

# **Cuba's tariffs on bifacial photovoltaic modules**





## Overview

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According to current regulations, the following equipment and its essential parts are exempt from paying tariffs: How much does it cost to import them?

From the Cuban Customs perspective, no tariffs are payable on this equipment. Will bifacial solar panels be exempt from tariffs?

In his announcement, the President included an exemption for bifacial solar panels. This decision comes after the ITC recommended in November 2021 to extend the safeguard tariffs for an additional four years. Proclamations.

Did Biden put bifacial solar panels back under Sec 201 tariffs?

The Biden Administration today put imported bifacial solar panels back under Sec. 201 tariffs, after the specialty solar panels enjoyed a two-year exemption from extra duties first initiated by President Biden in 2022.

When can I import bifacial solar panels?

The affected solar cells and modules are classified under the following Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) codes: Importers who signed contracts by May 16, 2024, may import bifacial solar panels without Section 201 duties from June 26, 2024, to September 23, 2024, provided the contract terms have not changed.

Why is Cuba allowing a non-commercial import of photovoltaic systems?

Cuba authorized this Wednesday the non-commercial import of photovoltaic systems, their parts and pieces, free of customs duties, by individuals. The regulation aims to increase the participation of individuals in the electric power generation matrix, to advance in the development of renewable energy sources in Cuba, the source indicates.

Why are bifacial panels exempt from tariffs?

Bifacial panels were originally exempt from the tariffs because there was no



significant domestic manufacturing capacity of the specialty product. This caused more bifacial modules to be imported into the United States than monofacial panels, undermining the objectives of the original safeguard measure.

Should Cuba have a photovoltaic system?

The first of these two proposals seems to be the most attractive for Cubans with the means to do so. With today's photovoltaic technologies, any Cuban house can in theory satisfy its own electricity needs, as well as that of neighboring residences.



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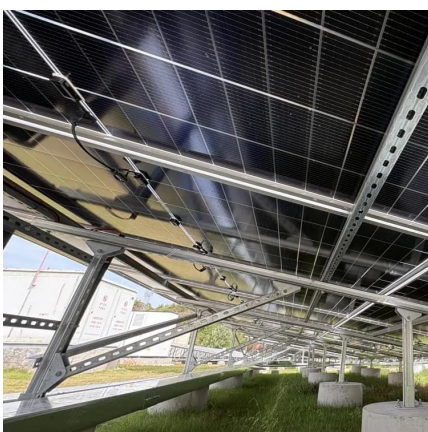
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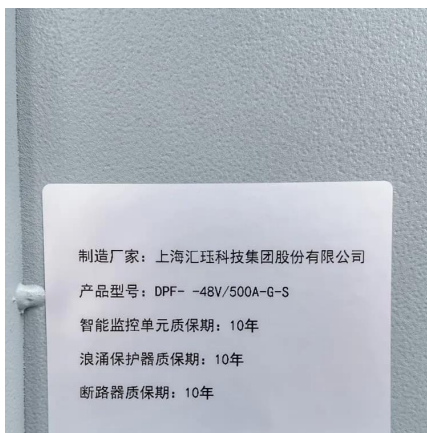




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The administration plans to imminently remove an exclusion for bifacial solar panels from the Section 201 safeguard, which consists of (1) a tariff-rate quota on crystalline silicon ...

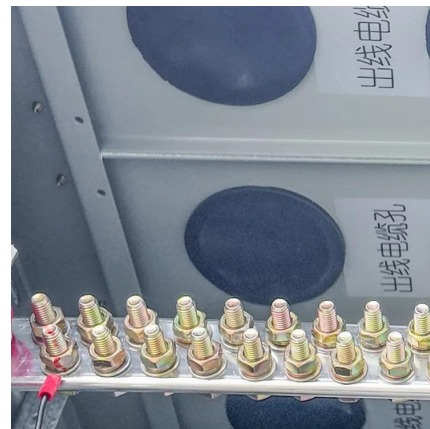
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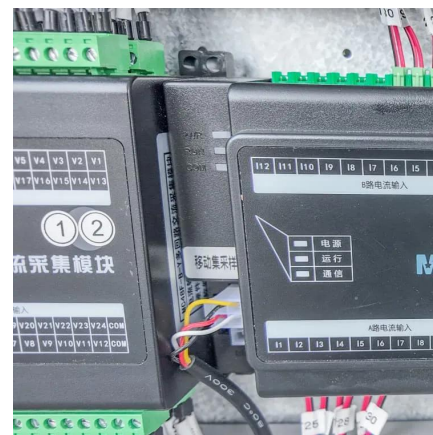
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