SECTION 201 TIMELINE

This timeline reveals the road the Section 201 case has taken to get to the White House, and what still lies ahead.
LAST USE OF SECTION 201

Section 201 was last used by President George W. Bush in 2002 to impose tariffs on imported steel products.

Graph shows Section 201's impact on steel industry.
MARCH 29, 2017

SUNIVA LAYS OFF WORKERS

Suniva lays off 131 workers in Georgia and closes its plant in Michigan

Coty Giannelli

Suniva’s solar panel manufacturing facility in Saginaw Township, Michigan
SUNIVA DECLARES BANKRUPTCY

Suniva files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy

A Suniva researcher before the company filed for bankruptcy
Suniva’s Petition in a Nutshell

- Suniva is requesting relief against imports from all geographic sources, which could result in import tariffs, volume limitations or other measures.
- Requests include, but are not limited to, a minimum price on crystalline silicon PV modules (initially $0.78/Wdc) and a tariff on cells (initially $0.40/Wdc).
- These requirements would step down annually for three additional years. The tariff on imported cells would step down to $0.37/Wdc, $0.34/Wdc, and then $0.33/Wdc, while the minimum module price would step down to $0.72/Wdc, $0.69/Wdc, and then $0.68/Wdc.

GTM Research analysis of the petition

APRIL 26, 2017

SECTION 201 CASE FILED

Suniva files Section 201 petition with the ITC for "global safeguard relief from imports of crystalline silicon solar PV cells and modules"
MAY 11, 2017

SOLARWORLD AG DECLARES INSOLVENCY

SolarWorld AG, the parent company of SolarWorld Industries America, files for insololvency in Germany.

Ted Sickinger / The Oregonian

SolarWorld's 103-acre campus in Hillsboro, Oregon
ITC BEGINS INVESTIGATION

The ITC agrees to launch an investigation

International Trade Commission building in Washington, DC

MAY 23, 2017
SolarWorld at an industry trade show

MAY 25, 2017

SOLARWORLD JOINS PETITION

SolarWorld Industries America decides to join Suniva’s petition for Section 201 tariffs

Abby Wilcox
AUGUST 11, 2017

LAWMAKERS SPEAK OUT

A bipartisan group of 69 lawmakers send letter to ITC opposing tariffs
ITC HOLDS HEARINGS

ITC's industry hearings on the Section 201 case begin

ITC convenes its hearing on Section 201
SOLARWORLD AMERICAS PUT UP FOR SALE

SolarWorld AG puts SolarWorld Industries America up for sale
US solar manufacturers’ logos on their opposition letter

AUGUST 22, 2017

MANUFACTURERS SPEAK OUT

27 US solar manufacturers, employing 5,700 send letter to ITC urging them not to recommend tariffs

Sam Donnenberg
SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

ITC AGREES INJURY HAS OCCURRED

ITC votes unanimously that serious injury occurred due to imports. Free trade countries (except Mexico and Korea) are excluded from scope.

Sam Donnenberg
October 3, 2017

ITC HOLDS HEARINGS

ITC holds public hearing to consider petitioners' and opposition's suggested remedies

US ITC convenes for public hearing on Section 201

Sam Donnenberg
ITC ISSUES RECOMMENDATIONS

The four ITC commissioners release 3 different sets of recommendations, all of which are less severe than tariff requests from the petitioners.
NOVEMBER 13, 2017

WHITE HOUSE RECEIVES RECOMMENDATIONS

ITC submits recommendations to the White House
JANUARY 12, 2018

WHITE HOUSE DEADLINE

Deadline for Trump's decision on Section 201

President Trump at a meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping in November to discuss trade deals.