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## QUESTION AND ANSWERS ON DOMESTIC CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

Please note: The information in this table is provided only to assist in the interpretation of the FIT Rules and contract terms and is not legally binding. This table may be updated and revised from time to time without notice.

| FIT or microFIT | Domestic Content Table no. | Grid Cell Reference no. | Description of Designated Activity  | OPA Answers   |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|
| FIT             | 2                          | 6                       | Mounting systems, where the structural components of the fixed or moving mounting systems have been entirely machined or formed or cast in Ontario. The metal for the structural components may not have been pre-machined outside Ontario, other than peeling/roughing of the part for quality control purposes when it left the smelter or forge. The machining and assembly of the mounting system must have entirely taken place in Ontario (i.e., bending, welding, piercing and bolting). | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This designated activity does not include the actuator or motor for solar tracking systems.</li> <li>2. This designated activity does not include standard bolts, screws, nuts, washers or clamps, where the clamps are used specifically to secure the module to the mounting system.</li> <li>3. Non-metal materials in the structural components will also have to be formed or shaped in Ontario in order to qualify.</li> <li>4. Where the mounting system uses the module frame to secure it to a roof and the module has one single frame, only the non-module components will be considered as part of the mounting system components.</li> </ol> |
| FIT             | 3                          | 4                       | Same as above.  |   |
| FIT             | 4                          | 6                       | Same as above.  |   |
| microFIT        |                            | 6                       | Same as above.  |   |



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| FIT      | 3 | 1, 2 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thin film photovoltaic cells where the active photovoltaic layer(s) have been fabricated (by methods including but not limited to vapour deposition, evaporation or sputtering) in Ontario. Where the manufacture of the module is inseparable from the manufacture of the cells, there shall be no separate requirement for the module.</li> <li>2. Solar photovoltaic module (i.e., panel), where the electrical connections between the solar cells have been made in Ontario and solar photovoltaic module materials have been encapsulated in Ontario.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Where designated activity 1 and designated activity 2 are inseparable (i.e., where there is no separate step to encapsulate a thin film solar module), the qualifying percentage for each of these activities will be awarded for the completion of the combined activity.</li> </ol>  |
| FIT      | 2 | 5    | Inverter, where the assembly, final wiring and testing have been done in Ontario.  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In order to qualify as inverter “assembly”, the following subcomponents have to be fully integrated in Ontario, with no steps in such integration occurring outside Ontario: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• circuit boards</li> <li>• enclosure</li> <li>• housing</li> <li>• enclosure lid</li> <li>• cables</li> <li>• any other components required for the functioning of an inverter.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Printed circuit boards integrated into the inverter are not required to be populated in Ontario.</li> </ol> |
| FIT      | 3 | 3    | Same as above.   |  |
| FIT      | 4 | 5    | Same as above.   |  |
| microFIT |   | 5    | Same as above.   |  |