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This week's edition focuses on the escalation of the solar trade war, global PV forecasts, large PV projects in Latin America, and extensive supply agreements for Japan.

## **U.S. to impose new tariffs on Chinese, Taiwanese solar PV products**

In a further escalation of the solar trade war with China, the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) has imposed yet another layer of tariffs on solar photovoltaic (PV) modules from China, and – for the first time – on imports from Taiwan.

### **SEIA, CASE condemn DOC decision**



*The U.S. DOC will immediately impose antidumping duties ranging from 26.33 to 58.87 percent for Chinese PV products and 27.59 to 44.18 percent for Taiwan*

Rhone Resch, president and CEO of the U.S. Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA), was quick to condemn the decision.

“Enough is enough. The Department of Commerce continues to rely on an overly broad scope definition for subject imports from China, adversely impacting both American consumers and the vast majority of the U.S. solar industry,” Resch said.

“Today’s determination is another unnecessary obstacle for the U.S. solar industry that will hinder the deployment of clean energy by raising the prices of solar products,” stated Jigar Shah, president of the Coalition for Affordable Solar Energy (CASE). [More](#)

### **SolarWorld commends U.S. government’s decision**

SolarWorld Americas commended the U.S. Department of Commerce’s determination to impose preliminary anti-dumping import duties averaging about 42 percent PV modules made in Chinese and about 36 percent on solar cells made in Taiwan. [More](#)

## **Global solar market to double by 2020 to USD 137 billion**

According to Frost & Sullivan the global solar photovoltaic (PV) demand in 2014 is dominated by the Asia Pacific region, which will account for approximately 46 percent of annual installed solar PV capacity.



*PV plant in China*

China, Japan, India, and Australia will continue to be the top four countries driving regional demand. With PV panel prices coming down drastically, Asian manufacturers are now looking at value chain integration and technical efficiencies to differentiate their products from other suppliers in the market.

Also in Europe the market continues to grow. By 2020 Germany, France, Spain, Italy, and the United Kingdom, together, plan to install more than 75 GW of solar PV capacity.

The total global installed PV capacity in 2013 was 137 GW. [More](#)

## Large solar PV projects announced in Central, Latin America



Last week, SolarReserve announced that it signed a supply contract for its 20 megawatt (MW) Acajutla solar photovoltaic (PV) project in El Salvador as part of a highly competitive tender solicitation by the local electric distribution companies. [More](#)

Also last week, Fotowatio closed financing for a 65 MW solar PV project in Uruguay. Scheduled to be completed by May 2015, the PV plant will be one of the largest solar projects in Latin America. [More](#)

## First Solar, Yingli to ship multi megawatts to Japan

First Solar and XSOL Co., Ltd. (Kyoto, Japan) on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 announced that they have signed an agreement to supply First Solar's cadmium telluride (CdTe) thin film modules in Japan.



The agreement targets installation of 100 megawatts (MW) per year, the partners announced. [More](#)

Last week, Yingli Green Energy Holding Company Limited, known as "Yingli Solar", announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Yingli Green Energy Japan Corporation ("Yingli Japan"), has signed an agreement to supply 32 MW of multicrystalline solar photovoltaic (PV) modules to a large-scale project located in Okayama, Japan. [More](#)

## Further global solar news:

- [Yingli Solar on U.S. DOC decision: Tariffs for imported PV products will increase the price of solar energy in America](#)
- [Enel to solely continue 3Sun's PV production in Catania, Italy](#)
- [Solar Frontier to build 13 MW PV plant for World Heritage Town Hiraizumi, Japan](#)
- [SunEdison partners with Community Energy on Colorado's largest solar PV plant](#)
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