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Summary: Europeans are frustrated that European batteries and cars don't qualify for U.S. consumer EV subsidies in a straightforward way (though the "leased vehicle" exception provides ample ground for trade), as well as the persistence of national security tariffs that apply to close security allies. Americans are frustrated by the contortions created by the EU's desire to respond to China's distortions by only using measures that fit within the narrow confines clearly allowed by the WTO (The U.S. also takes a more expansive view than the EU about what the WTO allows). These competing approaches to managing the Chinese threat have led to the fracturing of the transatlantic markets for not only clean energy goods, but also dirty goods like steel that need to become clean to lower global carbon emissions. Related: [Can China Reduce Its Internal Balances Without Renewed External Imbalances?](#) and [China's Auto Export Wave Echoes Japan's in the '70s and Danish Weight Loss Drugs vs. Chinese Cars: Two Models of Export Booms](#)

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