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Protect investments by requiring durable solar panels

To qualify for incentives, one should be sure that modules are not cut-rate, poor-quality products that will stop producing power due to failures after a short time. Poor-quality products are not only a bad use of taxpayer money: They can also may provide a problem that critics can cite to undermine solar programs. The way for a consumer or project developer to be sure they are buying a quality product is to make sure the product has passed the international standard IEC 61215. Certification of the solar panes to IEC 61215 should be required. It is good for the taxpayers, good for investors, and good for manufacturers.