

Client Alert

It's Not Easy Being Green: DoD Tightens up Domestic Preference Restrictions on Photovoltaic Devices

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On May 26, 2015, DoD issued a proposed rule to implement further restrictions on the acquisition of domestic photovoltaic (PV) devices mandated by the FY 2015 National Defense Authorization Act. In addition to *broadening* the scope of application (*i.e.*, applying the restriction when the PV device is installed on DoD property or a facility owned by DoD *or* if the device is reserved for the exclusive use of DoD for its full economic life cycle), DoD has *narrowed* the applicable exceptions (*e.g.*, the component prong of the country of origin test is no longer waived for commercially available, off-the-shelf items and acquisition of qualifying country PV devices requires an individual public interest determination), which will make it even harder for suppliers to comply.

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