

Title: Germany's solar base station requirements

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What are the new regulations for solar energy in Germany?

The Solar Package I, which was significantly amended during the legislative process, contains a number of new regulations for solar energy in Germany, particularly in the Renewable Energy Sources Act (Erneuerbare-Energien-Gesetz - „EEG ") and in the Energy Industry Act (Energiewirtschaftsgesetz - „, EnWG ").

What does the solar package I mean for Germany?

With the Solar Package I, Germany aims to triple the annual expansion of photovoltaic (PV) plants in Germany in order to achieve its annual expansion target of 22 GW by 2026. This is a brief overview of the relevant changes to the German Renewable Energies Act (Erneuerbare-Energien-Gesetz - EEG). What do I need to know?

Why did Germany adopt the solar package?

The German Bundestag and the Bundesrat adopted the Solar Package today. In light of the ambitious PV targets for 2030, the adopted measures will speed up the rate of expansion of PV capacity and of other renewables.

How many PV modules are needed in Germany?

Annual installations of 12-20 GW are required for the construction and increasingly for the ongoing renewal of this plant park, corresponding to approx. 40 million PV modules at a cost of several billion euros. PV production in Germany offers long-term security of supply with high environmental, social, and quality standards.

Nevertheless, the government is working on transposing the requirements from the European Net Zero Industry Act (NZIA) into German law as quickly as possible.

With immediate effect, all ground-mounted PV systems must fulfil minimum nature conservation criteria in order to receive an EEG allowance. Operators can choose from a catalogue ...

The rules have been considerably simplified for installation operators in many respects. Furthermore, the Solar Package also includes provisions to accelerate the expansion of other ...

These new regulations are intended to facilitate and accelerate the expansion of solar energy in Germany and contain numerous changes for both ground-mounted and rooftop PV plants.

In order to cover our entire energy demand from renewable energies (RE), a massive expansion of installed PV capacity is necessary, in addition to a number of other measures.

Germany has introduced a major regulatory shift affecting the solar energy sector, with new rules coming into effect from February 25, 2025

Each federal state in Germany has specific requirements and guidelines for ground-mounted photovoltaic systems that consider both general protection measures and regional particularities.

From February 1, 2025, a far-reaching legal innovation will come into force that affects operators of photovoltaic systems: the so-called ZEREZ obligation. This step is a key milestone for the ...

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