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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory et al; Application(s) for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

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), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be postmarked on or before September 1, 2026. Address written comments to Statutory Import Programs Staff, Room 40005, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Please also email a copy of those comments to SIPS-Florence@trade.gov.

Docket Number: 26–105. **Applicant:** Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, 790 6th Street Richland, WA 99354. **Instrument:** Nu Sapphire. **Manufacturer:** Nu Instruments, United Kingdom. **Intended Use:** The instrument is intended to measure isotopic ratio of elements. **Justification for Duty-Free Entry:** According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** December 1, 2025.

Docket Number: 26–109. **Applicant:** UChicago Argonne LLC, 9700 S Cass Avenue, Lemont, Illinois 60439. **Instrument:** CVD Diamond Windows. **Manufacturer:** Diamond Materials GmbH & Co. KG, Germany. **Intended Use:** The instrument is intended to be used in research to absorb heat from X-ray source. **Justification for Duty-Free Entry:** According to the applicant, there

are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** November 25, 2025.

Docket Number: 26–136. **Applicant:** UChicago Argonne LLC, 9700 S Cass Avenue, Lemont, Illinois 60439. **Instrument:** RF Power Amplifier. **Manufacturer:** SEOCAL Incorporated (dba CORNES Technologies USA), Japan. **Intended Use:** The instrument is intended to be used to study material properties for use in material science and biomedical applications.

Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** October 28, 2025.

Docket Number: 26–139. **Applicant:** UChicago Argonne LLC, 9700 S Cass Avenue, Lemont, Illinois 60439. **Instrument:** Electron Bean Evaporator. **Manufacturer:** SPECS GmbH, BU FOCUS, Germany. **Intended Use:** The instrument is intended to be used to evaporate materials for thin film studies.

Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** October 6, 2025.

Dated: August 7, 2026.

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Acting Director, Subsidies Enforcement, Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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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