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Underwriters Laboratories to help Taiwan PV module makers set up certification labs

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Underwriters Laboratories (UL), a US-based provider of testing and certification services, will help Taiwan PV module makers, as well as related research organizations, set up their own certification labs to accelerate their entry into US and other markets, according to UL Taiwan.

The US company will offer help to Taiwan players in terms of equipment, staff training and testing/certification SOP (standard operating procedure) for the establishment of labs conforming to UL standards, so that they can undertake their own testing and certification for some of the items in the UL certification process, UL Taiwan said.

UL certification for PV modules is mainly based on its standard UL1703, which is applicable to nonocrystalline and polycrystalline silicon PV modules as well as various types of thin-film PV modules, UL Taiwan indicated.

ULT Taiwan also indicated that some of the Taiwan labs may receive outsourced orders from UL in the future.

About 80 Taiwan-based companies or organizations engaged in solar energy are currently in the process of UL certification, and for some of them the process is being undertaken at UL's newly established testing/certification center in Suzhou, eastern China, UL Taiwan noted.

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