

Alan Price Reacts to the Commerce Department Imposing 31 Percent Tariffs on Chinese Solar Panels

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Alan H. Price, chair of the International Trade Practice, was interviewed by *The New York Times* after the Commerce Department decided to impose tariffs of more than 31 percent on solar panels imported from China. Commerce concluded “that Chinese producers had ‘dumped’ solar panels on the American market for less than it costs to manufacture and ship them.” Mr. Price and Tim Brightbill are representing the U.S. companies in both the solar and wind antidumping cases against China.

The Times reported that “the tariffs, which are retroactive to 90 days before the decision, are in addition to anti-subsidy tariffs of 2.9 percent to 4.73 percent that the department imposed in March.”

“China’s method is straightforward: it sets forth industry-specific Five-Year Plans and then uses all forms of national and local subsidies and other governmental support to quickly transfer jobs, supply chains, intellectual property, and wealth, to the permanent detriment of U.S. and global manufacturers,” said Mr. Price. “China’s ability to ramp up and overwhelm an industry is unique and particularly devastating with new and emerging technologies, where global competitors may be less established and can be knocked out more easily and quickly.”

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