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Germany restricts lithium batteries for energy storage



Overview

Under the amended BauGB, energy storage systems — including battery, thermal and hydrogen storage — are now considered privileged projects if they provide at least 1 MWh of storage capacity. A draft amendment would massively harm the planning privileges Germany granted battery projects only weeks ago, prompting sharp criticism, including from the state of Bavaria. An unexpected positive surprise in Germany for battery energy storage system projects may be unravelling already, as the. Legislative Changes by the Energy Reform Package 2025 On January 31 2025, the German Parliament adopted a comprehensive energy reform package which includes, inter alia, the following changes for BESS projects which are expected to enter into force in March 2025: The reform package introduces the. Germany's parliament approved planning privileges for battery energy storage systems in recent weeks through amendments to the national Building Code, granting rural-area development rights to projects of at least 1 MWh capacity. The policy shift, intended to accelerate storage deployment, now. With a current amendment proposal to the EnWG reform, which now also provides for a change to the BauGB, this could change, fundamentally improving the framework conditions for the expansion of battery storage in Germany. This article breaks down the latest policies, safety standards, and compliance strategies for businesses and homeowners navigating Hamburg Summary: Hamburg.

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Germany: Parliament adopts act to facilitate energy storage expansion

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