



**SolarTech Power Solutions**

# **Can Georgian solar modules be exported**



## Overview

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A new factory has opened in Georgia's third largest city of Kutaisi to produce solar panels that will be exported to the European Union, United States and Middle East. How does solar export control work?

These limits can apply to any size of solar installation, from utility-scale projects to solar panels on private residences. Suppose a solar plant produces more electricity than can be supplied to the grid. In that case, solar export control will be implemented to limit the amount of exported electricity.

Are exports from Georgia VAT-exempt?

Moreover, from 1 September 1997, Georgia applied the country of destination principle in VAT taxation and therefore, exports from Georgia are VAT-exempt. From January 1, 2011 the new Tax Code of Georgia took effect which also includes the provisions regulating customs. Tax Code established business friendly customs procedures.

How did the Georgian export laws change?

The procedures of issuing licenses and permits were significantly simplified to the "one-stop shop" and "silence is consent" principles. Georgian legislation concerning export tariffs states that export or re-export of goods from Georgia is duty-free.

What exports are allowed in Georgia?

Georgia has one of the most liberal export regimes, however, some regulations apply to the following exports. Objects of national heritage (cultural valuables) of Georgia (Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection of Georgia) Electronic surveillance facilities (Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia).

How do solar export limiters work?

Solar export limiters work through a smart meter installed into the system.

This smart meter monitors the amount of electricity being produced as it passes through the system. Once the set threshold is reached, the smart meter sends signals to the inverter to switch off and stop any more power from being exported to the grid.

What are export duties in Georgia?

Export duties mean: customs fee or/and duty payable for the removal of goods from the customs territory of Georgia. Most Favored Nation (MFN) regime is one of the fundamental principles of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and an important element of non-discriminative treatment in trade.

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