

for the Cross-Border Provision of Chinese Silicon Wafers for LTAR Program
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IX. Recommendation

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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 December 2, 2025, August 12, 2026 and August 20, 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 *UChicago Argonne LLC et al.: Application(s) for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments* 90 FR 55301, December 2, 2025; See *Pacific Northwest National Laboratory et al.: Application(s) for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments* 91 FR 52040, August 12, 2026; and See *Arizona State University et al.: Application(s) for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments* 91 FR 53842, August 20, 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 No.	Applicant	Instrument
25-034	UChicago Argonne LLC	352-MHz/160kW Solid State Radio Frequency Amplifier Systems.
25-058	Battelle Memorial Institute, Pacific Northwest Division	Transmitter Tags.
25-059	Fermi Forward Discovery Group LLC	Particle Accelerator's Neutrino Receiving and Detecting Instrument.
25-060	UChicago Argonne LLC	Circulator Switch.
25-064	University of Colorado	Closed-Cycle Cryostat Integrated with a Superconducting Magnet and Nanopositioners.
25-065	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Dilution Refrigerator.
25-066	UChicago Argonne LLC	Stepper Motors.
25-068	University of South Carolina	JEM-F200 (C-HR): Multi-Purpose Electron Microscope and EM-20230CFEG: Cold Field Emission Gun with Radiant Panels).
25-069	UChicago Argonne LLC	Fluorescence Electron Detector.
25-070	Arizona State University	Multiport Oscillator System.
25-071	University of California Santa Barbara	FT-NMT04 Nanomechanical Testing System.
25-072	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	Vacuum Chambers.
25-073	Arizona State University	Chirped Mirror Compressor Subsystem.
25-075	Arizona State University	Trumpf Laser Boards Subsystem.
26-001	UChicago Argonne LLC	Pink Beam Slit & Drain Current.
26-002	UChicago Argonne LLC	Horizontally Deflecting Double-Crystal Monochromator (HDCM).
26-009	Arizona State University	Customized TruMicro 2000 Seed Laser System.
26-010	Arizona State University	DIRA-500-1 (DIRA 350-1; CFBG and Waveshaper; Multipass 600-1; Compressor 500-1; Dry Air Generator).
26-011	Leland Stanford Junior University	Hyperion II RF Plasma Oxygen Source for the Cameca Nano SIMS 50L.
26-012	UChicago Argonne LLC	Photocathode (PC) Gun Drive Laser.
26-013	UChicago Argonne LLC	8-ID Pink Beam Filter.
26-014	UChicago Argonne LLC	Deflectic Focusing Mirror System.
26-017	UChicago Argonne LLC	Nanopositioner and Accessories.
26-018	UChicago Argonne LLC	X-Ray Pulse Train Modulator.
26-022	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	JEM-ARM300F2(WS) Atomic Resolution Electron Microscope.
26-023	UChicago Argonne LLC	EIGER2 X 1M.
26-027	UChicago Argonne LLC	Liquid Nitrogen Cryocooler System.
26-029	UChicago Argonne LLC	High Precision Air Bearing Stage.
26-037	UChicago Argonne LLC	High Performance Tunable Laser.
26-039	UChicago Argonne LLC	PtychoProbe Mechatronics Core.
26-040	Leland Stanford Junior University	Bluefors Dilution Refrigerator.
26-044	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	Segmented Quad Germanium Detectors.
26-051	Leland Stanford Junior University	Bluefors Dilution Refrigerator, Vector Magnet.
26-055	UChicago Argonne LLC	Custom Lens.
26-063	California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo	Mach 6 Ludwig Tube Wind Tunnel.
26-066	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	72 Scientific Vacuum Chambers.
26-068	UChicago Argonne LLC	Cryogenic Hall Probe.
26-070	Arizona State University	Spectral Broadening Multipass Cell (MPC) Optics Package Subsystem.

Docket No.	Applicant	Instrument
26-079	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute of Health.	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy Cryoprobe and Cryoplatfrom.
26-080	UChicago Argonne LLC	Microscope.
26-081	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	Booster to Accumulator (BTA) Septa Magnet System.
26-085	UChicago Argonne LLC	Pre-figured Mirror Mount System.
26-086	UChicago Argonne LLC	Photoreactor and Accessories.
26-095	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	Dilution Refrigeration System.
26-099	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	X-Ray Diffractometer.
26-100	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	Ultra Low Vibration Cryo-Cooler.
26-102	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	SR BE&C Vacuum Chambers.
26-105	Pacific Northwest National Laboratory	Nu Sapphire.
26-109	UChicago Argonne LLC	CVD Diamond Windows.
26-136	UChicago Argonne LLC	RF Power Amplifier.
26-137	Iowa State University of Science and Technology dba Ames National Laboratory of the U.S. Department of Energy.	Gyrotron and DNP Probe.
26-139	UChicago Argonne LLC	Electron Bean Evaporator.

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Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules, From India: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and the Final Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination, in Part

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled into modules (solar cells) from India. The period of investigation is April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025.

DATES: Applicable September 16, 2026.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 26, 2026, Commerce published the *Preliminary Determination* and invited interested

parties to comment.¹ In accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4), Commerce aligned the deadline for this countervailing duty (CVD) final determination with the deadline for the final determination in the companion less-than-fair-value investigation of solar cells from India.²

For a complete description of the events that occurred since the *Preliminary Determination*, as well as a full discussion of the issues raised by parties for this final determination, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.³ The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS), which is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/frnotices>.

Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is solar cells from India. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

¹ See *Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules, from India: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, Preliminary Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination, in Part, and Alignment of Final Determination with Final Antidumping Duty Determination*, 91 FR 9555 (February 26, 2026) (*Preliminary Determination*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

² See *Preliminary Determination*, 91 FR 9555 (February 26, 2026).

³ See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Affirmative Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules from India," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

Scope Comments

In the Preliminary Scope Memorandum, we set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope) in scope-specific case briefs or other written comments.⁴ We received scope case and rebuttal briefs from multiple interested parties. For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this final determination, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, see the Final Scope Memorandum.⁵ In the Final Scope Memorandum, Commerce determined that it is not modifying the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*.⁶ See Appendix I.

Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part

In the *Preliminary Determination*, in accordance with section 703(e)(1) of the Act, Commerce found that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of solar cells from India for Mundra Solar Energy and Mundra Solar PV, but do not exist with respect to all other producers and/or exporters not individually examined. In this final

⁴ See Memorandum, "Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations of Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled into Modules from the Republic of India, the Republic of Indonesia, and the Lao People's Democratic Republic: Scope Comments Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determinations," dated April 21, 2026 (Preliminary Scope Memorandum).

⁵ See Memorandum, "Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations of Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled into Modules from the Republic of India, the Republic of Indonesia, and the Lao People's Democratic Republic: Scope Comments Decision Memorandum for the Final Determinations," dated concurrently with this notice (Final Scope Memorandum).

⁶ See *Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules, From India, Indonesia, and the Lao People's Democratic Republic: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 90 FR 38745 (August 12, 2025) (*Initiation Notice*).