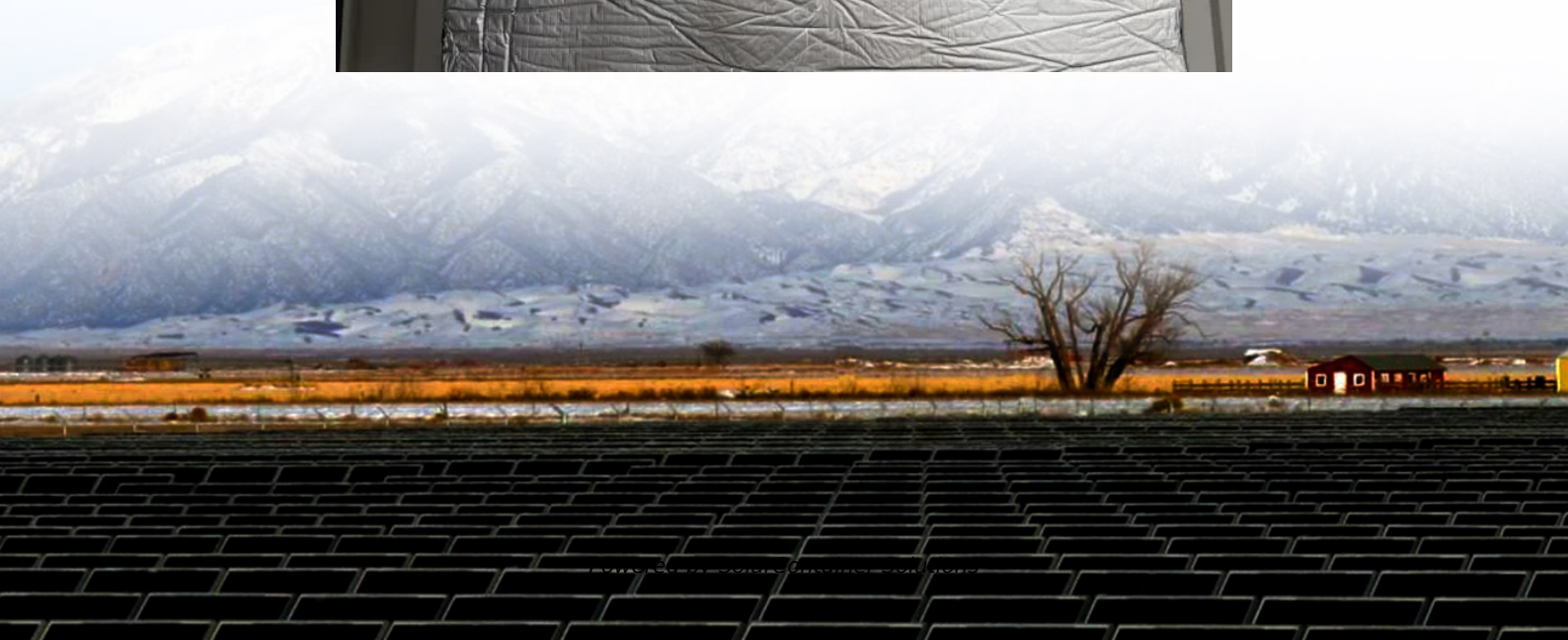


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## Overview

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Are solar PV systems taxed in Kenya?

In Kenya, since 2013, there have been several revisions of the VAT and Customs Management Act vis-à-vis application of taxes and duties on solar PV modules, balance of system components and appliances designed for use on solar PV systems.

What is the VAT rate for solar in Kenya?

In 2014, the Kenyan Government lifted all Value Added Tax (VAT) charges on imported solar products, overriding an existing 16% VAT charge. This undoubtedly helped spur the import market and has been one of the fundamental contributors to Kenya's leading position in solar power adoption. Import duty for solar products in Kenya is also zero (0) %.

Does Kenya have a VAT exemption for solar equipment & accessories?

In September 2013 the newly introduced Value Added Tax Act 2013 ("The Kenyan VAT Act 2013") did not contain any provisions providing for VAT exemption or zero-rating of solar equipment and accessories. This meant that with effect from 1st September 2013 imported solar equipment and accessories were subject to VAT at 16%.

What is the duty remission for solar equipment in Kenya?

Earlier in 2011, duty remission was granted for the import of raw materials used in solar equipment manufacturing in Kenya. This was meant to help improve the competitiveness of locally made products. The duty remission was a strategic shift away from the existing 25% duty on such products.

What tariffs does Kenya impose?

Kenya applies tariffs based on the international harmonized system of product classification and applies duties and tariffs of the EAC Common External Tariff. Customs duties can be levied at rates between 0% and 100%, with an average



of 25%.

What are the import tax rates in Kenya?

The rates are prescribed under the 2015 Excise Duty Act. Imports into Kenya are subject to a standard VAT rate of 16%, levied on the sum of the CIF value, duty, and other applicable taxes. An import declaration fee of 3.5% and railway development levy of 2%. Tariff rates can be estimated by visiting Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) website.



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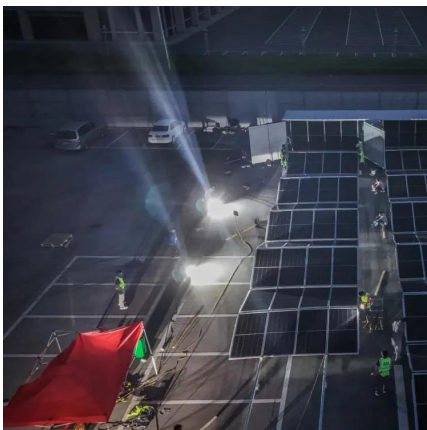
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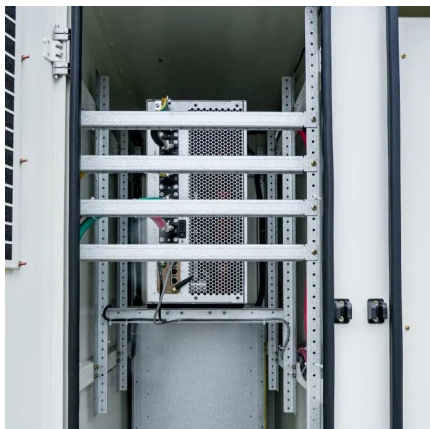
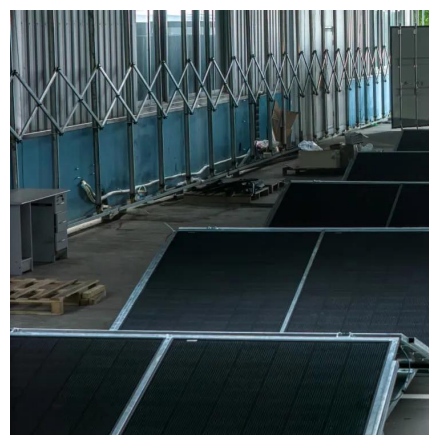
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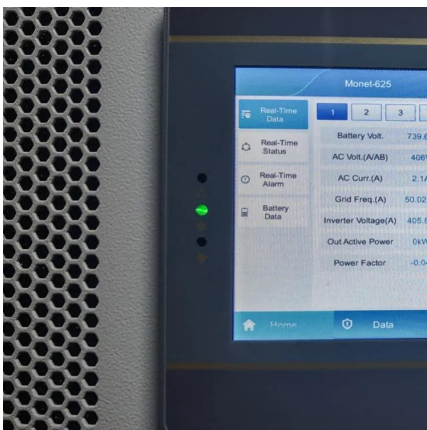
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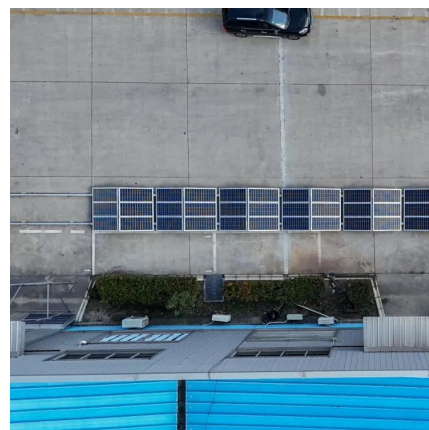
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