

## US seeks public comment on China maritime dominance investigations

The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is inviting comments from the public on proposed Section 301 actions to end unfair practices by China.

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The [USTR](#) recently issued findings in the Section 301 investigation of [China](#) targeting the maritime, logistics, and shipbuilding sectors for dominance, concluding that China’s targeted dominance in these sectors is unreasonable and burdens or restricts U.S. commerce, and is therefore “actionable” under Section 301.

To obtain the elimination of China’s acts, policies, and practices, and in light of China’s market power over global supply, pricing, and access in the maritime, logistics, and shipbuilding sectors, USTR proposes to impose certain fees and restrictions on international maritime transport services related to Chinese ship operators and Chinese-built ships, as well as to promote the transport of US goods on US vessels.

USTR will hold a public hearing about the proposed actions on 24 March 2025.

In March 2024, five national labour unions of US filed a petition requesting an investigation of China targeting the maritime, logistics, and shipbuilding sectors for dominance. One month later, The United States Trade Representative announced the initiating of the investigation.

The China Association of the National Shipbuilding Industry (CANSI) and China Shipowner Association (CSA) previously described US investigation into the shipbuilding sector as “irresponsible” and “full of lies”.