

Solar Photovoltaic Power Generation Dispute Case

What is the solar PV trade dispute?

Historically, renewable energy industries formed unified advocacy coalitions (Meckling et al., 2015). An important feature of the solar PV trade dispute, however, is the division of the solar industry into protectionist and free trade advocacy coalitions in response to the rise in imports from China.

Are US and China negotiating a trade dispute in solar photovoltaics?

While the US and China cooperated in renewable energy development, since 2011 the countries have engaged in a protracted and major trade dispute in the solar photovoltaics industry.

Why did solar PV manufacturers impose trade remedies?

We propose that the imposition and expansion of trade remedies occurred because a small number of domestic solar PV manufacturers successfully forged a coalition with congressional members advocating the use of trade remedies, despite the opposition of the majority of industry.

How did US trade law affect solar photovoltaic companies?

In doing so they sidelined a free trade coalition representing the majority of US solar photovoltaic firms. The institutional design of US trade law also facilitated the successful application of trade remedies.

Why did SolarWorld initiate a second case?

The government has discretion in the technical assessment and in determining the specific details of the tariffs, however. In addition, the escalation of the solar conflict to a second case broadened the scope and level of the tariffs. SolarWorld initiated the second case to close a "loophole" of the outcome of the first case.

Who are the interview subjects in a solar trade case?

The interview subjects were not selected as a representative sample, but rather through snowball sampling among actors within the policy subsystem of the solar trade case. These include senior policymakers, trade lawyers and senior representatives of firms and trade associations.

Arbitration practitioners will need to work out how to best present renewable energy disputes to arbitral tribunals to help them understand these complex cases, rather than relying on independent experts appointed by court whose ...

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