

# Foreign standards related to photovoltaic inverters

What is a sustainability standard for photovoltaic modules & inverters?

The Sustainability Standard for photovoltaic modules and inverters is a set of product sustainability performance criteria and corporate performance metrics that exemplify sustainability leadership in the market.

What is a PV standard (PV Module and PV Inverter)?

The Sustainability Leadership Standard for PV modules and PV inverters provides a framework and standardized set of performance objectives for manufacturers and the supply chain in the design and manufacture of PV module and PV inverter components.

How many IEC standards are there for photovoltaic technology?

There are currently 169 published IEC standards by TC-82 related to photovoltaic technology, and work is in progress for 69 more (new ones or revisions). This set of standards is the most broadly used by the scientific community and technicians in research centres and companies.

What standards are available for the energy rating of PV modules?

Standards available for the energy rating of PV modules in different climatic conditions, but degradation rate and operational lifetime need additional scientific and standardisation work (no specific standard at present). Standard available to define an overall efficiency according to a weighted combination of efficiencies.

What are the requirements for a power inverter?

Inverter should meet the requirements specified in IEEE Std. 929-2000 or other national standard or the interconnecting utility requirements. Phase current imbalance should be less than 5% measured at 50% and 100% rating. Unbalanced phase currents may cause overheating of the utility transformer.

Are there any PV regulations in North America?

Although there are no specific PV regulations in North America at present, several working groups have been established for research funding programs, such as SEIA's discussions with DOE. In the US, several states have passed or are preparing regulations on managing PV waste.

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