

South African photovoltaic module export requirements





Overview

Does South Africa Import solar PV components?

Exponential growth in the uptake of solar PV has seen South Africa import billions worth of solar PV components over the last few years.

Does South Africa have a localisation potential for solar PV Manufacturing?

55 South African Photovoltaic Industry Association, The localisation potential of the South African solar photovoltaics (PV) industry and recommendations to support local manufacturing in South Africa. Two main factors are identified as predominant constraints to further growth of domestic solar PV manufacturing.

Is South Africa facing a new wave of solar import duties?

The solar industry in South Africa is facing a new wave of pressure, as import duties are now officially applied to various renewable energy components, including photovoltaic (PV) solar panels. Although the 10% import duty officially came into effect in June 2024, many installers and developers are only now beginning to feel its impact.

Where can I test a solar PV module in South Africa?

One of the leading test facilities for solar PV in South Africa is operated by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). The CSIR solar PV module testing laboratory in Pretoria provides the equipment, expertise, and capacity to undertake accelerated reliability stress testing on PV modules to ensure their quality and reliability.

What is the South African Solar Photovoltaic Industry Association?

67 South African Photovoltaic Industry Association, The localisation potential of the South African solar photovoltaics (PV) industry and recommendations to support local manufacturing in South Africa. 68 Rivett-Carnac, Insights into the Solar Photovoltaic Manufacturing Value Chain in South Africa.



Does South Africa have regulations on PV installations?

South Africa still has a lack of regulations and standards regarding PV installations. Nevertheless, existing regulations must be adhered to. In the NRS 097-03, the maximum size of a PV installation connected to a certain feeder is stipulated.



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To participate in solar power grid export through SEG tariffs or other grid integrations, installations must adhere to MCS (Microgeneration Certification Scheme) standards or their equivalent.



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