Solar Trade Tariffs
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The US government recently imposed countervailing duties on imports of Chinese-made solar panels used to generate electricity. The measure was based on the accusation that Chinese solar producers received unfair government subsidies. The dispute comes at a time when world demand for solar panels has been growing rapidly such that the world is expected to produce 11 percent of global electricity from solar energy. To encourage the development of solar-generated electricity, many countries in the world including the United States have been giving financial and non-financial support to the industry, and China is not the only country to support its domestic solar industry.

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