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Overview

Why do Eu solar panels come from China?

This is due to lower production costs in China and the EU's decision to lift tariffs on Chinese solar panels in 2018. According to Eurostat data, a staggering 98% of solar panels imported into the EU in 2023 came from China. In monetary terms, the EU imported €19.7 billion worth of solar PV panels from China in 2023.

Does China make solar panels?

China has invested over USD 50 billion in new PV supply capacity – ten times more than Europe – and created more than 300 000 manufacturing jobs across the solar PV value chain since 2011. Today, China's share in all the manufacturing stages of solar panels (such as polysilicon, ingots, wafers, cells and modules) exceeds 80%.

How much solar energy did the EU import from China in 2023?

The EU imported €19.7 billion worth of solar photovoltaic panels from China in 2023. In 2023, the EU imported €19.7 billion worth of solar panels, €3.9 billion of liquid biofuels, and €0.3 billion worth of wind turbines from extra-EU countries, according to the Eurostat data.

Are Chinese-manufactured solar panels piling up in European warehouses?

Chinese-manufactured solar photovoltaic (PV) panels are piling up in European warehouses, with Rystad Energy forecasting 100 GWdc of solar capacity in storage by the end of 2023.



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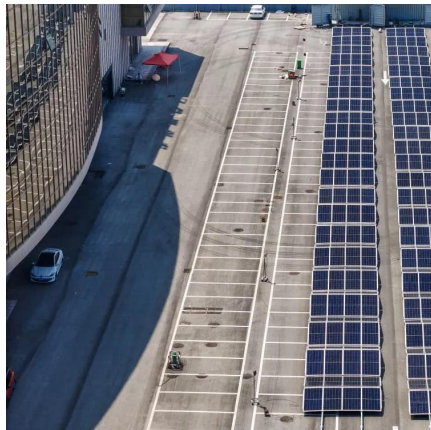
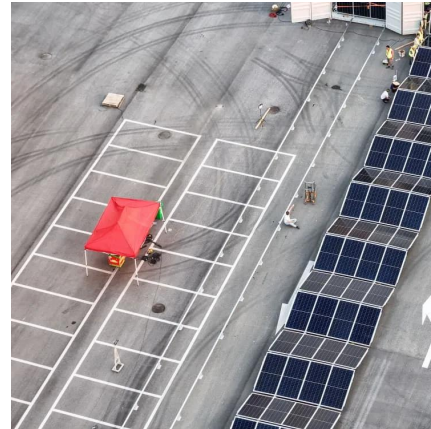
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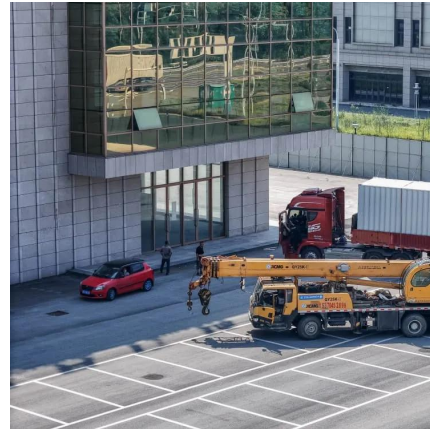
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