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European solar manufacturers welcome latest U.S. anti-dumping decision

The U.S. Department of Commerce published yesterday local time its final decision on the amounts of anti-dumping and anti-subsidy duties imposed on Chinese solar cells and modules. The newly established amounts of anti-dumping and anti-subsidy duties sum up to 30,66 percent for most Chinese producers, 35,97 percent for Suntech and 23,75 percent for Trina Solar. Those go once again beyond the provisional duties established by the U.S. authorities in May.

On 7 November the International Trade Commission will make a final determination on the implementation of these duties.

Milan Nitzschke, President of EU ProSun, the sustainable European solar manufacturers' initiative, said: "The American decision is yet more proof of the massive dumping and subsidizing of Chinese exports worth billions of euros. The European Union must act as quickly as possible now."

The European Commission opened an anti-dumping investigation into Chinese photovoltaic products on 6 September 2012, after a trade complaint by EU ProSun. A decision will be taken on the opening of an anti-subsidy investigation by mid-November.

Nitzschke concluded: "There is hope that China's drive to establish a global monopoly in the solar industry can be stopped. With massive subsidies, the People's Republic of China is pushing its European and global competitors out of the market, in accordance with the goals set out in its current Five-Year Plan. The U.S. tariffs mark a first step to stop this trend. However, the European solar market is 10 times bigger than the U.S. market; therefore, the introduction of trade defence measures by the European Commission will ultimately determine whether we can return to fair competition and maintain our technological edge, and thousands of jobs in Europe."

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