

Eu restricts imports of chinese solar container products

<div class="df_qntext">Will the EU ban Chinese-made solar panels?

The EU has decided to ban importing goods made using forced labour, in a move that also limits access to Chinese-made solar panels. The European Parliament and European Council reached agreement on the proposal in the early hours of Tuesday, March 5.

<div class="df_qntext">Should Europe accept Chinese solar imports?

Consequently, Europe should accept Chinese solar imports while still ensuring that global supply chains are not held hostage to a single supplier. Importantly, the West should continue to emphasize to Beijing that it seeks to de-risk rather than decouple supply chains.

<div class="df_qntext">How many solar panels did the EU import in 2023?

In 2023, the EU imported EUR19.7 billion worth of solar panels, EUR3.9 billion of liquid biofuels and EUR0.3 billion worth of wind turbines from extra-EU countries. The value of imported solar panels decreased by 12% compared with 2022 due to a drop in prices, while the quantity increased by 5%.

<div class="df_qntext">Will EU slap trade restrictions on Chinese solar imports?

Policymakers are scrambling to respond, but are split over how to do so. German Economy Minister Robert Habeck wrote to the European Commission in November, expressing concern that the EU executive was about to slap trade restrictions on Chinese solar imports, a letter seen by Reuters showed.

<div class="df_qntext">Should China cut off Solar Exports to the EU?

But whether that investment actually makes sense is an open question, according to Jenny Chase, a senior solar analyst at BloombergNEF. If China does cut off solar exports to the EU, the bloc can swap in imports from the U.S. and India, she said.

<div class="df_qntext">Will Xinjiang's solar deal affect Europe's green economy?

Tuesday's deal will have ramifications for Europe's green economy, however. Chinese solar panels in particular heavily rely on forced labour from the Muslim-majority region of Xinjiang. Banning products produced with forced labour could see Chinese solar panels banned from the EU, the Commission acknowledged in a March 4 statement on the matter.

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