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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.

Which international trade issues will remain a concern for energy storage projects?

Two major areas of international trade that will remain causes of concern for energy storage projects are the application of tariffs and supply chain integrity.

How do China tariffs affect EV production?

The current China tariffs increase procurement costs for these essential inputs. Manufacturers that source from global suppliers now face higher prices for cathodes, lithium carbonate, and other EV battery-grade minerals. These cost pressures may affect pricing for finished EVs, influencing consumer adoption rates.

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.

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.

Which sectors are most affected by tariffs?

Among the sectors most affected are energy storage, electric vehicles, and electronics—all of which rely heavily on imported components and materials. Recent and expanded tariffs have significantly impacted battery-related products' cost, availability, and logistics.

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