



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

UChicago Argonne LLC *et. al*; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

This is a decision pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, as amended by Pub. L. 106-36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). On July 8, 2026, the Department of Commerce published a notice in the *Federal Register* requesting public comment on whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments identified in the docket(s) below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States. *See Application(s) for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments*, 91 FR 42175, July 8, 2026. We received no public comments.

Comments: None received. Decision: Approved. We know of no instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument described below, for such purposes as this is intended to be used, that was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order.

Docket Number: 26-034. Applicant: UChicago Argonne LLC, 9700 South Cass Avenue, Lemont, Illinois 60439. Instrument: Taylor Reactor. Manufacturer: Laminar Co. Ltd., Republic of Korea. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to obtain the precursors (pCAM) of lithium-ion and sodium-ion battery cathode materials.

Docket Number: 26-042. Applicant: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, One Cyclotron Road, Berkeley, CA 94720. Instrument: LS Spectrometer. Manufacturer: LS Spectrometer, Switzerland. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to study battery electrolyte solutions, liquid crystals, and non-equilibrium ion transport.

Docket Number: 26-047. Applicant: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, One Cyclotron Road, Berkeley, CA 94720. Instrument: JIB-4700F Multi-Beam System. Manufacturer: JEOL Ltd., Japan. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to study macromolecular organization within a cell.

Docket Number: 26-052. Applicant: Iowa State University, Ames National Laboratory, 2408 Pammel Drive, Ames, IA 50011. Instrument: Gyrotron and DNP Probe. Manufacturer: Bruker AG, Switzerland. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to upgrade an existing nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer into a dynamic nuclear polarization NMR spectrometer.

Docket Number: 26-057. Applicant: UChicago Argonne LLC, 9700 South Cass Avenue, Lemont, IL 60439. Instrument: Cryoprobe. Manufacturer: Bruker Biospin Corporation, Switzerland. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to advance the sensitivity of the spectroscopy and to study diamagnetic or paramagnetic materials appropriate for nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy.

Docket Number: 26-072. Applicant: UChicago Argonne LLC, 9700 South Cass Avenue, Lemont, IL 60439. Instrument: Laser Rack System. Manufacturer: Toptica Photonics, Germany. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to study the residence time or age of groundwater via isotopic analysis of gas extracted from the water.

Docket Number: 26-077. Applicant: UChicago Argonne LLC, 9700 South Cass Avenue, Lemont, IL 60439. Instrument: High Energy Small Pixel Detector. Manufacturer: PI-Tecnologia Ltda, Brazil. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to study high-energy X-ray interactions with various materials and phenomena including advanced materials and nanostructures, biological and soft matter systems.

Docket Number: 26-078. Applicant: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 1 Cyclotron Road, Berkeley, CA 94720. Instrument: JEM-3300 CRYO Arm (Electron Microscope usable at cryogenic conditions). Manufacturer: JEOL Ltd., Japan. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to study the structure of biological samples and material systems at high-resolutions down to the atomic scale.

Docket Number: 26-084. Applicant: UChicago Argonne LLC, 9700 South Cass Avenue, Lemont, IL 60439. Instrument: Control Platform and Accessories. Manufacturer: Imperix Ltd., Switzerland. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to assemble a microgrid power hardware in the loop simulation to enhance reliability and resilience of the electric power grid.

Dated: August 7, 2026.

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