DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–34–2022]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 75—Phoenix, Arizona; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Lucid Motors USA, Inc. (Electric Automobiles and Subassemblies); Casa Grande and Tempe, Arizona

Lucid Motors USA, Inc., submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facilities in Casa Grande and Tempe, Arizona within Subzone 75N. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board’s regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on July 29, 2022.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ production activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status material(s)/component(s) described in the submitted notification (summarized below) and subsequently authorized by the Board. The benefits that may stem from conducting production activity under FTZ procedures are explained in the background section of the Board’s website—accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz. The proposed material(s)/component(s) would be added to the production authority that the Board previously approved for the operation, as reflected on the Board’s website.

The proposed foreign-status materials and components include vehicle roof, backlite, window, and mirror glass (duty rate of 2.5%). The request indicates that the materials/components are subject to duties under section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Section 301), depending on the country of origin. The applicable section 301 decisions require subject merchandise to be admitted to FTZs in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board’s Executive Secretary and sent to: ftz@trade.gov. The closing period for their receipt is September 26, 2022.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection in the “Online FTZ Information System” section of the Board’s website.

For further information, contact Juanita Chen at juanita.chen@trade.gov.

Dated: August 10, 2022.

Andrew McWilvray,
Executive Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

[Docket No.: ITA–2022–0007]

RIN 0625–XC048

Request for Comments on Artificial Intelligence Export Competitiveness

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DOC) has made it a top priority to drive U.S. innovation and global competitiveness in critical and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI). Recognizing the growing importance of AI and the impact it can have for transforming our economy, industries, and society, the International Trade Administration (ITA) is requesting public comments to gain insight on the current global AI market and stakeholder concerns regarding international AI policies, regulations, and other measures which may impact U.S. exports of AI technologies. This stakeholder input will provide the DOC with a stronger understanding of the AI landscape as AI impacts existing economic sectors and industries, creates new areas for innovations, and makes its way into global trade discussions.

DATES: Comments must be submitted in writing by October 17, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

Electronic Submission (Strongly Preferred): Submit all electronic comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to https://www.regulations.gov and enter ITA–2022–0007 in the Search box. Click on the “Comment” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

Email: artificialintelligence@trade.gov. Comments submitted by email should be machine-readable and should not be copy-protected. However, if you are unable to comment via regulations.gov or email, you may contact artificialintelligence@trade.gov for instructions on submitting your comments.

Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by ITA. All comments received are a part of the public record and generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change.

Commenters should include the name of the person or organization filing the comment. All personal identifying information (for example, name, address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. ITA will not accept anonymous comments.

For those seeking to submit confidential business information (CBI) for Government use only, please clearly mark such submissions as CBI and submit an accompanying redacted version to be made public. CBI comments can be submitted either through www.regulations.gov (strongly preferred) or by email to artificialintelligence@trade.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Cameron Small, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 28018, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 495–8356; email artificialintelligence@trade.gov. Please direct media inquiries to ITA’s Office of Public Affairs (202) 482–3809 or publicaffairs@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commerce Department is focused on solidifying U.S. leadership in emerging technologies, including AI, to drive U.S. innovation and global competitiveness.

The United States seeks to promote the development of innovative and trustworthy AI systems that respect human rights, democratic values, and are designed to enhance privacy protections. The Department of Commerce International Trade Administration (ITA) seeks to promote these ideals through stakeholder engagement and with the goal of supporting U.S. economic interests. In support of its mission to create prosperity by strengthening the international competitiveness of U.S. industry, promoting trade and investment, and ensuring fair trade and compliance with trade laws and agreements, the ITA requests information from stakeholders on the global market landscape for AI. This information will be used to inform ITA efforts to promote an international environment that supports U.S. AI research and innovation, opens markets for U.S. AI technologies, and enhances the U.S. technological advantage in AI.

ITA is broadly defining AI as both the goods and services that enable AI systems, such as data, algorithms and computing power, as well as AI-driven products across all industry verticals, such as autonomous vehicles, robotics and automation technology, medical devices and healthcare, security technology, and professional and business services, among others. This
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notice serves as a general solicitation for public comment as an initial step to enhance ITA’s understanding of the current global market landscape for the deployment of AI technologies, including a particular emphasis on rapidly developing AI policy and regulatory landscape in foreign markets and the potential impact on U.S. competitiveness. ITA seeks input from stakeholders regarding any international policies or regulations that impact the ability of U.S. companies to develop, deploy, or export advanced and effective AI technologies and AI-enabled products and services competitively to foreign markets.

Questions for Comment: This notice serves as an initial step in improving ITA’s understanding of private sector interests, concerns, and policy needs with respect to the potential for exports of AI technologies. ITA seeks broad input from all interested stakeholders—including U.S. industry, researchers, academia, and civil society—on the potential opportunities for and challenges to increasing U.S. export competitiveness for AI-enabled technologies. Commenters are encouraged to address any and all the following questions that pertain to their experience or expertise with AI technologies or to submit general comments addressing U.S. competitiveness in AI broadly. To the extent commenters choose to respond to the specific questions asked, responses may be formatted as the commenter prefers.

Request for Comment on Questions Related to AI

1. What foreign/international AI policies or regulations exist?
2. What trade barriers currently exist in the AI space? What remedies could resolve these trade barriers?
3. What challenges are there when it comes to exporting AI products or services?
4. How could international AI regulations impact future product or service design and development?
5. What trade policies could be helpful in supporting small-to-medium sized enterprises that export AI products and services?
6. Who is involved in standards development activities related to AI? In which fora should standards development for AI take place?
7. What challenges does your organization face with regards to protecting your AI intellectual property (IP), especially during overseas dealings?
8. What can the U.S. government do to best foster and protect IP rights for U.S. AI technologies in overseas dealings?
9. How should trustworthiness and risk management of AI systems be considered by industry and/or policymakers?
10. What role do global innovation hubs and regulatory sandboxes play in U.S. competitiveness in AI? Please describe specific examples of involvement if applicable.
11. How is U.S. competitiveness (talent, research and development, and commercial exports) in AI compared to other countries?
12. What can the International Trade Administration do to create more opportunities for U.S. AI technologies in the global marketplace? What impactful actions can ITA take to reduce or remove challenges, risks, and barriers to help U.S. AI technologies compete in the global marketplace?

Barton Meroney, Executive Director, Office of Manufacturing Industries.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST), 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 6, 2022. Address written comments to Statutory Import Programs Staff, Room 3720, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Please also email a copy of those comments to Dianne.Hanshaw@trade.gov.

Docket Number: 22–001. Applicant: For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST), 200 Bedford Street, Manchester, NH 03101. Instrument: Dual Band 1.17 Gbps Access Point. Manufacturer: Open Mesh Inc., China. Intended Use: According to the applicant, the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) (EIN 22–2990008) requires wireless radio communication between student teams’ driver controls and their home-built robots. It is crucial that FRC be able to manage the wireless traffic (for safety and team experience reasons). FRC mandates a specific radio (Datto’s OM5P–AN, obsolete, or OM5P–AC models, both are dual band 1.17 Gbps access points) with custom firmware which optimizes the radio for the competition use case. This transaction is to secure the radios needed for educational robotic kits for the 2020 season (4,400 air-freighted to meet 2020 season deadlines) and the 2021 season (4,336 shipped via ocean). The applicant certifies that there will not be any use of the foreign instrument by or for the primary benefit of any commercial (for-profit) entity with 5 years after entry of the foreign instrument into the United States customs territory. 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, 2020.

Docket Number: 22–002. Applicant: University of California, Riverside, 900 University Avenue, Riverside, CA 92521. Instrument: Customs Pulsed Laser Deposit & Molecular-Beam Epitaxy (PLD/MBE) deposition system. Manufacturer: BEIJING PERFECT TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD., Beijing, China. Intended Use: According to the applicant, the instrument is intended to be used for research purposes for experimental condensates matter physics, spin transport, quantum transport, and spin-dependent physics, graphene, 2D layers, heterostructures, and nanoscale devices, magnetic insulators, heterostructures and interfaces, energy related materials science research. 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 17, 2021.

Docket Number: 22–003. Applicant: University of Chicago Argonne LLC, Operator of Argonne National Laboratory, 9700 South Cass Avenue, Lemont, IL (U.S.A.), 60439–4873. Instrument: High Heat Load Exit Mask Assemblies. Manufacturer: Strumenti Scientific CINEL S.R.L., Italy. Intended Use: According to the applicant, these components will be used to assemble the new high heat load front ends for