

US solar makers push for tariffs against India, Laos, Indonesia

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US solar manufacturers said they filed new trade petitions against India, Indonesia, and Laos alleging illegal practices by Chinese-owned firms operating in those countries.

The new anti-dumping and countervailing duty petitions were filed by the Alliance for American Solar Manufacturing and Trade, which includes First Solar, Mission Solar Energy, and Qcells. The trade group alleges China is flooding the market with unfairly cheap goods made in factories located in the three Asian countries.

The US has seen a massive shift in its solar supply chain after a years-long investigation into tariff circumvention led to higher duties on solar equipment from the recently tariffed former top suppliers in Southeast Asia.

As shipments from those nations shrank, Indonesia and Laos filled the gap. The two countries accounted for 44 per cent of US cell and module imports in May, up from 1.9 per cent in the same month last year, according to data from *BloombergNEF*. India has also seen solar exports to the US rise since mid-2022.

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