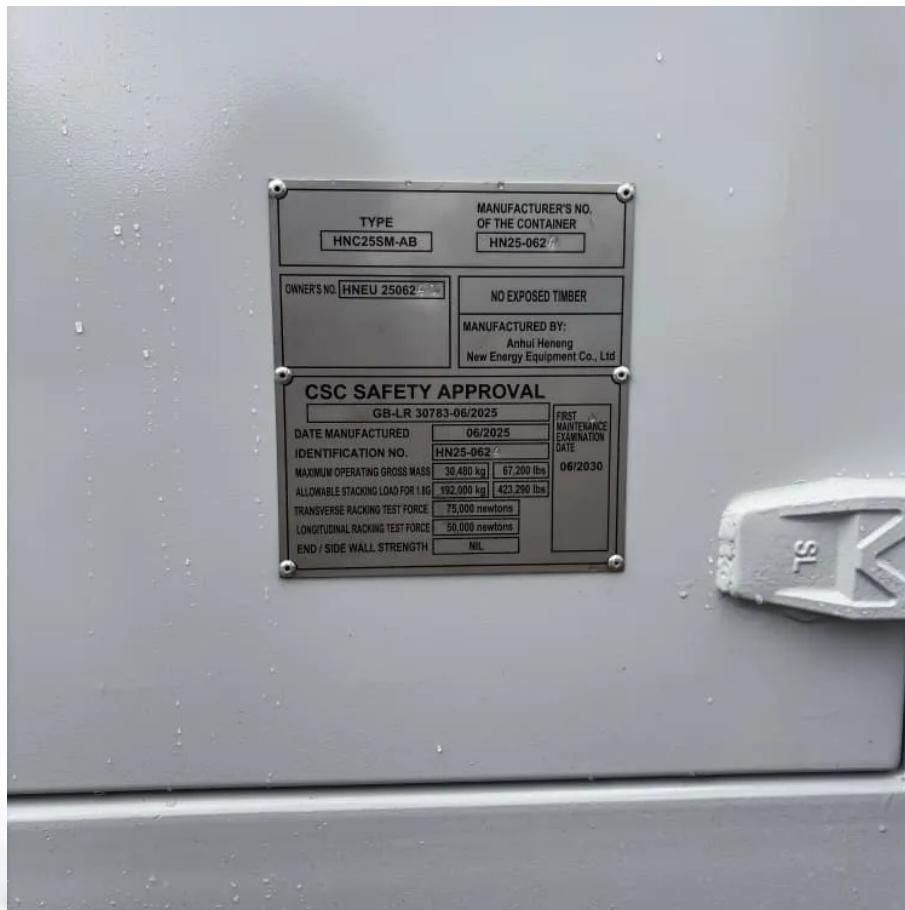


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Overview

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.

Why are Chinese lithium batteries being tariffed in US-China trade?

Additional tariffs imposed under recent trade actions push the total tariff on Chinese lithium batteries to approximately 82% by 2026. These tariffs are part of a broader strategy to reduce U.S. dependence on Chinese battery imports and encourage domestic production. Part 2. Why are lithium batteries necessary in U.S.-China trade?

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How much will China impose on lithium-ion batteries in 2026?

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. Additional tariffs imposed under recent trade actions push the total tariff on Chinese lithium batteries to approximately 82% by 2026.

What is the US tariff policy on lithium ion batteries?

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