

Epsilon Advanced Materials Welcomes 160% U.S. Duties on Chinese Graphite Anode Imports; Effective Tariff Impact Reaches 205%

Highlights

- U.S. Department of Commerce (DOD) finalizes antidumping (AD) and countervailing duties (CVD) of 160% on Chinese graphite active anode material (AAM) imports
- Duties apply to natural and synthetic graphite anode materials, including coated, uncoated, and blended products used in lithium-ion batteries
- Measures expected to remain in effect for a minimum of five years, subject to final U.S. International Trade Commission determination
- EAMs Fully permitted North Carolina facility targets 30,000 TPA positions it as a scaled domestic graphite anode supplier

North Carolina, USA, February 13, 2026 – Epsilon Advanced Materials (EAM), a leading global manufacturer of battery grade graphite anode materials, welcomes the U.S. Department of Commerce’s final determinations in the antidumping and countervailing duty investigations covering graphite active anode materials imported into the United States from China.

The Department of Commerce has finalized antidumping duties of 93.5% and countervailing duties of 66.86% on all Chinese AAM producers. In total duties exceeding 160% on Chinese graphite anode imports is subject to a final affirmative determination by the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC), expected in March 2026. These determinations represent a decisive step toward restoring fair competition in the U.S. anode materials market and addressing longstanding pricing distortions driven by non-market practices.

When combined with the 25% Section 301 tariff, 10% IEEPA tariff, and 10% reciprocal tariff, the total effective duty on Chinese graphite active anode materials reaches 205%. This marks a structural shift in the competitive landscape of the U.S. battery materials market.

Vikram Handa, Managing Director of Epsilon Advanced Materials, said “The U.S. Department of Commerce’s final determinations represent a defining inflection point for the American battery industry. With combined tariff impacts now reaching 205%, the market is entering a new era of fair and competitive trade conditions. This is a pivotal moment for the U.S. battery industry.

Epsilon Advanced Materials is committed to building a world-class graphite anode manufacturing capacity in the United States. Localization is essential to ensuring long term energy security, strengthening domestic industrial capability, and supporting the rapid expansion of electric vehicle and energy storage manufacturing in North America. We are proud to contribute to building a resilient, transparent, and globally competitive U.S. battery materials ecosystem.”

As one of the few integrated graphite anode manufacturers establishing large-scale production in the United States, Epsilon Advanced Materials is well positioned to support battery cell manufacturers, automotive OEMs, and energy storage companies seeking secure, domestically produced anode materials. EAM’s fully permitted North Carolina facility is targeting 30,000 tons per annum capacity will deliver high-performance graphite anodes for EV and energy storage applications, strengthening U.S. energy security and industrial competitiveness.



About Epsilon Advanced Materials

Epsilon Advanced Materials (EAM) is a global manufacturer of advanced graphite anode materials for lithium-ion batteries and is establishing large-scale production in the United States. The company commissioned **EAM-ONE**, India's first graphite anode material customer qualification plant, demonstrating its proven manufacturing expertise and product validation capabilities. In the U.S., EAM is developing a fully permitted graphite anode manufacturing facility in North Carolina, targeting 30,000 TPA. EAM is committed to strengthening domestic battery supply chains, enhancing U.S. energy security, and supporting the rapid growth of electric vehicle and energy storage manufacturing across North America. These initiatives align with its mission to support the global battery industry and contribute to sustainable development to Energize the World. For more details: www.epsilonam.com

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