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Overview

As of 2025, the federal ITC provides a 30% tax credit for qualified commercial solar installations. This rate is scheduled to remain at 30% through 2032, after which it will step down to 26% in 2033 and 22% in 2034. The East African region has renewable energy associations (NREAs) in all countries; namely; BUREA-Burundi, EPD - Rwanda, KEREA - Kenya, TAREA-Tanzania and UNREEEA/USEA-Uganda. With the continuous changes in customs tax laws and regulations including exemptions on importation of specified solar. At the First Africa Climate Summit in Nairobi in 2023, African countries committed to expanding renewable energy capacity from 56 GW today to 300 GW by 2030 through the Accelerated Partnership for Renewables in Africa (APRA). Refers to data entry in the customs system that then demands for the relevant tax due. The Community established by the EAC Treaty of 1999, which is currently made up. For example, while introducing taxes on solar accessories and spare parts; there has been lack of clarity in the tax regime on what constitutes a SHS and its integral parts. Whereas in some EAC countries a complete SHS is exempt from duty, the same SHS kit is considered as separate components in.

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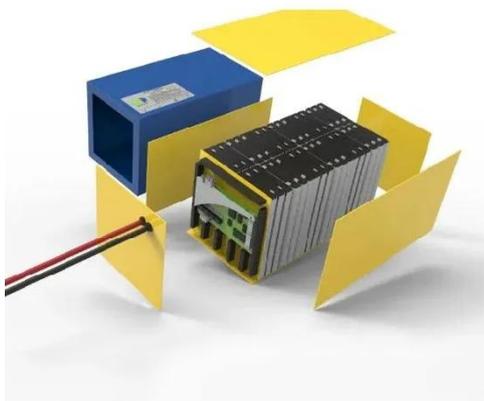
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Importation Guidelines

Item 45 of Part I of the First Schedule to the Kenyan VAT, Act 2013 provides VAT exemption on supply of "specialised solar equipment and accessories, including solar water heaters and deep cycle ...

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