

# Photovoltaic panels exempt from export inspection



## Overview

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Export License: Photovoltaic modules themselves generally do not require an export license, but if they involve energy storage components such as lithium-ion batteries, it is necessary to check the "Export License Management Goods Catalog (2025)". On January 23, 2018, USTR announced that the President had approved recommendations to provide relief to U. International . On February 4, 2022, the President signed Proclamation 10339 "To Continue Facilitating Positive Adjustment to Competition from Imports of Certain Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells (Whether or not Partially or Fully Assembled into Other Products)" under Section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974 . Solar photovoltaic (PV) manufacturing involves making a wide variety of products and materials across several manufacturing steps, often done in different locations. In the United States, there are two leading types of solar panels: cadmium telluride (CdTe) and crystalline silicon (c-Si). The affected solar . Heading 85. 40 (photosensitive semiconductor devices, including photovoltaic cells whether or not assembled into modules or made . 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.

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### **Bifacial Solar Panels Subject to Section 201 Duties**

President Biden issued Proclamation 10779, ending the exemption from Section 201 duties on bifacial solar panels imported on or after June 26. Find out if your products are affected.

### [President Biden Exempts Bifacial Solar Panels from Tariffs and](#)

The first 2.5 gigawatts worth of solar cell and module imports were exempt from the tariffs. The tariffs would have expired this month, but several manufacturers, including Auxin Solar,



### **QB 23-507 Solar Cells and Modules 2023**

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Photovoltaic (CSPV) Cells and Modules as  
specified in the Presidential Proclamation signed  
February 4, 2022. See more on [cbp.gov](http://cbp.gov) Missing:  
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### **Overview of Trade and Policy Measures for U.S. Solar**

In June 2024, the U.S. International Trade Commission found that imports of c-Si cells and modules from Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand, and Cambodia may be

### **Importing Solar Panels From China, India, and More**

While tariff rates have resumed following the two-year exemption, President Biden has more than doubled the energy production threshold of solar panels that can be brought into the



### [Market impacts from the recent flurry of solar policy actions - pv](#)

Bifacial solar modules were previously exempt from tariffs, and the removal of the exemption reinstates a 15% tariff. The reinstatement of this tariff is expected to increase the cost of

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For both CSPV cells and modules, products of all countries are covered except for the following:



### [Overview of Trade and Policy Measures for U.S. Solar Manufacturing](#)

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### **Photovoltaic Components Export Guide: HS Codes, Declaration**

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### [Bifacial solar panels lose tariff exemption after Biden reverses course](#)

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### **Final Affirmative Determinations in the Antidumping and**

To date, Commerce maintains 734 AD and CVD orders that provide relief to American companies and industries impacted by unfair trade.



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### **Section 201 - Imported Solar Cells and Modules**

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

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