

Ministry of Foreign Affairs responds to seizure of photovoltaic panels



Overview

Qcells has confirmed that US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has detained an unspecified volume of its solar cell imports from South Korea. The company claims the cells do not contain components from Xinjiang, China and says it is working with CBP to resolve the issue. From pv . On January 14 local time in the US, the Department of Homeland Security announced the addition of 37 Chinese companies to the so-called "Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act Entity List.

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Over the past nine months, unexplained communication equipment has been found inside Chinese power inverters used to connect solar panels and wind turbines to electricity grids.

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The United States International Trade Commission (Commission or USITC) today determined that a U.S. industry is materially injured by reason of imports of crystalline silicon



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Inverters, of which a majority are imported, connect solar panels and wind installations to electric grids by converting DC power to AC power. While solar tech does typically have firewalls

Qcells confirms US customs detained solar cell imports

The dashboard suggests that the seizures were the first detentions of electronic products from South Korea since UFLPA enforcement began.



[5 solar companies included in latest batch of banned entities under](#)



[Warning of renewed forced-labour enforcement in US after Hanwha](#)

PV Tech has contacted the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for comment regarding the detention of solar cells produced in South Korea at the US border. In a statement to

The five solar companies added to the ban list this week join previous listees Hoshine Silicon, Daqo New Energy, East Hope and GCL New Energy. See the full UFLPA Entity List [here](#).



[Five PV Companies Added to US Sanctions List, Foreign Ministry](#)

Regarding the above news, at the regular press conference of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs held on January 15, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Jia Kun Guo, in response to related inquiries from foreign

[US to impose tariffs of up to 3.521% on south-east Asia solar panels](#)

The US commerce department has announced the new tariffs, targeting companies in Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia and Vietnam, after an investigation begun a year ago when American



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Every solar panel and battery connected to the U.S. energy grid relies on a device few people ever consider: the power inverter. In May of 2025, U.S. experts found undocumented

[Five solar businesses added to forced labor list, banned from U.S.](#)

Under the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA), five businesses in China were added to an entity list, making them ineligible to provide products and services in the United States.



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