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What are China's new investment guidelines for solar photovoltaic manufacturing projects?

China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology has finalised new investment guidelines for solar photovoltaic (PV) manufacturing projects, as reported by Reuters. The move aims to curb overcapacity in the sector, a persistent issue that has led to a significant drop in prices.

#### What happened to solar panels in 2022?

In December 2022, the price of silicon, the key raw material of solar panels, started to drop. From a high point of 306,000 yuan (\$45,091) per ton in October, the price of monocrystalline dense materials -- which are made from a single source of silicon -- fell last week to 176,200 yuan (\$25,964) per ton, a drop of 42.4%.

#### What is China's production capacity for solar modules?

At the end of 2023, China's annual production capacity for finished solar modules was 861 gigawatts (GW) equivalent according to China Photovoltaic Industry Association data, more than double global module installations of 390 GW.

#### Does China Export solar panels?

In the first half of 2022, China's exports of solar panels amounted to 78.7 GW, an increase of 102% year-on-year. China's leading PV companies derive from 50% to 80% of their revenue from outside China. Will the drop in the price of silicon translate into lower prices for foreign customers of Chinese solar panels?

#### Will Yellen warn China about solar energy subsidies?

U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, set to visit China this week, plans to warn Beijingof the harm done by subsidies for clean energy products including solar panels that she says are flooding global markets and pose a threat to U.S. firms, workers and the global economy.

#### What are China's new solar policy guidelines?

The guidelines are part of China's strategy to promote upgrading and structural adjustments within the PV industry. This development comes on the heels of a reduction in export tax rebates for solar components, which is likely to cause slight price increases for international buyers as manufacturers pass on the costs.

The cost of setting up a solar power station in China increased for the first time in 15 years, as the prices of raw material rose amid booming demand driven by the country's green ambitions. In 2021, the installation of



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