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Preamble

This specific regulation sets a list of nuclear regulatory controlled Items, which restricts the development, production, possession, use, import, export, re-export, transfer, trade, transit, or trans-shipment of all items contained herein. It includes nuclear materials, radiation sources, and nuclear-related items, including any nuclear or radiological-related substance, commodity, technology, software, or data, as well as nuclear and non-nuclear dual-use materials that are subject, when used, to specific restrictions as they are susceptible to be misused. The herein list is developed in accordance with the following national laws and international obligations:

- Paragraph (1) of Article fourteen of the Law of Nuclear and Radiological Control, promulgated by Royal Decree No. (M/82), dated 11 April 2018 (25/07/1439 AH), stating that no person may export or import nuclear materials or items related thereto, radioactive materials, facility components, or any other material without a license.
- Paragraph (3) of Article three of the Statute of the Nuclear and Radiological Regulatory Commission promulgated by Cabinet of Ministers Resolution No. (334), dated 13 March 2018 (25/06/1439 AH), which entails the duties and responsibilities undertaken by NRRC to monitor the export, import, and circulation of nuclear materials, nuclear-related items, and radioactive materials.
- Article thirty-five of the Law of Nuclear and Radiological Control that repeals any provisions that are in conflict therewith.



- Regulations of the Law of Nuclear and Radiological Control, approved by the NRRC's Board of Directors in resolution No. (R/1/1/2022), dated 20 April 2022, in particular, the
- following regulations:
 - Radiation Safety (NRRC-R-01).
 - Notification on and Authorization of Facilities and Activities with Radiation Sources (NRRC-R-02).
 - Nuclear Material Accountancy and Control (NRRC-R-12).
 - Authorization and Regulatory Control of Nuclear-Related Items (NRRC-R-18).
- Unified Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Customs Law promulgated by Royal Decree No. (M/41), dated 3 January 2003 (03/11/1423 AH), section (III) Articles nineteen through twenty-four stipulated aspects related to prohibition and restriction. Article twenty-four encompassed provisions entailing that the customs administration shall prohibit admission, exit (import and export, respectively), or transit of the prohibited or infringing items. The customs administration shall prohibit admission, exit (import and export, respectively), or transit of restricted items except under approval from the competent authorities in the country (Nuclear and Radiological Regulatory Commission in the field of nuclear and radiological control including import, export, and transit).
- Law of Chemicals Import and Management (Law of Management of Chemical Substances) promulgated by Royal Decree No. (M/38),



dated 12 July 2006 (16/06/1427 AH), and its amendment promulgated by Royal Decree No. (M/10), dated 26 August 2021 (18/01/1443 AH), pursuant to article three of the amendment, stating that “without prejudice to the jurisdiction of the competent agencies specified in other laws” among which is the law of Nuclear and Radiological Control, promulgated by Royal Decree No. (M/82), dated 11 April 2018 (25/07/1439 AH), and the Statute of the Nuclear and Radiological Regulatory Commission promulgated by Cabinet of Ministers Resolution No. (334), dated 13 March 2018 (25/06/1439 AH).

- Law of Medical Devices, promulgated by Royal Decree No. (M/54), dated 18 February 2021 (06/07/1442 AH), article four states that “Subject to the competencies of the Nuclear and Radiological Regulatory Commission (NRRC) to issue the necessary licenses to practice activities related to the use of radioactive medical materials, the SFDA's approval of the technical and clinical specifications of such materials is required before they are licensed by the NRRC”.
- NRRC's Mandate to meet the commitments of the Kingdom under relevant international treaties and agreements, pursuant to paragraph (3) of article two of the Law of Nuclear and Radiological Control, promulgated by Royal Decree No. (M/82), dated 11 April 2018 (25/07/1439 AH), as well as the Kingdom's obligations to fulfil resolutions adopted by the United Nations Security Council under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter, in particular Resolution 1540 (2004), this resolution requires all States to adopt and enforce appropriate laws and measures to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction, especially nuclear weapons, for non-state actors



(individual or entity, not acting under the lawful authority of any State in conducting activities which come within the scope of this resolution), and calls upon all Member States to develop national control list and implement the United Nations Security Council resolutions issued upon certain States under the non-proliferation framework.

- Kingdom's obligations in bilateral agreements with other States in the field of peaceful uses of nuclear energy, including regulatory aspects, that include a commitment to control the list provided in the International Atomic Energy Agency information circular document (INFCIRC/254), issued by the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG).
- Agreement between the Kingdom and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the application of safeguards pursuant to paragraph (I) of article Three of the treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, acceded to by Royal Decree No. (M/51), dated 12 August 2008 (11/08/1429 AH).
- Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources, adopted by Resolution No. (7) at the 47th regular session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (GC (47)/RES/7) in 2003, and politically committed to by the Kingdom.
- This specific regulation complies with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) specified in the Kingdom's accession documents to the World Trade Organization (WTO), approved by Royal Decree No. (M/54), date 24 October 2005 (21/09/1426 AH), as set forth in article (20) of the agreement, nothing in the agreement shall be construed to prevent the adoption or enforcement by any

State party of measures necessary to protect humans, animal, or plant life or health, and provisions undertaken in pursuant of obligations under any peaceful intergovernmental agreements. In addition, article (21) of the agreement states that nothing in this agreement shall be construed to prevent any contracting party from taking any action it considers necessary for the protection of its essential security interests, including fissionable materials or the materials from which they are derived, and pursuance of its obligations under the United Nations Charter for the maintenance of international peace and security.

- The International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, entered into force on 1 January 1988 and ratified by the Kingdom by Royal Decree No. (M/56), dated 15 Jun 1988 (19/10/1407 AH).

This is an official translation of the Specific Regulation on National Nuclear Regulatory Controlled Items (NRRC-R18-SR01 Rev.02) that has been approved by the NRRC's CEO Resolution No. (1607), dated 9/7/1445 H. And annexed to this document (in a separate document) is a list of the controlled items (NRRC-R-18-SR01-Annex Rev.01) with the corresponding harmonized system codes, and their indexes. This document shall repeal any previous revisions, and the Arabic version shall prevail any discrepancies and conflicts.



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Chapter 1: Objective, Scope, and Definitions

Section 1: Objective

1. This specific regulation sets a list of nuclear regulatory controlled items, which restricts development, production, possession, use, import, export, re-export, transfer, trade, transit or trans-shipment of all items contained therein. It includes nuclear materials and ores, radiation sources, and nuclear-related items which are any nuclear or radiological-related substance, commodity, technology, software or data, as well as nuclear and non-nuclear dual-use materials that are subject, when used, to specific restrictions, as they are susceptible to be misused.

Section 2: Scope

2. This specific regulation applies to development, production, possession, use, import, export, re-export, transfer, trade, transit or trans-shipment of all items contained therein.

Section 3: Definitions

Accuracy

The maximum deviation, positive or negative, of an indicated value from an accepted standard or true value.

Angular position deviation

The maximum difference between measured angular position and the actual, after the workpiece mount of the table has been turned out of its initial position.

Contouring control

Two or more numerically controlled motions operating in accordance with instructions that specify the next required position and the required feed rates to that position. These feed rates are varied in relation to each other so that a desired contour is generated.

Fibrous or filamentary materials

Continuous monofilaments, yarns, rovings, tows or tapes.

NOTE:

1. Filament or monofilament: is the smallest increment of fiber, usually several μm in diameter.
2. Roving: is a bundle (typically 12-120) of approximately parallel strands.
3. Strand: is a bundle of filaments (typically over 200) arranged approximately parallel.
4. Tape: is a material constructed of interlaced or unidirectional filaments, strands, rovings, tows or yarns, etc., usually preimpregnated with resin.
5. Tow: is a bundle of filaments, usually approximately parallel.
6. Yarn: is a bundle of twisted strands.

Linearity

Average of upscale and downscale readings, positive or negative,



from a straight line so positioned as to equalize and minimize the maximum deviations.

Measurement uncertainty

The characteristic parameter which specifies in what range around the output value the correct value of the measurable variable lies with a confidence level of 95%. It includes the uncorrected systematic deviations, the uncorrected backlash, and the random deviations.

Numerical control

The automatic control of a process performed by a device that makes use of numeric data usually introduced as the operation is in progress.

Other elements

All elements other than hydrogen, uranium, and plutonium.

Program

A sequence of instructions to carry out a process in, or convertible into, a form executable by an electronic computer.

Resolution

The least increment of a measuring device; on digital instruments, the least significant bit.



Chapter 2: First List

This list includes nuclear materials and ores, radiation sources, and nuclear-related items for nuclear uses.

Technology Transfer Control:

The transfer of technology directly associated with any item in the First List will be subject to as great a degree of scrutiny and control as will the item itself, to the extent permitted by the NRRC.

Software Transfer Control:

The transfer of software especially designed or prepared for the development, production or use of any item in the First List will be subject to as great a degree of scrutiny and controls as will the item itself, to the extent permitted by the NRRC.

1. Nuclear Materials and Ores

Nuclear materials include Plutonium, Thorium, and Uranium isotopes, compounds, mixtures, manufactures thereof. For the purposes of applying nuclear assurances, nuclear materials mean source materials and special fissionable materials.

1-1 Source Material

The term “source material” means uranium containing mixtures of isotopes occurring in nature; uranium depleted in the isotope 235; thorium; any of the foregoing in the form of metal, alloy, chemical compound, or

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concentrate; any other material containing one or more of the foregoing in such concentration as the IAEA shall from time to time determine and endorsed by the NRRC; and such other material as the IAEA shall from time to time determine and endorsed by the NRRC

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1-2 Special Fissionable Material

plutonium-239 (²³⁹Pu); uranium- 233 (²³³U); “uranium enriched in the isotopes 235 or 233”; any material containing one or more of the foregoing; and such other fissionable material in any form – including nuclear reactors fuel, as the IAEA shall from time to time determine and endorsed by the NRRC; but the term special fissionable material does not include source material

NOTE:

The term “uranium enriched in the isotopes 235 or 233” means uranium containing the isotopes 235 or 233 or both in an amount such that the abundance ratio of the sum of these isotopes to the isotope 238 is greater than the ratio of the isotope 235 to the isotope 238 occurring in nature.



1-3 Nuclear Ores

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A mineral or a natural chemical aggregate containing any quantity of uranium or thorium in a quantity and of a quality that makes mining and extracting the uranium and thorium economically viable.

2. Radiation Sources

Any radiation generator, radioactive source, or any other radioactive material outside the nuclear fuel cycles of research and power reactors.

2-1 Radioactive Materials

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Any material from which ionizing radiation is emitted, whether spontaneously or within other equipment, that can be used in scientific, industrial, or medical applications. Radioactive materials include radioactive material permanently sealed in a capsule or closely bonded and in a solid form, unsealed radioactive materials, and naturally occurring radioactive materials.

2-2 Radiation Generators

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Equipment capable of producing ionizing radiation such as X-rays, neutrons, electrons, or other charged particles that might be utilized in scientific, industrial, or medical applications. This includes linear particles accelerators, linear accelerators, X-ray generators, and electron beam accelerators.



3. Nuclear-Related Items for Nuclear Uses

3-1 Nuclear Reactors and Especially Designed or Prepared Equipment and Components Therefor

NOTE:

Various types of nuclear reactors may be characterized by the moderator used (e.g., graphite, heavy water, or light water), the spectrum of neutrons therein (e.g., thermal or fast neutrons), the type of coolant used (e.g., water, liquid metal, molten salt, or gas), or by their function or type (e.g., power reactors, research reactors, or test reactors). It is intended that all of these types of nuclear reactors are within scope of this specific regulation.

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3-1-1 Complete nuclear reactors

Nuclear reactors capable of operation so as to maintain a controlled self-sustaining fission chain reaction.

NOTE:

A nuclear reactor includes the items within or attached directly to the reactor vessel, the equipment which controls the level of power in the core, and the components which normally contain or come in direct contact with or control the primary coolant of the reactor core.



3-1-2 Nuclear reactor vessels

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Metal vessels or major shop-fabricated parts therefor, especially designed or prepared to contain the core of a nuclear reactor as defined in Item 3-1-1 above, as well as relevant reactor internals as defined in Item 3-1-8 below.

NOTE:

Item 3-1-2 covers nuclear reactor vessels regardless of pressure rating and includes reactor pressure vessels and calandrias. The reactor vessel head is covered by Item 3-1-2 as a major shop-fabricated part of a reactor vessel.

3-1-3 Nuclear reactor fuel charging and discharging machines

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Manipulative equipment especially designed or prepared for inserting or removing fuel in a nuclear reactor as defined in Item 3-1-1 above.

NOTE:

The Items described above are capable of on-load operation or at employing technically sophisticated positioning or alignment features to allow complex off-load fueling operations such as those in which direct viewing of or access to the fuel is not normally available.



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3-1-4 Nuclear reactor control rods and equipment

Especially designed or prepared rods, support or suspension structures therefor, rod drive mechanisms, or rod guide tubes to control the fission process in a nuclear reactor as defined in Item 3-1-1 above.

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3-1-5 Nuclear reactor pressure tubes

Tubes which are especially designed or prepared to contain both fuel elements and the primary coolant in a reactor as defined in Item 3-1-1 above.

NOTE:

Pressure tubes are parts of fuel channels designed to operate at elevated pressure, sometimes exceeding 5 MPa.

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3-1-6 Nuclear fuel cladding

Zirconium metal tubes or zirconium alloy tubes especially designed or prepared for use as fuel cladding in a reactor as defined in Item 3-1-1 above.

NOTE:

- For zirconium pressure tubes see Item 3-1-5, for calandria tubes see Item 3-1-8.



- Zirconium metal tubes or zirconium alloy tubes for use in a nuclear reactor consist of zirconium in which the relation of hafnium to zirconium is typically less than 1:500 parts by weight.

3-1-7 Primary coolant pumps or circulators

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Pumps or circulators especially designed or prepared for circulating the primary coolant for nuclear reactors as defined in Item 3-1-1 above.

NOTE:

Especially designed or prepared pumps or circulators include pumps for water-cooled reactors, circulators for gas-cooled reactors, as well as electromagnetic and mechanical pumps for liquid-metal-cooled reactors. This equipment may include pumps with elaborate sealed or multi-sealed systems to prevent leakage of primary coolant, canned- driven pumps, and pumps with inertial mass systems.

3-1-8 Nuclear reactor internals

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Nuclear reactor internals especially designed or prepared for use in a nuclear reactor as defined in Item 3-1-1 above. This includes, for example,



support columns for the core, fuel channels, calandria tubes, thermal shields, baffles, core grid plates, and diffuser plates.

NOTE:

Nuclear reactor internals are major structures within a reactor vessel which have one or more functions such as supporting the core, maintaining fuel alignment, directing primary coolant flow, providing radiation shields for the reactor vessel, and guiding in-core instrumentation.

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3-1-9 Heat exchangers

- A. Steam generators especially designed or prepared for the primary or intermediate coolant circuit of a nuclear reactor as defined in Item 3-1-1 above.
- B. Other heat exchangers especially designed or prepared for use in the primary coolant circuit of a nuclear reactor as defined in Item 3-1-1 above.

NOTE:

Steam generators are especially designed or prepared to transfer the heat generated in the reactor to the feed water for steam generation. In the case of a fast reactor for which an



intermediate coolant loop is also present, the steam generator is in the intermediate circuit. In a gas-cooled reactor, a heat exchanger may be utilized to transfer heat to a secondary gas loop that drives a gas turbine.

3-1-10 Neutron detectors

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Especially designed or prepared neutron detectors for determining neutron flux levels within the core of a reactor as defined in Item 3-1-1 above.

NOTE:

- This Item encompasses in-core and ex-core detectors.
- Ex-core detectors refer to those instruments outside the core of a reactor as defined in Item 3-1-1 above but located within the biological shielding.

3-1-11 External thermal shields

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External thermal shields especially designed or prepared for use in a nuclear reactor as defined in Item 3-1-1 for heat loss reduction and for containment vessel protection.



3-2 Non-Nuclear Materials

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3-2-1 Deuterium and heavy water

Deuterium, heavy water (deuterium oxide) and any other deuterium compound in which the ratio of deuterium to hydrogen atoms exceeds 1:5000 for use in a nuclear reactor as defined in Item 3-1-1 above.

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3-2-2 Nuclear grade graphite

Graphite having a purity level better than 5 ppm (parts per million) boron equivalent and with a density greater than 1.50 g/cm^3 for use in a nuclear reactor as defined in Item 3-1-1 above.

3-3 Plants for the Reprocessing of Irradiated Fuel Elements, and Equipment Especially Designed or Prepared Therefor

Reprocessing irradiated nuclear fuel separates plutonium and uranium from intensely radioactive fission products and other transuranic elements. The Purex process is the most commonly used and accepted process. The process involves the dissolution of irradiated nuclear fuel in nitric acid, followed by separation of the uranium, plutonium, and fission products by solvent extraction using a mixture of tributyl phosphate in an organic diluent.

Facilities using the Purex process have process functions similar to each other, including irradiated fuel element decladding and/ or chopping, fuel dissolution, solvent extraction, and process liquor storage. There might be other equipment for thermal denitration to separate uranium nitrate, conversion of plutonium nitrate to oxide or metal, and treatment of fission product waste liquor to a form suitable for long term storage or disposal. However, the specific type and configuration of the equipment performing these functions may differ between Purex facilities for several reasons, including the type and quantity of irradiated nuclear fuel to be reprocessed and the intended disposition of the recovered materials, and the safety and maintenance philosophy incorporated into the design of the facility.

A plant for the reprocessing of irradiated fuel elements includes the equipment and components which normally come in direct contact with and directly control the irradiated fuel and the major nuclear material and fission product processing streams.

Items of equipment that are considered to fall within the meaning of the phrase “and equipment especially designed or prepared” for the reprocessing of irradiated fuel elements include:



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3-3-1 Irradiated fuel element decladding equipment and chop- ping machines

Remotely operated equipment especially designed or prepared for use in a reprocessing plant as identified above and intended to expose or prepare the irradiated nuclear material in fuel assemblies, bundles, or rods for processing.

NOTE:

This equipment cuts, chops, shears, or otherwise breaches the cladding of the fuel to expose the irradiated nuclear material for processing or prepares the fuel for processing. Especially designed cutting shears are most commonly employed, although advanced equipment, such as lasers, peeling machines, or other techniques, may be used.

Decladding involves removing the cladding of the irradiated nuclear fuel prior to its dissolution.

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3-3-2 Dissolvers

Dissolver vessels or dissolvers employing mechanical devices especially designed or prepared for use in a reprocessing plant as identified above, intended for dissolution of irradiated nuclear fuel and which are capable of withstanding hot, highly corrosive liquid, and

which can be remotely loaded, operated, and maintained.

NOTE:

Dissolvers receives parts of the solid irradiated nuclear fuel. Nuclear fuels with cladding are made of material including zirconium, stainless steel, or alloys of such materials. Nuclear fuels must be decladded and/or sheared or chopped prior to being charged to the dissolver to allow the acid to reach the fuel matrix. The irradiated nuclear fuel is typically dissolved in strong mineral acids, such as nitric acid, and any undissolved cladding removed. Dissolver vessels and dissolvers employing mechanical devices are normally fabricated of material such as low carbon stainless steel, titanium or zirconium, or other high-quality materials. Dissolvers may include systems for the removal of cladding or cladding waste and systems for the control and treatment of radioactive off-gases. These dissolvers may have features for remote placement since they are normally loaded, operated, and maintained behind thick shielding.



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3-3-3 Solvent extractors and solvent extraction equipment

Especially designed or prepared solvent extractors such as packed or pulse columns, mixer settlers or centrifugal contactors used in a plant for the reprocessing of irradiated fuel. Solvent extractors must be resistant to the corrosive effect of nitric acid. Solvent extractors are normally fabricated to extremely high standards (including special welding and inspection and quality assurance and quality control techniques) out of low carbon stainless steels, titanium, zirconium, or other high-quality materials.

NOTE:

Solvent extractors receives the solution of irradiated fuel from the dissolvers and the organic solution which separates the uranium, plutonium, and fission products. Solvent extraction equipment is normally designed to meet strict operating parameters, such as long operating lifetimes with no maintenance requirements or adaptability to easy replacement, simplicity of operation and control, and flexibility for variations in process conditions.



3-3-4 Chemical holding or storage vessels

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Especially designed or prepared holding or storage vessels for use in a plant for the reprocessing of irradiated fuel. The holding or storage vessels must be resistant to the corrosive effect of nitric acid. The holding or storage vessels are normally fabricated of materials such as low carbon stainless steels, titanium or zirconium, or other high-quality materials. Holding or storage vessels may be designed for remote operation and maintenance, and may have the following features for control of nuclear criticality:

1. Walls or internal structures with a boron equivalent of at least 2%.
2. A maximum diameter of 175 mm for cylindrical vessels.
3. A maximum width of 75 mm for either a slab or annular vessel.

NOTE:

Three main process liquor streams result from the solvent extraction step. Holding or storage vessels are used in the further processing of all three streams, as follows:

- A. The pure uranium nitrate solution is concentrated by evaporation and passed to a denitra-



tion process where it is converted to uranium oxide. This oxide is re-used in the nuclear fuel cycle.

- B. The intensely radioactive fission products solution is normally concentrated by evaporation and stored as a liquor concentrate. This concentrate may be subsequently evaporated and converted to a form suitable for storage or disposal.
- C. The pure plutonium nitrate solution is concentrated and stored pending its transfer to further process steps. In particular, holding or storage vessels for plutonium solutions are designed to avoid criticality problems resulting from changes in concentration and form of this stream.

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3-3-5 Neutron measurement systems for process control

Neutron measurement systems especially designed or prepared for integration and use with automated process control systems in a plant for the reprocessing of irradiated fuel elements.

NOTE:

These systems involve the capability of active and passive neutron measurement and discrimination in order to determine the fissile material



quantity and composition. The complete system is composed of a neutron generator, a neutron detector, amplifiers, and signal processing electronics.

3-4 Plants for the Fabrication of Nuclear Reactor Fuel Elements, and Equipment Especially Designed or Prepared Therefor

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NOTE:

Nuclear fuel elements are manufactured from one or more of the source or special fissionable materials, as mentioned in section 1 of the First List. For oxide fuels manufacturing, the most common type of fuel, equipment for pressing pellets, sintering, grinding, and grading will be present. Mixed oxide fuels are handled in glove boxes (or equivalent containment) until they are sealed in the cladding. In all cases, the fuel is hermetically sealed inside a suitable cladding which is designed to be the primary envelope encasing the fuel.

Items of equipment that are considered to fall within the meaning of the phrase “and equipment especially designed or prepared” for the fabrication of fuel elements include equipment which:

- A. Normally comes in direct contact with, or directly processes, or controls, the production flow of nuclear material.



- B. Seals the nuclear material within the cladding.
- C. Checks the integrity of the cladding or the seal.
- D. Checks the finish treatment of the sealed fuel.
- E. Used for assembling reactor fuel elements.

Such equipment or systems of equipment may include, for example:

1. Fully automatic pellet inspection stations especially designed or prepared for checking final dimensions and surface defects of the fuel pellets.
2. Automatic welding machines especially designed or prepared for welding end caps onto the fuel pins (or rods).
3. Automatic test and inspection stations especially designed or prepared for checking the integrity of completed fuel pins (or rods), and typically include equipment for:
 - A. X-ray examination of pin (or rod) end cap welds.
 - B. Helium leak detection from pressurized pins (or rods).
 - C. Gamma-ray scanning of the pins (or rods) to check for correct loading of the fuel pellets inside.

3-5 Plants for the Separation of Isotopes of Natural Uranium, Depleted Uranium or Special Fissionable Material and Equipment, other than Analytical Instruments, Especially Designed or Prepared Therefor

NOTE:

Plants, equipment, and technology for the separation of uranium isotopes have, in many instances, a close relationship to plants, equipment and technology for isotope separation of other elements. In particular cases, the controls under this section also apply to plants and equipment that are intended for isotope separation of other elements. These controls of plants and equipment for isotope separation of other elements are complementary to controls on plants and equipment especially designed or prepared for the processing, use or production of special fissionable material.

Processes for which the controls in this section equally apply whether the intended use is uranium isotope separation or isotope separation of other elements are: gas centrifuge, gaseous diffusion, the plasma separation process, and aerodynamic processes.

For some processes, the relationship to uranium isotope separation depends on the element being separated. These processes are laser-based processes (e.g., molecular laser isotope separation and atomic vapor laser isotope separation), chemical exchange, and ion



exchange.

Items of equipment that are considered to fall within the meaning of the phrase “equipment, other than analytical instruments, especially designed or prepared” for the separation of isotopes of uranium include:

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3-5-1 Gas centrifuges and assemblies and components especially designed or prepared for use in gas centrifuges

NOTE:

The gas centrifuge consists of a thin-walled cylinder with diameter ranging between 75 mm and 650 mm, contained in a vacuum and spun at high peripheral speed of the order of 300 m/s or more with its central axis in a vertical position. In order to achieve high-speeds, the construction materials for the rotating components have to have a high strength to density ratio, and individual components have to be manufactured to very close tolerances in order to minimize the unbalance. In contrast to other centrifuges, the gas centrifuge for uranium enrichment is characterized by having a rotating disc-shaped baffle (or baffles) within the rotor chamber, a stationary tube arrangement for feeding and extracting the uranium hexafluoride (UF_6) gas, that feature at least three separate channels, with



two of them connected to scoops extending from the rotor axis towards the periphery of the rotor chamber. Also, critical Items, which do not rotate are contained within the vacuum environment. A centrifuge facility requires a large number of these components, since that quantities can provide an important indication of its intended end use.

3-5-1-1 Rotating components

A. Complete rotor assemblies:

Thin-walled cylinders, or a number of interconnected thin-walled cylinders, manufactured from one or more of the high strength to density ratio materials described in NOTE to this section. If interconnected, the cylinders are joined together by flexible bellows or rings as described in item 3-5-1-1-C. The rotor is fitted with an internal baffle (or baffles) and end caps, as described in item 3-5-1-1-D and E, when it is in its final form.

B. Rotor tubes:

Especially designed or prepared thin-walled cylinders with thickness of 12 mm or less, a diameter of between 75 mm and 650 mm, and manufactured from one or more of the high

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strength to density ratio materials described in NOTE to this section.

C. Rings or Bellows:

Components especially designed or prepared to provide localized support to the rotor tube or to join together a number of rotor tubes. The bellows is a short cylinder of wall thickness 3 mm or less, a diameter of between 75 mm and 650 mm, having a convolute, and manufactured from one of the high strength to density ratio materials described in NOTE to this section.

D. Baffles:

Disc-shaped components of diameter ranging between 75 mm and 650 mm especially designed or prepared to be mounted inside the centrifuge rotor tube, in order to isolate the take-off chamber from the main separation chamber and assist the UF_6 gas circulation within the main separation chamber of the rotor tube. They are manufactured from one of the high strength to density ratio materials described in NOTE to this section.

E. Top caps/Bottom caps:

Disc-shaped components of diameter ranging

between 75 mm and 650 mm especially designed or prepared to fit to the ends of the rotor tube. It serves to facilitate containing the UF_6 within the rotor tube, and in some cases, to support retain or contain - as an integrated part- an element of the upper bearing (top cap) or to carry the rotating elements of the motor and lower bearing (bottom cap). They are manufactured from one of the high strength to density ratio materials described in NOTE to this section.

NOTE:

The materials used for centrifuge rotating components include the following:

- A. Maraging steel capable of an ultimate tensile strength not less than 1.95 GPa.
- B. Aluminum alloys capable of an ultimate tensile strength not less than 0.46 GPa.
- C. Filamentary materials suitable for use in composite structures and having a specific modulus of 3.18×10^6 m or greater and a specific ultimate tensile strength not less than 7.62×10^4 m.



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3-5-1-2 Static components

A. Magnetic suspension bearings:

1. Especially designed or prepared bearing assemblies consisting of an annular magnet suspended within a housing containing a damping medium. The housing is manufactured from a UF-resistant material (see NOTE in 3-5-2). The magnet couples with a pole piece or a second magnet fitted to the top cap described in Item 3-5-1-1-E. The magnet may be ring-shaped with a relation between outer and inner diameter smaller or equal to 1.6:1. The magnet may be in a form having an initial permeability of 0.15 H/m or more, or a remanence of 98.5% or more, or an energy product of greater than 80 kJ/m³. In addition to the usual material properties, it is a prerequisite that the deviation of the magnetic axes from the geometrical axes is limited to very small tolerances of less than 0.1 mm, or that homogeneity of the material of the magnet is especially called for.
2. Active magnetic bearings especially designed or prepared for use in gas centrifuges.

NOTE:

These bearings usually have the following characteristics:



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- Designed to keep centered a rotor spinning at 600 Hz or more.
 - Associated to a reliable electrical power supply and/ or to an uninterruptible power supply (UPS) unit in order to function for more than one hour.

B. Bearings/Dampers:

Especially designed or prepared bearings comprising a pivot/cup assembly mounted on a damper. The pivot is normally a hardened steel shaft with a hemisphere at one end with a means of attachment to the bottom cap described in section 3-5-1-1-E. The shaft may have a hydrodynamic bearing attached to it. The cup is pellet-shaped with hemispherical indentations in one surface. These components are often supplied separately to the damper.

C. Molecular pumps:

Especially designed or prepared cylinders having internally machined or extruded helical grooves and internally machined bores. Typical dimensions are as follows: internal diameter between 75 mm to 650 mm, wall thickness between 10 mm or more, and with the length equal to or greater than



the diameter. The grooves typically have a rectangular cross-section with a depth of 2 mm or more.

D. Motor stators:

Especially designed or prepared ring-shaped stators for high speed and multiphase AC hysteresis (or reluctance) motors for synchronous operation within a vacuum at a frequency of 600 Hz or greater and a power of 40 VA or greater. The stators consists of multi-phase windings on a laminated low loss iron core comprised of thin layers typically having a thickness of 2 mm or less.

E. Centrifuge housing/recipients:

Components especially designed or prepared to contain the rotor tube assembly of a gas centrifuge. The housing consists of a rigid cylinder having a wall thickness up to 30 mm with precision machined ends to locate the bearings, and with one or more flanges to mount the bearings. The machined ends are parallel to each other and perpendicular to the cylinder's longitudinal axis with a degree of 0.05° or less. The housing may also be a honeycomb type structure to accommodate several rotor assemblies.

F. Scoops:

Especially designed or prepared tubes for the extraction of UF_6 gas from within the rotor tube by a Pitot tube action (that is, with an aperture facing into the circumferential gas flow within the rotor tube, for example by bending the end of a radially disposed tube) and capable of being fixed to the central gas extraction system.

3-5-2 Especially designed or prepared auxiliary systems, equipment and components for gas centrifuge enrichment plants

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NOTE:

The auxiliary systems, equipment and components for a gas centrifuge enrichment plant are the systems of plant needed to feed UF_6 to the centrifuges, and to link the individual centrifuges to each other to form cascades (or stages) to allow for progressively higher enrichments and to extract the product and tails UF_6 from the centrifuges, together with the equipment required to drive the centrifuges or to control the plant. Normally, UF_6 is evaporated from the solid state using heated autoclaves and is distributed in gaseous form to the centrifuges by a cascade of header pipework. The product and tails UF_6 gas



streams flowing from the centrifuges are passed by the cascade of header pipework to cold traps (operating at 203 K (-70°C)), where they are condensed prior to onward transfer into suitable containers for transportation or storage. Some of the Items listed below can come into direct contact with the UF_6 process gas, or directly control the centrifuges and the passage of the gas from centrifuge to centrifuge and cascade to cascade. Materials resistant to corrosion by UF_6 include copper, copper alloys, stainless steel, aluminum, aluminum oxide, aluminum alloys, nickel or alloys containing 60% by weight or more nickel and fluorinated hydrocarbon polymers.

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3-5-2-1 Feed systems/product and tails withdrawal system

Especially designed or prepared process systems or equipment for enrichment plants, made of or protected by materials resistant to corrosion by UF_6 , including:

- A. Feed autoclaves, ovens, or systems used for passing UF_6 to the enrichment process.
- B. Desublimers, cold traps or pumps used to re- move UF_6 from the en-



richment process for subsequent transfer upon heating.

C. Solidification or liquefaction stations used to remove UF_6 from the enrichment process by compressing and converting UF_6 to a liquid or solid form.

D. Product or tails stations used for transferring UF_6 into containers.

3-5-2-2 Machine header piping systems

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Especially designed or prepared piping systems and header systems for handling UF_6 within the centrifuge cascades. The piping network is normally of the triple header system with each centrifuge connected to each of the headers. They are made of or protected by UF-resistant materials (see NOTE in 3-5-2).

3-5-2-3 Special shut-off and control valves

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A. Shut-off valves especially designed or prepared to act on the feed, product, or tails UF_6 gas streams of an individual gas centrifuge.

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B. Manual or automated shut-off or



control bellows-sealed valves made of or protected by materials resistant to corrosion by UF_6 with an inside diameter of 10 to 160 mm, especially designed or prepared for use in main or auxiliary systems of gas centrifuge enrichment plants.

NOTE:

Typical especially designed or prepared valves include bellows-sealed valves, fast acting closure types, fast acting valves.

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3-5-2-4 UF_6 mass spectrometers/ion sources

Especially designed or prepared mass spectrometers capable of taking on-line samples from UF_6 gas streams and having all of the following characteristics:

- Capable of measuring ions of 320 atomic mass units or greater and having a resolution of better than 1 part in 320.
- Ion sources constructed of or protected by nickel, nickel-copper alloys with a nickel content of 60% by weight or more, or nickel-chrome alloys.



- Electron bombardment ionization sources.
- Having a collector system suitable for isotopic analysis.

3-5-2-5 Frequency changers

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Frequency changers (also known as converters or inverters) especially designed or prepared to supply motor stators as defined under 3-5-1-2-D, or parts, components or sub-assemblies of such frequency changers having both of the following characteristics:

- A multiphase frequency output of 600 Hz or greater.
- High stability with frequency control better than 0.2%.

3-5-3 Especially designed or prepared assemblies and components for use in gaseous diffusion enrichment

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NOTE:

In the gaseous diffusion method of uranium isotope separation, the main technological assembly is a special porous gaseous diffusion barrier, heat exchanger for cooling the gas



(which is heated by the process of compression), seal valves and control valves, and pipelines. All equipment, pipeline, and instrumentation surfaces that come in contact with the gas are made of materials that remain stable in contact with UF₆. A gaseous diffusion facility requires a number of these assemblies, thus the quantities provide an important indication of its intended end use.

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3-5-3-1 Gaseous diffusion barriers and barrier materials

- A. Especially designed or prepared thin, porous filters, with a pore size of 10 - 100 nm, a thickness of 5 mm or less, and for tubular forms, a diameter of 25 mm or less. They are made of metallic, polymer, or ceramic materials resistant to corrosion by UF₆ (see NOTE in 3-5-4).

- B. Especially prepared compounds or powders for the manufacture of such filters. Such compounds and powders include nickel or alloys containing 60% by weight or more nickel, aluminum oxide, or UF₆-resistant fully fluorinated hydrocarbon polymers having a purity of 99.9%



by weight or more, a particle size less than 10 μm , and a high degree of particle size uniformity, which are especially prepared for the manufacture of gaseous diffusion barriers.

3-5-3-2 Diffuser housings

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Especially designed or prepared hermetically sealed vessels for containing the gaseous diffusion barrier, made of or protected by UF_6 -resistant materials (see NOTE in 3-5-4).

3-5-3-3 Compressors and gas blowers

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Especially designed or prepared compressors or gas blowers with a suction volume capacity of 1 m^3 per minute or more of UF_6 , with a discharge pressure of up to 500 kPa. They are designed for long-term operations in the UF_6 environment, as well as separate assemblies of such compressors and gas blowers. These compressors and gas blowers have a pressure ratio of 10:1 or less and are made of or protected by materials resistant to UF_6 (see NOTE in 3-5-4).



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3-5-3-4 Rotary shaft seals

Especially designed or prepared vacuum seals, with seal feed and seal exhaust connections, for sealing the shaft connecting the compressor or the gas blower rotor with the driver motor so as to ensure a reliable seal against in-leaking of air into the inner chamber of the compressor or gas blower which is filled with UF. Such seals are normally designed for a buffer gas in-leakage rate not exceeding 1000 cm³ per minute.

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3-5-3-5 Heat exchangers for cooling UF₆

Especially designed or prepared heat exchangers made of or protected by UF₆-resistant materials (see NOTE in 3-5-4) and intended for a leakage pressure change rate of less than 10 Pa/h under a pressure difference of 100 kPa.

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3-5-4 Especially designed or prepared auxiliary systems, equipment and components for use in gaseous diffusion enrichment



NOTE:

The auxiliary systems, equipment and components for gaseous diffusion enrichment plants are the systems of plant needed to feed UF_6 to the gaseous diffusion assembly, to link the individual assemblies to each other to form cascades (or stages) to allow for progressively higher enrichments and to extract the product and tails UF_6 from the diffusion cascades. Due to the high inertial properties of diffusion cascades, any interruption in their operation leads to serious consequences. Therefore, a strict and constant maintenance of vacuum in all technological systems, automatic protection from accidents, and precise automated regulation of the gas flow. All this leads to a need to equip the plant with a large number of special measuring, regulating, and controlling systems.

Normally, UF_6 is evaporated from cylinders placed within autoclaves and is distributed in gaseous form to the entry point by way of cascade header pipework. The product and tails UF_6 gas streams flowing from exit points are passed by the cascade header pipework to either cold traps or to compression stations where the UF_6 gas is liquefied prior to onward transfer into suitable containers for transportation or storage. Because



a gaseous diffusion enrichment plant consists of a large number of gaseous diffusion assemblies arranged in cascades, there are many kilometers of cascade header pipework, incorporating thousands of welds with substantial amounts of configuration layouts.

The Items listed below either come into direct contact with the UF_6 process gas or directly control the flow within the cascade. Materials resistant to corrosion by UF_6 include copper, copper alloys, stainless steel, aluminum, aluminum oxide, aluminum alloys, nickel or alloys containing 60% by weight or more nickel and fluorinated hydrocarbon polymers.

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3-5-4-1 Feed systems/product and tails withdrawal systems

Especially designed or prepared process systems or equipment for enrichment plants made of or protected by materials resistant to corrosion by UF_6 , including:

- A. Feed autoclaves, ovens, or systems used for passing UF_6 to the enrichment process.
- B. Desublimers, cold traps or pumps



used to remove UF_6 from the enrichment process for subsequent transfer upon heating.

C. Solidification or liquefaction stations used to remove UF_6 from the enrichment process by compressing and converting UF_6 to a liquid or solid form.

D. Product or tails stations used for transferring UF_6 into containers.

3-5-4-2 Header piping systems

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Especially designed or prepared piping systems and header systems for handling UF_6 within the gaseous diffusion cascades.

NOTE:

This piping network is normally of the double header system with each cell connected to each of the headers.

3-5-4-3 Vacuum systems

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A. Especially designed or prepared vacuum manifolds, vacuum headers and vacuum pumps having a suction capacity of 5 m³/min or more.

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B. Vacuum pumps especially designed for service in UF_6 -bearing atmospheres, made of or protected by materials resistant to corrosion by UF_6 (see NOTE in 3-5-4). These pumps may be either rotary or positive. They may have displacement and fluorocarbon seals, and special working fluids present.

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3-5-4-4 Special shut-off and control valves

Especially designed or prepared bellows-sealed valves, manual or automated, shut-off or control, made of or protected by materials resistant to corrosion by UF_6 , for installation in main and auxiliary systems of gaseous diffusion enrichment plants.

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3-5-4-5 UF_6 mass spectrometers/ion sources

Especially designed or prepared mass spectrometers capable of taking on-line samples from UF_6 gas streams and having all of the following:

- Capable of measuring ions of 320 atomic mass units or greater and having a resolution of better than 1 part in 320.



- Ion sources constructed of or protected by nickel, nickel-copper alloys with a nickel content of 60% by weight or more, or nickel-chrome alloys.
- Electron bombardment ionization sources.
- Having a collector system suitable for isotopic analysis.

3-5-5 Especially designed or prepared systems, equipment, and components for use in aerodynamic enrichment plants

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NOTE:

In aerodynamic enrichment processes, a mixture of gaseous UF_6 and light gas (hydrogen or helium) is compressed and then passed through separating elements wherein isotopic separation is accomplished by the generation of high centrifugal forces over a curved-wall geometry. Two processes of this type have been successfully developed: the separation nozzle process and the vortex tube process. For both processes, the main components of a separation stage include cylindrical vessels housing the special separation elements (nozzles or vortex tubes), gas compressors, and heat exchangers



to remove the heat of compression. An aerodynamic plant requires a number of these stages. Thus, the quantities provide an important indication of the intended end use. Since aerodynamic processes use UF_6 , all equipment, pipeline, and instrumentation surfaces that come in contact with the gas must be made of or protected by materials that remain stable in contact with UF_6 .

The Items listed below either come into direct contact with the UF_6 process gas or directly control the flow within the cascade. All surfaces that come into contact with the process gas are made of or protected by UF_6 -resistant materials. The materials resistant to corrosion by UF_6 include copper, copper alloys, stainless steel, aluminum, aluminum oxide, aluminum alloys, nickel or alloys containing 60% by weight or more nickel and fluorinated hydrocarbon polymers.

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3-5-5-1 Separation nozzles

Especially designed or prepared separation nozzles and assemblies thereof. The separation nozzles consist of slit-shaped, curved channels having a radius of curvature less than 1 mm,



resistant to corrosion by UF_6 and having a knife-edge within the nozzle that separates the gas flowing through the nozzle into two fractions.

3-5-5-2 Vortex tubes

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Especially designed or prepared vortex tubes and assemblies thereof. The vortex tubes are cylindrical or tapered, made of or protected by materials resistant to corrosion by UF_6 , and with one or more tangential inlets. The tubes may be equipped with nozzle-type appendages at either or both ends.

NOTE:

The feed gas enters the vortex tube tangentially at one end, or through swirl vanes, or at numerous tangential positions along the periphery of the tube.

3-5-5-3 Compressors and gas blowers

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Especially designed or prepared compressors or gas blowers made of or protected by materials resistant



to corrosion by the UF_6 /carrier gas (hydrogen or helium) mixture.

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3-5-5-4 Rotary shaft seals

Especially designed or prepared rotary shaft seals, with seal feed and seal exhaust connections, for sealing the shaft connecting the compressor rotor or the gas blower rotor with the driver motor so as to ensure a reliable seal against out-leakage of process gas or in-leakage of air or seal gas into the inner chamber of the compressor or gas blower which is filled with a UF_6 /carrier gas mixture.

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3-5-5-5 Heat exchangers for gas cooling

Especially designed or prepared heat exchangers made of or protected by materials resistant to corrosion by UF_6 .

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3-5-5-6 Separation element housings

Especially designed or prepared separation element housings, made of or protected by materials resistant to corrosion by UF_6 , for containing vortex tubes or separation nozzles.

3-5-5-7 Feed systems/product and tails withdrawal systems

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Especially designed or prepared process systems or equipment for enrichment plants, made of or protected by materials resistant to corrosion by UF_6 , including:

- A. Feed autoclaves, ovens, or systems used for passing UF_6 to the enrichment process.
- B. Desublimers (or cold traps) used to remove UF_6 from the enrichment process for subsequent transfer upon heating.
- C. Solidification or liquefaction stations used to remove UF_6 from the enrichment process by compressing and converting UF_6 to a liquid or solid form.
- D. Product or tails stations used for transferring UF_6 into containers.

3-5-5-8 Header piping systems

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Especially designed or prepared header piping systems, made of or protected by materials resistant to corrosion



by UF_6 , for handling UF_6 within the aerodynamic cascades. This piping network is normally of the double header design with each stage or group of stages connected to each of the headers.

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3-5-5-9 Vacuum systems and pumps

- A. Especially designed or prepared vacuum systems consisting of vacuum manifolds, vacuum headers and vacuum pumps, and designed for service in UF_6 -bearing atmospheres.
- B. Vacuum pumps especially designed or prepared for service in UF_6 -bearing atmospheres and made of or protected by materials resistant to corrosion by UF_6 . These pumps may use fluorocarbon seals and special working fluids.

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3-5-5-10 Special shut-off and control valves

Especially designed or prepared bellows-sealed valves, manual or automated, shut-off or control, made of or protected by materials resistant to corrosion by UF_6 , with a diameter of 40 mm or greater, for installation in main



and auxiliary systems of aerodynamic enrichment plants.

3-5-5-11 UF₆ mass spectrometers/ion sources

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Especially designed or prepared mass spectrometers capable of taking on-line samples from UF₆ gas streams and having all of the following:

- Capable of measuring ions of 320 atomic mass units or greater and having a resolution of better than 1 part in 320.
- Ion sources constructed of or protected by nickel, nickel-copper alloys with a nickel content of 60% by weight or more, or nickel-chrome alloys.
- Electron bombardment ionization sources.
- Having a collector system suitable for isotopic analysis.

3-5-5-12 UF₆/carrier gas separation systems

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Especially prepared process systems for separating UF₆ from carrier gas (hydrogen or helium).



NOTE:

These systems are designed to reduce the UF_6 content in the carrier gas to 1 ppm or less and may incorporate equipment such as:

- Cryogenic heat exchangers and cryoseparators capable of temperatures of 153 K (-120°C) or less.
- Cryogenic refrigeration units capable of temperatures of 153 K (-120°C) or less.
- Separation nozzle or vortex tube units for the separation of UF_6 from carrier gas.
- UF_6 cold traps capable of freezing out UF_6 .

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3-5-6 Especially designed or prepared systems, equipment, and components for use in chemical exchange or ion exchange enrichment plants

NOTE:

The slight difference in mass between the isotopes of uranium causes small changes in chemical reaction equilibria that can be used as a basis for separation of the isotopes. There are two processes: liquid-liquid chemical exchange and solid-liquid ion exchange. In the liquid-liquid chemical exchange process, immiscible liquid phases (aqueous and organic) are counter-currently contacted to give the cascading effect of



thousands of separation stages. The aqueous phase consists of uranium chloride in hydrochloric acid solution. The organic phase consists of an extractant containing uranium chloride in an organic solvent. The contactors employed in the separation cascade can be liquid-liquid exchange columns (such as pulsed columns with sieve plates) or liquid centrifugal contactors.

Chemical conversions (oxidation and reduction) are required at both ends of the separation cascade in order to provide for the reflux requirements at each end. A major design concern is to avoid contamination of the process streams with certain metal ions. Plastic, plastic-lined (including use of fluorocarbon polymers) and/or glass-lined columns and piping are therefore used. In the solid-liquid ion-exchange process, enrichment is accomplished by uranium adsorption/desorption on a special, very fast-acting, ion-exchange resin or adsorbent. A solution of uranium in hydrochloric acid and other chemical agents is passed through cylindrical enrichment columns containing packed beds of the adsorbent. For a continuous process, a reflux system is necessary to release the uranium from the adsorbent back into the liquid flow so that product and tails can be collected. This is accomplished with the use of



suitable reduction/oxidation chemical agents that are fully regenerated in separate external circuits and that may be partially regenerated within the isotopic separation columns themselves. The presence of hot concentrated hydrochloric acid solutions in the process requires that the equipment be made of or protected by special corrosion- resistant materials.

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3-5-6-1 Liquid-liquid exchange columns (Chemical exchange)

Countercurrent liquid-liquid exchange columns having mechanical power input, especially designed or prepared for uranium enrichment using the chemical exchange process. For corrosion resistance to concentrated hydrochloric acid solutions, these columns and their internals are normally made of or protected by suitable plastic materials (such as fluorinated hydrocarbon polymers) or glass. The stage residence time of the columns is normally designed to be 30s or less.



3-5-6-2 Liquid-liquid centrifugal contactors 030500060200
(Chemical exchange)

Liquid-liquid centrifugal contactors especially designed or prepared for uranium enrichment using the chemical exchange process. Such contactors use rotation to achieve dispersion of the organic and aqueous streams and then centrifugal force to separate the phases. For corrosion resistance to concentrated hydrochloric acid solutions, the contactors are normally made of or protected by suitable plastic materials (such as fluorinated hydrocarbon polymers) or glass. The stage residence time of the centrifugal contactors is normally designed to be 30s or less.

3-5-6-3 Uranium reduction systems and equipment 030500060300
(Chemical exchange)

A. Especially designed or prepared electrochemical reduction cells to reduce uranium from one valence state to another for uranium enrichment using the chemical exchange process. The cell materials in contact with process solutions must be

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corrosion resistant to concentrated hydrochloric acid solutions.

NOTE:

The cell cathodic compartment must be designed to prevent re-oxidation of uranium to its higher valence state. To keep the uranium in the cathodic compartment, the cell may have an impervious diaphragm membrane constructed of special cation exchange material. The cathode consists of a suitable solid conductor such as graphite.

- B. Especially designed or prepared systems at the product end of the cascade for taking the U^{+4} out of the organic stream, adjusting the acid concentration and feeding to the electrochemical reduction cells.

NOTE:

These systems consist of solvent extraction equipment for stripping the U^{+4} from the organic stream into an aqueous solution, evaporation and/or other equipment to accomplish

solution pH adjustment and control, and pumps or other transfer devices for feeding to the electrochemical reduction cells. A major design concern is to avoid contamination of the aqueous stream with certain metal ions. Consequently, for those parts in contact with the process stream, the system is constructed of equipment made of or protected by suitable materials (such as glass, fluorocarbon polymers, polyphenol sulphate, polyether sulphone, and resin-impregnated graphite).

3-5-6-4 Feed preparation systems (Chemical exchange) Especially designed or prepared systems for producing high-purity uranium chloride feed solutions for chemical exchange uranium isotope separation plants.

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NOTE:

These systems consist of dissolution, solvent extraction and/or ion exchange equipment for purification and electrolytic cells for reducing the uranium U^{+6} , U^{+4} , or U^{+3} . These systems produce uranium chloride solutions



having only a few parts per million of metallic impurities such as chromium, iron, vanadium, molybdenum and other bivalent or higher multi-valent cations.

Materials of construction for portions of the system processing high-purity U^{+3} include glass, fluorinated hydrocarbon polymers, polyphenol sulphate or polyether sulphone plastic-lined and resin-impregnated graphite.

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3-5-6-5 Uranium oxidation systems (Chemical exchange)Especially designed or prepared systems for oxidation of U^{+3} to U^{+4} for return to the uranium isotope separation cascade in the chemical exchange enrichment process.

NOTE:

These systems may incorporate equipment such as:

- A. Equipment for contacting chlorine and oxygen with the aqueous effluent from the isotope separation equipment and extracting the resultant U^{+4} into the stripped organic



stream returning from the product end of the cascade.

- B. Equipment that separates water from hydro- chloric acid, so that the water and the concentrated hydro- chloric acid may be reintroduced to the process at the proper locations.

3-5-6-6 Fast-reacting ion exchange resins/adsorbents (Ion exchange)

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Fast-reacting ion exchange resins or adsorbents especially designed or prepared for uranium enrichment using the ion exchange process, including porous macroreticular resins, and/or pellicular structures in which the active chemical exchange groups are limited to a coating on the surface of an inactive porous support structure, and other composite structures in any suitable form. These ion exchange resins/adsorbents have diameters of 0.2 mm or less and must be chemically resistant to concentrated hydrochloric acid solutions as well as physically strong enough so as not to degrade in the exchange columns.



The resins/adsorbents are especially designed to achieve very fast uranium isotope exchange kinetics (exchange rate half-time of less than 10 s) and are capable of operating at a temperature in the range of 373 K (100°C) to 473 K (200°C).

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3-5-6-7 Ion exchange columns (Ion exchange)

Cylindrical columns with a diameter greater than 1000 mm, for containing and supporting packed beds of ion exchange resin/adsorbent, especially designed or prepared for uranium enrichment using the ion exchange process. These columns are made of or protected by such as titanium or fluorocarbon plastics resistant to corrosion by concentrated hydrochloric acid solutions and are capable of operating at a temperature in the range of 373 K (100°C) to 473 K (200°C) and pressures above 0.7 MPa.

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3-5-6-8 Ion exchange reflux systems (Ion exchange)

A. Especially designed or prepared chemical or electrochemical reduc-



tion systems for regeneration of the chemical reducing agent used in ion exchange uranium enrichment cascades.

- B. Especially designed or prepared chemical or electrochemical oxidation systems for regeneration of the chemical oxidizing agent (agents) used in ion exchange uranium enrichment cascades.

NOTE:

The ion exchange enrichment process may use, for example, trivalent titanium (Ti^{+3}) as a reducing cation in which case the reduction system would regenerate Ti^{+3} by reducing Ti^{+4} . The process may use, for example, trivalent iron (Fe^{+3}) as an oxidant in which case the oxidation system would regenerate Fe^{+3} by oxidizing Fe^{+2} .

3-5-7 Especially designed or prepared systems, equipment, and components for use in laser-based enrichment plants

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NOTE:

Present systems for enrichment processes using lasers fall into two categories: those in which the



process medium is atomic uranium vapor and those in which the process medium is the vapor of a uranium compound, sometimes mixed with another gas or gases. Common nomenclature for such processes include:

First category - atomic vapor laser isotope separation.

Second category - molecular laser isotope separation, including chemical reaction by isotope selective laser activation.

The systems, equipment and components for laser enrichment plants include:

- A. Devices to feed uranium-metal vapor (for selective photo-ionization) or devices to feed the vapor of a uranium compound (for selective photo-dissociation or selective excitation/activation).
- B. Devices to collect enriched and depleted uranium metal as product and tails in the first category, and devices to collect enriched and depleted uranium compounds as product and tails in the second category.
- C. Process laser systems to selectively excite the uranium-235 (^{235}U) species.
- D. Feed preparation and product conversion



equipment. The spectroscopy of uranium atoms and compounds require incorporation of any of a number of available laser and laser optics technologies. Many of the Items listed in this section come into direct contact with uranium metal vapor or liquid or with process gas consisting of UF_6 or a mixture of UF_6 and other gases. All surfaces that come into direct contact with the uranium or UF_6 are wholly made of or protected by corrosion-resistant materials. The materials resistant to corrosion by the vapor or liquid of uranium metal or uranium alloys include yttria-coated graphite and tantalum; and the materials resistant to corrosion by UF_6 include copper, copper alloys, stainless steel, aluminum, aluminum oxide, aluminum alloys, nickel or alloys containing 60% by weight or more nickel and fluorinated hydrocarbon polymers.

3-5-7-1 Uranium vaporization systems (atomic vapor based methods)

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Especially designed or prepared uranium metal vaporization systems for use in laser enrichment.



NOTE:

These systems may contain electron beam guns and are designed to achieve a delivered power of 1 kW or greater on the target sufficient to generate uranium metal vapor at a rate required for the laser enrichment function.

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3-5-7-2 Liquid or vapor uranium metal handling systems and components (atomic vapor based methods)

Especially designed or prepared systems for handling molten uranium, molten uranium alloys or uranium metal vapor for use in laser enrichment, or especially designed or prepared components therefor.

NOTE:

The liquid uranium metal handling systems may consist of crucibles and cooling equipment for the crucibles. The crucibles and other parts of this system that come into contact with molten uranium, molten uranium alloys or uranium metal vapor are made of or protected by materials of suitable corrosion and heat resistance.



Suitable materials include tantalum, yttria-coated graphite, graphite coated with other rare earth oxides or mixtures thereof.

3-5-7-3 Uranium metal product and tails collector assemblies (atomic vapor based methods)

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Especially designed or prepared product and tails collector assemblies for collecting uranium metal in liquid or solid form.

NOTE:

Components for these assemblies are made of or protected by materials resistant to the heat and corrosion of uranium metal vapor or liquid (such as yttria-coated graphite or tantalum) and may include pipes, valves, fittings, gutters, feed-throughs, heat exchangers and collector plates for magnetic, electrostatic or other separation methods.



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3-5-7-4 Separator module housings (atomic vapor based methods)

Especially designed or prepared cylindrical or rectangular vessels for containing the uranium metal vapor source, the electron beam gun, and the product and tails collectors.

NOTE:

These housings have multiplicity of ports for electrical and water feed-throughs, laser beam windows, vacuum pump connections and instrumentation diagnostics and monitoring. They have provisions for opening and closing to allow refurbishment of internal components.

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3-5-7-5 Supersonic expansion nozzles (molecular based methods)

Especially designed or prepared supersonic expansion nozzles for cooling mixtures of UF_6 and carrier gas to 150 K (-123°C) or less and which are corrosion resistant to UF_6 .



3-5-7-6 Product or tails collectors (molecular based methods)

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Especially designed or prepared components or devices for collecting uranium product material or uranium tails material following illumination with laser light.

NOTE:

The product collectors serve to collect enriched uranium pentafluoride (UF_5) solid material. The product collectors may consist of filter, impact, or cyclone-type collectors, or combinations thereof, and must be corrosion resistant to the UF_5/UF_6 environment.

3-5-7-7 UF_6 /carrier gas compressors (molecular based methods)

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Especially designed or prepared compressors for UF_6 /carrier gas mixtures, designed for long-term operation in a UF_6 environment. The components of these compressors that come into contact with process gas are made of or protected by materials resistant to corrosion by UF_6 .



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3-5-7-8 Rotary shaft seals (molecular based methods)

Especially designed or prepared rotary shaft seals, with seal feed and seal exhaust connections, for sealing the shaft connecting the compressor rotor with the driver motor so as to ensure a reliable seal against out-leakage of process gas or in-leakage of air or seal gas into the inner chamber of the compressor which is filled with a UF / carrier gas mixture.

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3-5-7-9 Fluorination systems (molecular based methods)

Especially designed or prepared systems for fluorinating UF₅ (solid) to UF₆ (gas).

NOTE:

These systems are designed to fluorinate the collected UF₅ powder to UF₆ for subsequent collection in product containers or for transfer as feed for additional enrichment. In one approach, the fluorination reaction may be accomplished within the isotope separation system to react and recover directly off the product collectors. In another approach, the UF₅ powder may be



removed/transferred from the product collectors into a suitable reaction vessel (e.g., fluidized-bed reactor, screw reactor, or flame tower) for fluorination. In both approaches, equipment for storage and transfer of fluorine (or other suitable fluorinating agents) and for collection and transfer of UF_6 are used.

3-5-7-10 UF_6 mass spectrometers/ion sources (molecular based methods)

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Especially designed or prepared mass spectrometers capable of taking on-line samples from UF_6 following:

- Capable of measuring ions of 320 atomic mass units or greater and having a resolution of better than 1 part in 320.
- Ion sources constructed of or protected by nickel, nickel-copper alloys with a nickel content of 60% by weight or more, or nickel-chrome alloys.
- Electron bombardment ionization sources.
- Having a collector system suitable for isotopic analysis.



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3-5-7-11 Feed systems/product and tails withdrawal systems (molecular based methods)

Especially designed or prepared process systems or equipment for enrichment plants made of or protected by materials resistant to corrosion by UF_6 , including:

- A. Feed autoclaves, ovens, or systems used for passing UF_6 to the enrichment process.
- B. Desublimers (or cold traps) used to remove UF_6 from the enrichment process for subsequent transfer upon heating.
- C. Solidification or liquefaction stations used to remove UF_6 from the enrichment process by compressing and converting UF_6 to a liquid or solid form.
- D. Product or tails stations used for transferring UF_6 into containers.

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3-5-7-12 UF_6 /carrier gas separation systems (molecular based methods)

Especially designed or prepared



process systems for separating UF_6 from carrier gas.

NOTE:

These systems may incorporate equipment such as:

- A. Cryogenic heat exchangers or cryo-separators capable of temperatures of 153 K (-120°C) or less.
- B. Cryogenic refrigeration units capable of temperatures of 153 K (-120°C) or less.
- C. UF_6 cold traps capable of freezing out UF_6 . The carrier gas may be nitrogen, argon, or other gas.

3-5-7-13 Laser systems

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Lasers or laser systems especially designed or prepared for the separation of uranium isotopes.

NOTE:

The lasers and laser components of importance in laser-based enrichment processes include dual-use nuclear-related Items identified in Second List. The laser system typically contains both optical and electronic compo-



nents for the management of the laser beam (or beams) and the transmission to the isotope separation chamber. The laser system for atomic vapor-based methods usually consists of tunable dye lasers pumped by another type of laser (e.g., copper vapor lasers or certain solid-State lasers). The laser system for molecular based methods may consist of carbon dioxide lasers or excimer lasers and a multi-pass optical cell. Lasers or laser systems for both methods require spectrum frequency stabilization for long-term operations.

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3-5-8 Especially designed or prepared systems, equipment, and components for use in plasma separation enrichment plants

NOTE:

In the plasma separation process, a plasma of uranium ions passes through an electric field tuned to the ^{235}U ion resonance frequency so that they preferentially absorb energy and increase the diameter of their corkscrew-like orbits. Ions with a large-diameter path are trapped to produce a product enriched in ^{235}U . As for the plasma, which is made by ionizing uranium vapor, is contained in a vacuum chamber with



a high-strength magnetic field produced by a superconducting magnet. The main technological systems of the process include the uranium plasma generation system, the separator module with superconducting magnet (see Second List), and metal removal systems for the collection of product and tails.

3-5-8-1 Microwave power sources and antennae

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Especially designed or prepared microwave power sources and antennae for producing or accelerating ions and having the following characteristics: greater than 30 GHz frequency and greater than 50 kW mean power output for ion production.

3-5-8-2 Ion excitation coils

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Especially designed or prepared radio frequency ion excitation coils for frequencies of more than 100 kHz and capable of handling more than 40 kW mean power.

3-5-8-3 Uranium plasma generation systems

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Especially designed or prepared systems for the generation of uranium plasma for use in plasma separation plants.



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3-5-8-4 Uranium metal product and tails collector assemblies

Especially designed or prepared product and tails collector assemblies for uranium metal in solid form. These collector assemblies are made of or protected by materials resistant to the heat and corrosion of uranium metal vapor, such as yttria- coated graphite or tantalum.

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3-5-8-5 Separator module housings

Cylindrical vessels especially designed or prepared for use in plasma separation enrichment plants for containing the uranium plasma source, radio-frequency drive coil and the product and tails collectors.

NOTE:

These housings have a multiplicity of ports for electrical feed-throughs, diffusion pump connections, and instrumentation diagnostics and monitoring. They have provisions for opening and closing to allow for refurbishment of internal components



and are constructed of a suitable non-magnetic material such as stainless steel.

3-5-9 Especially designed or prepared systems, equipment, and components for use in electromagnetic enrichment plants

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NOTE:

In the electromagnetic process, uranium metal ions produced by ionization of a salt-feed material (typically uranium tetrachloride (UCl_4)) are accelerated and passed through a magnetic field that has the effect of causing the ions of different isotopes to follow different paths. The major components of an electromagnetic isotope separator include: a magnetic field for ion-beam diversion/separation of the isotopes, an ion source with its acceleration system, and a collection system for the separated ions. Auxiliary systems for the process include a magnet power supply system, an ion source high-voltage power supply system, a vacuum system, and an extensive chemical handling systems for recovery of product and cleaning/recycling of components.



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3-5-9-1 Electromagnetic isotope separators

Electromagnetic isotope separators especially designed or prepared for the separation of uranium isotopes, and equipment and components therefor, including:

A. Ion sources

Especially designed or prepared single or multiple uranium ion sources consisting of a vapor source, ionizer, and beam accelerator, constructed of suitable materials such as graphite, stainless steel, or copper, and capable of providing a total ion beam current of 50 mA or greater.

B. Ion collectors

Collector plates consisting of two or more slits and pockets especially designed or prepared for collection of enriched and depleted uranium ion beams and constructed of suitable materials such as graphite or stainless steel.

C. Vacuum housings

Especially designed or prepared vacuum housings for uranium electromagnetic separators, constructed of suitable non-magnetic materials such as stainless steel and designed for operation at pressures of 0.1 Pa or lower.

NOTE:

The housings are especially designed to contain the ion sources, collector plates and water-cooled liners and have provision for diffusion pump connections and opening and closing for removal and reinstallation of these components.

D. Magnet pole pieces

Especially designed or prepared magnet pole pieces having a diameter greater than 2 m and used to maintain a constant magnetic field within an electromagnetic isotope separator and to transfer the magnetic field between adjoining separators.



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3-5-9-2 High voltage power supplies

Especially designed or prepared high-voltage power supplies for ion sources, having both of the following characteristics:

- Capable of continuous operation, output voltage of 20,000 V or greater, output current of 1 A or greater.
- Voltage regulation of better than 0.01% over a time period of 8 h.

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3-5-9-3 Magnet power supplies

Especially designed or prepared high-power, direct current magnet power supplies having both of the following characteristics:

- Capable of continuously producing a current output of 500 A or greater at a voltage of 100 V or greater.
- Current or voltage regulation better than 0.01% over a time period of 8 h.

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3-6 Plants for the Production or Concentration of Heavy Water, Deuterium and Deuterium Compounds and Equipment Especially Designed or Prepared Therefor



NOTE:

Heavy water can be produced by a variety of processes, including water-hydrogen sulfide exchange process (GS process) and the ammonia-hydrogen exchange process.

The GS process is based upon the exchange of hydrogen and deuterium between water and hydrogen sulfide within a series of towers which are operated with the top section cold and the bottom section hot. Water flows down the towers while the hydrogen sulfide gas circulates from the bottom to the top of the towers. A series of perforated trays are used to promote mixing between the gas and the water. Deuterium migrates to the water at low temperatures and to the hydrogen sulfide at high temperatures. Gas or water, enriched in deuterium, is removed from the first stage towers at the junction of the hot and cold sections and the process is repeated in subsequent stage towers. The product of the last stage, water enriched up to 30% by weight in deuterium, is sent to a distillation unit to produce reactor grade heavy water; i.e., 99.75% by weight deuterium oxide (D_2O). The ammonia-hydrogen exchange process can extract deuterium from synthesis gas through contact with liquid ammonia (NH_3) in the presence of a catalyst. The synthesis gas is fed into exchange towers and to an ammonia converter. Inside the towers the gas flows from the bottom to the top



while the liquid NH_3 flows from the top to the bottom. The deuterium is stripped from the hydrogen in the synthesis gas and concentrated in the NH_3 . The NH_3 then flows into an ammonia cracker at the bottom of the tower while the gas flows into an ammonia converter at the top. Further enrichment takes place in subsequent stages and reactor grade heavy water is produced through final distillation. The synthesis gas feed can be provided by an ammonia plant that, in turn, can be constructed in association with a heavy water ammonia-hydrogen exchange plant. The ammonia-hydrogen exchange process can also use ordinary water as a feed source of deuterium. The GS and ammonia-hydrogen processes require the handling of large quantities of flammable, corrosive and toxic fluids at elevated pressures. Accordingly, in establishing the design and operating standards for plants and equipment using these processes, careful attention to the materials selection and specifications is required to ensure long service life with high safety and reliability factors. Finally, it should be noted that in both the GS and the ammonia-hydrogen exchange processes, items of equipment which individually are not especially designed or prepared for heavy water production can be assembled into systems which are especially designed or prepared for producing heavy water. The catalyst production system used in the ammonia-hydrogen



exchange process and water distillation systems used for the final concentration of heavy water to reactor-grade in either process are examples of such systems. The Items of equipment which are especially designed or prepared for the production of heavy water utilizing either the water-hydrogen sulfide exchange process or the ammonia-hydrogen exchange process include the following:

3-6-1 Water-hydrogen sulphide exchange towers

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Exchange towers with diameters of 1.5 m or greater and capable of operating at pressures greater than or equal to 2 MPa, especially designed or prepared for heavy water production utilizing the water- hydrogen sulfide exchange process.

3-6-2 Blowers and compressors

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Single stage, low head (i.e., 0.2 MPa) centrifugal blowers or compressors for hydrogen- sulfide gas circulation (i.e., gas containing more than 70% by weight hydrogen sulfide, H₂S), especially designed or prepared for heavy water production utilizing the water-hydrogen sulfide exchange process. These blowers or compressors have a throughput capacity greater than or equal to 56 m³/s while operating at pressures greater than or equal to 1.8 MPa suction and have seals designed



for the wet hydrogen sulfide.

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3-6-3 Ammonia-hydrogen exchange towers

Ammonia-hydrogen exchange towers greater than or equal to 35 m in height with diameters of 1.5 m to 2.5 m capable of operating at pressures greater than 15 MPa, especially designed or prepared for heavy water production utilizing the ammonia-hydrogen exchange process. These towers also have at least one flanged axial opening of the same diameter as the cylindrical part through which the tower internals can be inserted or withdrawn.

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3-6-4 Tower internals and stage pumps

Tower internals and stage pumps especially designed or prepared for towers for heavy water production utilizing the ammonia-hydrogen exchange process. Tower internals include especially designed stage contactors which promote intimate gas/liquid contact. Stage pumps include especially designed submersible pumps for circulation of liquid NH_3 within a contacting stage internal to the stage towers.

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3-6-5 NH_3 crackers

Especially designed or prepared for heavy water production utilizing the ammonia-hydrogen

exchange process NH_3 crackers. These crackers operate under pressures greater than or equal to 3 MPa.

3-6-6 Infrared absorption analyzers

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Infrared absorption analyzers capable of on-line hydrogen/ deuterium ratio analysis, where deuterium concentrations are equal to or greater than 90% by weight.

3-6-7 Catalytic burners

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Especially designed or prepared for heavy water production utilizing the ammonia-hydrogen exchange process.

3-6-8 Complete heavy water upgrade systems or columns therefor

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Complete heavy water upgrade systems, or columns therefor, especially designed or prepared for the upgrade of heavy water to reactor-grade deuterium concentration.

NOTE:

These systems employ water distillation to separate heavy water from light water are especially designed or prepared to produce reactor-grade heavy water (i.e., typically 99.75%



by weight D₂O) from heavy water feedstock of lesser 2 concentration.

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3-6-9 NH₃ synthesis converters or synthesis units

NH₃ synthesis converters or synthesis units especially designed or prepared for heavy water production utilizing the ammonia-hydrogen exchange process.

NOTE:

These converters or units take synthesis gas (nitrogen and hydrogen) from an NH₃ /hydrogen high-pressure exchange 3 column (or columns), and the synthesized NH₃ is returned to the exchange column (or columns).

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3-7 Plants for the Conversion of Uranium and Plutonium for Use in the Fabrication of Fuel Elements and the Separation of Uranium Isotopes as Defined in Sections 3-4 and 3-5, and Equipment Especially Designed or Prepared Therefor

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3-7-1 Plants for the conversion of uranium and equipment especially designed or prepared therefor

NOTE:

Uranium conversion plants and systems may perform one or more transformations from one uranium chemical species to another, including: conversion of uranium ore

concentrates to uranium trioxide (UO_3), conversion of UO_3 to uranium dioxide (UO_2), conversion of uranium oxides to uranium tetrafluoride (UF_4), UF_6 , or UCl_4 , conversion of UF_4 to UF_6 , conversion of UF_6 to UF_4 , conversion of UF_4 to uranium metal, and conversion of uranium fluorides to UO_2 . For example, the types of equipment employed in these processes may include furnaces, rotary kilns, fluidized bed reactors, flame tower reactors, liquid centrifuges, distillation columns and liquid-liquid extraction columns. In some instances, special design and construction considerations are required to address the corrosive properties of some of the chemicals handled (hydrogen fluoride (HF), fluorine (F_2), chlorine trifluoride (ClF_3), and uranium fluorides) as well as nuclear criticality concerns. Items of equipment which individually are not especially designed or prepared for uranium conversion can be assembled into systems which are especially designed or prepared for use in uranium conversion.

3-7-1-1 Especially designed or prepared systems for the conversion of uranium ore concentrates to UO_3

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NOTE:

Conversion of uranium ore concentrates to UO_3 can be performed by first dissolving the ore in nitric acid and extracting purified uranyl nitrate (UO_2NO_3)₂ by using a solvent such as tributyl



phosphate (TBP). Next, the uranyl nitrate is converted to UO_3 by either concentration and denitration or by neutralization with gaseous NH_3 to produce ammonium diuranate, followed by subsequent filtering, drying, and calcining.

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3-7-1-2 Especially designed or prepared systems for the conversion of UO_3 to UF_6

NOTE:

Conversion of UO_3 to UF_6 can be performed directly by fluorination. The process requires a source of F_2 or ClF_3 .

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3-7-1-3 Especially designed or prepared systems for the conversion of UO_3 to UO_2

NOTE:

Conversion of UO_3 to UO_2 can be performed through reduction of UO_3 with cracked gaseous NH_3 or hydrogen.

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3-7-1-4 Especially designed or prepared systems for the conversion of UO_2 to UF_4

NOTE:

Conversion of UO_2 to UF_4 can be performed by reacting UO_2 with gaseous HF at 573-773 K (300-500°C).



3-7-1-5 Especially designed or prepared systems for the conversion of UF₄ to UF₆

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NOTE:

Conversion of UF₄ to UF₆ is performed by exothermic reaction with fluorine in a tower reactor. UF₆ is condensed from the hot effluent gases by passing the effluent stream through a cold trap cooled to 263 K (-10°C). The process requires a source of gaseous F₂.

3-7-1-6 Especially designed or prepared systems for the conversion of UF₄ to uranium metal

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NOTE:

Conversion of UF₄ to uranium metal is performed by reduction with large batches of magnesium or small batches of calcium. The reaction is carried out at temperatures above the melting point of uranium (1403 K (1130°C)).

3-7-1-7 Especially designed or prepared systems for the conversion of UF₆ to UO₂

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NOTE:

Conversion of UF₆ to UO₂ can be performed by one of three processes. In the first process, UF₆ is reduced and hydrolyzed to UO₂ using hydrogen and steam. In the second process,



UF₆ is hydrolyzed by solution in water, NH₃ is added to precipitate ammonium diuranate, and the diuranate is reduced to UO₂ with hydrogen at 1093 K (820°C). In the third process, UF₆ gas, CO₂, and NH₃ are combined in water, where ammonium uranyl carbonate undergoes precipitation. The ammonium uranyl carbonate is combined with steam and hydrogen at 773-873 K (500- 600°C) to yield UO₂. conversion of UF₆ to UO₂ is often performed as the first stage of a fuel fabrication plant.

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3-7-1-8 Especially designed or prepared systems for the conversion of UF₆ to UF₄

NOTE:

Conversion of UF₆ hydrogen to UF₄ is performed by reduction with hydrogen.

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3-7-1-9 Especially designed or prepared systems for the conversion of UO₂ to UCl₄

NOTE:

Conversion of UO₂ to UCl₄ can be performed by one of two processes. In the first process, UO₂ is reacted with carbon tetrachloride (CCl₄) at approximately 673 K (400°C). In the second process, UO₂ is reacted at approximately 973 K (700°C) in the presence of carbon black (CAS



1333-86-4), carbon monoxide, and chlorine to yield UCl_4 .

3-7-2 Plants for the conversion of plutonium and equipment especially designed or prepared therefor

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NOTE:

Plutonium conversion plants and systems perform one or more transformations from one plutonium chemical species to another, including: conversion of plutonium nitrate (PuN) to plutonium dioxide (PuO_2), conversion of PuO_2 to PuF_4 , conversion of PuF_4 to plutonium metal. Plutonium conversion plants are usually associated with reprocessing facilities. For example, the types of equipment employed in these processes may include furnaces, rotary kilns, fluidized-bed reactors, flame tower reactors, liquid centrifuges, distillation columns and liquid-liquid extraction columns. Hot cells, glove boxes and remote manipulators may also be required. Particular care in designing for the special radiological, toxicity and criticality hazards associated with plutonium is essential.

Items used in the transformations described above which individually are not especially designed or prepared for plutonium conversion can be



assembled into systems which are especially designed or prepared for use in plutonium conversion.

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3-7-2-1 Especially designed or prepared systems for the conversion of plutonium nitrate to oxide

NOTE:

The main functions involved in this process are: process feed storage and adjustment, precipitation and solid/liquor separation, calcination, product handling, ventilation, waste management, and process control. The process systems are particularly adapted so that criticality and radiation effects are avoided, and toxicity hazards are minimized. In most reprocessing facilities, this process involves the conversion of PuN to PuO₂. Other processes can involve the precipitation of plutonium oxalate or plutonium peroxide.

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3-7-2-2 Especially designed or prepared systems for plutonium metal production

NOTE:

This process usually involves the fluorination of PuO₂, normally with highly corrosive HF to produce plutonium fluoride to produce plutonium fluoride, which is subsequently

reduced using high purity calcium metal to produce metallic plutonium and a calcium fluoride slag. The main functions involved in this process are fluorination (involves equipment fabricated or lined with a precious metal), metal reduction (employs ceramic crucibles), slag recovery, product handling, ventilation, waste management and process control. The process systems are particularly adapted so that criticality and radiation effects are avoided, and toxicity hazards are minimized. Other processes include the fluorination of plutonium oxalate or plutonium peroxide followed by a reduction to metal.

Chapter 3: Second List

This list includes dual-use nuclear and non nuclear-related items, as well as related technology and software.

GENERAL NOTE:

- The description of any items in the list herein include items in either new or second-hand conditions.
- When the description of any item contains no qualifications or specifications, it is regarded as including all varieties of that item.
- Control is applied to equipment or materials when these equipment or materials are from one or multiple items men-



tioned in the list herein.

Technology Transfer Control:

The transfer of technology directly associated with any item in the Second List will be subject to as great a degree of scrutiny and control as will the item itself, to the extent permitted by the NRRC.

Software Transfer Control:

The transfer of software especially designed or prepared for the development, production or use of any item in the Second List will be subject to as great a degree of scrutiny and controls as will the item itself, to the extent permitted by the NRRC.

1. Industrial Equipment

1-A Equipment, Assemblies and Components

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1-A-1 High-density radiation shielding windows (lead glass or other), having all of the following characteristics, and specially designed frames therefor:

- a. A cold area greater than 0.09 m².
- b. A density greater than 3 g/cm³.
- c. A thickness of 100 mm or greater.



NOTE:

The term cold area means the viewing area of the window exposed to the lowest level of radiation in the design application.

1-A-2 Radiation-hardened TV cameras, or lenses therefor, specially designed or rated as radiation hardened.

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1-A-3 Robots, end-effectors and control units as follows:

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A. Robots or end-effectors having either of the following characteristics:

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- Specially designed to comply with safety standards applicable to handling high explosives (for example, meeting electrical code ratings for high explosives).

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- Specially designed or rated as radiation hardened.

B. Control units especially designed for any of the robots or end-effectors specified in Item 1-A-3-A.

NOTE:

- End-effectors tools in Item 1-A-3 are the grippers, active tooling units, and any other tooling that is attached to the base plate on the end of a robot manipulator arm. active



tooling units are devices for applying motive power, process energy or sensing to the workpiece.

- In Item 1-A-3 robot means a manipulation mechanism, which may be of the continuous path or of the point-to-point variety, may use sensors, and has all of the following characteristics:
 - Multifunctional.
 - Capable of positioning or orienting material, parts, tools, or special devices through variable movements in three-dimensional space.
 - Incorporates three or more closed or open loop servo-devices which may include stepping motors.
 - Has user-accessible programmability by means of teach/playback method or by means of an electronic computer which may be a programmable logic controller, i.e., without mechanical intervention.
- Sensors means detectors of a physical phenomenon, the output of which (after conversion into a signal that can be interpreted by a control unit) is able to generate programs or modify programmed instructions or numerical program data. This includes



sensors with machine vision, infrared imaging, acoustical imaging, tactile feel, inertial position measuring, optical or acoustic ranging or force or torque measuring capabilities.

- User-accessible programmability means the facility allowing a user to insert, modify or replace programs by means other than:
 - A. A physical change in wiring or interconnections.
 - B. The setting of function controls including entry of parameters.

1-A-4 Remote manipulators that can be used to provide remote actions in radiochemical separation operations or hot cells, having either of the following characteristics:

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- A capability of penetrating 0.6 m or more of hot cell wall (through-the-wall operation).
- A capability of bridging over the top of a hot cell wall with a thickness of 0.6 m or more (over-the-wall operation).

NOTE:

Remote manipulators provide translation of human operator actions to a remote operating arm and terminal fixture. They



may be of a master/slave type or operated by joystick or keypad.

1-B Test And Production Equipment

1-B-1 Flow-forming machines, spin-forming machines capable of flow-forming functions, and mandrels, as follows:

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- A. Machines having both of the following characteristics:
- Three or more rollers (active or guiding).
 - Can be equipped with numerical control units or a computer control.
- B. Rotor-forming mandrels designed to form cylindrical rotors of inside diameter between 75 and 650 mm.

NOTE:

Item 1-B-1-A includes machines which have only a single roller designed to deform metal plus two auxiliary rollers which support the mandrel.



1-B-2 Machine tools, as follows, and any combination thereof, for removing or cutting metals, ceramics, or composites, can be equipped with electronic devices for simultaneous con- touring control in two or more axes:

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NOTE:

For numerical control units controlled by their associated software, see Item 1-D-3.

- A. Machine tools for turning, that have positioning accuracies with all compensations available better than 6 μm , and provide any compensations along any linear axis.
- B. Machine tools for milling, having any of the following characteristics:
1. Positioning accuracies with all compensations available less (better) than 6 μm along any linear axis.
 2. Two or more contouring rotary axes.
 3. Five or more axes which can be coordinated simultaneously for contouring control.
- C. Machine tools for grinding, having any of the following characteristics:
1. Positioning accuracies with all compensations available less (better) than 4 μm along any linear axis (over- all positioning).



2. Two or more contouring rotary axes.
 3. Five or more axes which can be coordinated simultaneously for contouring control.
- D. Non-wire type Electrical Discharge Machines (EDM) that have two or more contouring rotary axes and that can be coordinated simultaneously for contouring control.

NOTE:

1. secondary parallel contouring axes (e.g., the w-axis on horizontal boring mills or a secondary rotary axis the centerline of which is parallel to the primary rotary axis) are not counted in the total number of contouring axes.
2. Rotary axes do not necessarily have to rotate over 360°. A rotary axis can be driven by a linear device, e.g., a screw or a rack-and-pinion.
3. For the purposes of Item 1-B-2, the number of axes which can be coordinated simultaneously for contouring control is the number of axes along or around which, during processing of the workpiece, simultaneous and interrelated motions are performed between the workpiece and a tool. This does not include any additional axes along or around



which other relative motions within the machine are performed, such as:

- A. Wheel-dressing systems in grinding machines.
 - B. Parallel rotary axes designed for mounting of separate workpieces.
 - C. Co-linear rotary axes designed for manipulating the same workpiece by holding it in a chuck from different ends.
4. A machine tool having at least two of the three turning, milling, or grinding capabilities (e.g., a turning machine with milling capability) must be evaluated against each applicable Item, 1-B-2-A, 1-B-2-B and 1-B-2-C.
5. Items 1-B-2-B-3 and 1-B-2-C-3 include machines based on a parallel linear kinematic design (e.g., hexapods) that have 5 or more axes none of which is a rotary axis.



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1-B-3 Dimensional inspection machines, instruments, or systems, as follows:

A. Computer controlled or numerically controlled coordinate measuring machines (CMM) having either of the following characteristics:

- Having only two axes and having a maximum permissible error of length measurement along any axis (one dimensional), identified as any combination of $(E_{0x, MPE})$, $(E_{0y, MPE})$ or $(E_{0z, MPE})$ equal to or less (better) than $(1.25 + L/1000) \mu\text{m}$ (where L is the measured length in mm) at any point within the operating range of the machine.
- Three or more axes and having a three-dimensional (volumetric) maximum permissible error of length measurement $(E_{0, MPE})$ equal to or less (better) than $(1.7 + L/800) \mu\text{m}$ (where L is the measured length in mm) at any point within the operating range of the machine.

NOTE:

The $(E_{0, MPE})$ of the most accurate configuration of the CMM best of the following: probe, stylus length, motion parameters, environment, and with all available compensations, and shall be compared to the $1.7 + L/800 \mu\text{m}$ threshold.



B. Linear displacement measuring instruments, as follows:

1. Non-contact type measuring systems with a resolution equal to or less (better) than 0.2 μm within a measuring range up to 0.2 mm.
2. Linear variable differential transformer (LVDT) systems having both of the following characteristics:

A.

- Linear variable differential transformer (LVDT) with linearity equal to or less (better) than 0.1% measured from 0 to the full operating range, for LVDTs with an operating range up to 5 mm.
- Linear variable differential transformer (LVDT) with linearity equal to or less (better) than 0.1% measured from 0 to 5 mm for LVDTs with an operating range greater than 5 mm.

B. Drift equal to or less (better) than 0.1% per day at a standard ambient test room temperature $\pm 1 \text{ K}$ ($\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$).

3. Measuring systems having both of the following characteristics:

A. Containing a laser.



- B. Capable of maintaining for at least 12 h, over a temperature range of ± 1 K ($\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$) around a standard temperature and a standard pressure.
- A resolution over their full scale of $0.1\ \mu\text{m}$ or better.
 - With a measurement uncertainty equal to or less (better) than $(0.2 + L/2000)\ \mu\text{m}$ (L is the measured length in mm).

NOTE:

In Item 1-B-3-B, linear displacement means the change of distance between the measuring probe and the measured object.

- C. Angular displacement measuring instruments having an angular position deviation equal to or less (better) than 0.00025° .
- D. Systems for simultaneous linear-angular inspection of semi shells, having both of the following characteristics:
- Measurement uncertainty along any linear axis equal to or less (better) than $3.5\ \mu\text{m}$ per 5 mm.
 - Angular position deviation equal to or less than 0.02° .

NOTE:

- Item 1-B-3 includes machine tools, other than those specified by 1-B-2, that can be used as measuring machines if they meet or exceed the criteria specified for the measuring machine function.
- Machines described in Item 1-B-3 are controlled if they exceed the threshold specified anywhere within their operating range.
- All parameters of measurement values in this Item represent plus/minus, i.e., not total band.

1-B-4 Controlled atmosphere (vacuum or inert gas) induction furnaces, and power supplies therefor, as follows:

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- A. Furnaces having all of the following characteristics:
- Capable of operation at temperatures above 1123 K (850 °C).
 - Induction coils 600 mm or less in diameter.
 - Designed for power inputs of 5 kW or more.
- B. Power supplies, with a specified output power of 5 kW or more, especially designed for furnaces specified in Item 1-B-4-A.



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1-B-5 Isostatic presses and related equipment, as follows:

- A. Isostatic presses having both of the following characteristics:
- Capable of achieving a maximum working pressure of 69 MPa or greater.
 - A chamber cavity with an inside diameter in excess of 152 mm.
- B. Dies, molds, and controls especially designed for the iso-static presses specified in Item 1-B-5-A.

NOTE:

1. In Item 1-B-5, isostatic presses means equipment capable of pressurizing a closed cavity through various media (e.g., gas, liquid, solid particles) to create equal pressure in all directions within the cavity upon a work-piece or material.
2. In Item 1-B-5, the inside chamber dimension is that of the chamber in which both the working temperature and the working pressure are achieved and does not include fixtures. That dimension will be the smaller of either the inside diameter of the pressure chamber or the inside diameter of the insulated furnace chamber, depending on which



of the two chambers is located inside the other.

1-B-6 Vibration test systems, equipment, and components as follows:

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A. Electrodynamic vibration test systems, having all of the following characteristics:

- Employing feedback or closed loop control techniques and incorporating a digital control unit.
- Capable of vibrating at $10 g_0$ root mean square (RMS) or more between 20 and 2000 Hz.
- Capable of imparting forces of 50 kN or greater measured bare table.

B. Digital control units, combined with software especially designed for vibration testing, with a real-time bandwidth greater than 5 kHz and being designed for a system specified in Item 1-B-6-A.

C. Vibration thrusters (shaker units), with or without associated amplifiers, capable of imparting a force of 50 kN or greater measured bare table, which are usable for the systems specified in Item 1-B-6-A.

D. Test piece support structures and electronic units de-signed to combine multiple shaker



units into a complete shaker system capable of providing an effective combined force of 50 kN or greater, measured bare table, which are usable for the systems specified in Item 1-B-6-A.

NOTE:

In Item 1-B-6, bare table means a flat table, or surface, with no fixtures or fittings.

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1-B-7 Vacuum or other controlled atmosphere metallurgical melting and casting furnaces and related equipment, as follows:

- A. Arc remelt furnaces, arc melt furnaces and arc melt and casting furnaces having both of the following characteristics:
- Consumable electrode capacities between 1000 and 20000 cm³.
 - Capable of operating with melting temperatures above 1973 K (1700 °C).
- B. Electron beam melting furnaces, plasma atomization furnaces and plasma melting furnaces having both of the following characteristics:
- A power of 50 kW or greater.
 - Capable of operating with melting temperatures above 1473 K (1200 °C).
- C. Computer control and monitoring systems especially con-figured for any of the furnaces specified in Item 1-B-7-A or 1-B-7-B



D. Plasma torches especially designed for the furnaces specified in 1-B-7-B having both of the following characteristics:

- Operating at a power greater than 50 kW.
- Capable of operating above 1473 K (1200°C).

E. Electron beam guns especially designed for the furnaces specified in 1-B-7-B operating at a power greater than 50 kW.

1-C Materials

None.

1-D Software

1-D-1 Software especially designed or modified for the use of equipment specified in Items 1-A-3, 1-B-1, 1-B-3, 1-B-5, 1-B-6-A, 1-B-6-B, 1-B-6-D or 1-B-7.

NOTE:

Software especially designed or modified for systems specified in Item 1-B-3-D includes software for simultaneous measurements of wall thickness and contour.

1-D-2 Software especially designed or modified for the development, production, or use of equipment specified in Item 1-B-2.



1-D-3 Software for any combination of electronic devices or system enabling such a device or such devices to function as a numerical control unit for machine tools, that is capable of controlling five or more interpolating axes that can be coordinated simultaneously for contouring control.

1-E Technology

1-E-1 Technology, according to the Technology Controls in the Second List, for the development, production or use of equipment, material or software specified in 1-A through 1-D.

2- Materials

2-A Equipment, Assemblies And Components

2-A-1 Crucibles made of materials resistant to liquid actinide metals, as follows:

A. Crucibles having both of the following characteristics:

- A volume of between 150 cm³ (150 mL) and 8000 cm³ (8 L).
- Made of or coated with any of the following materials, or combination of the following materials, having an overall impurity level of 2% or less by weight:
 - Calcium fluoride (CaF₂).

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- Calcium zirconate (metazirconate) (Ca-ZrO_3).
- Cerium sulphide (Ce_2S_3).
- Erbium oxide (erbia) (Er_2O_3).
- Hafnium oxide (hafnia) (HfO_2).
- Magnesium oxide (MgO).
- Nitrided niobium-titanium-tungsten alloy (ap-proximately 50% Nb, 30% Ti, 20% W).
- Yttrium oxide (yttria) (Y_2O_3).
- Zirconium oxide (zirconia) (ZrO_2).

B. Crucibles having both of the following characteristics:

- A volume of between 50 cm^3 (50 mL) and 2000 cm^3 (2 L).
- Made of or lined with tantalum, having a purity of 99.9% or greater by weight.

C. Crucibles having all of the following characteristics:

- A volume of between 50 cm^3 (50 mL) and 2000 cm^3 (2 L).
- Made of or lined with tantalum, having a purity of 98% or greater by weight.



- Coated with tantalum carbide, nitride, boride, or any combination thereof.

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2-A-2 Platinized catalysts especially designed or prepared for promoting the hydrogen isotope exchange reaction between hydrogen and water for the recovery of tritium from heavy water or for the production of heavy water.

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2-A-3 Composite structures in the form of tubes having both of the following characteristics:

- An inside diameter of between 75 and 400 mm.
- Made with any of the fibrous or filamentary materials specified in Item 2-C-7-A, or carbon prepreg materials specified in Item 2-C-7-C.

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2-A-4 Target assemblies and components for the production of tritium as follows:

- A. Target assemblies made of or containing lithium enriched in the lithium-6 isotope especially designed for the production of tritium through irradiation, including insertion in a nuclear reactor.
- B. Components especially designed for the target assemblies specified in Item 2-A-4-A.

NOTE:

Components especially designed for target assemblies for the production of tritium may include lithium pellets, tritium getters, and especially-coated cladding.

2-B Test And Production Equipment

2-B-1 Tritium facilities or plants, and equipment therefor:

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- A. Facilities or plants for the production, recovery, ex-traction, concentration or handling of tritium
- B. Equipment for tritium facilities or plants, as follows:
- Hydrogen or helium refrigeration units capable of cooling to 23 K (-250 °C) or less, with heat removal capacity greater than 150 W.
 - Hydrogen isotope storage or hydrogen isotope purification systems using metal hydrides as the storage or purification medium.



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2-B-2 Lithium isotope separation facilities or plants, and systems and equipment therefor.

NOTE:

Certain lithium isotope separation equipment and components for the plasma separation process (PSP) are also directly applicable to uranium isotope separation and are controlled under this List.

- A. Facilities or plants for the separation of lithium isotopes.
- B. Equipment for the separation of lithium isotopes based on the lithium-mercury amalgam process, as follows:
 - 1. Packed liquid-liquid exchange columns especially designed for lithium amalgams.
 - 2. Mercury or lithium amalgam pumps.
 - 3. Lithium amalgam electrolysis cells.
 - 4. Evaporators for concentrated lithium hydroxide solution.
- C. Ion exchange systems especially designed for lithium isotope separation, and especially designed component parts therefor.
- D. Chemical exchange systems (employing crown ethers, cryptands, or lariat ethers) especially de-



signed for lithium isotope separation, and especially designed component parts therefor.

2-C Materials

2-C-1 Aluminum alloys having both of the following characteristics: 040203010000

- Capable of an ultimate tensile strength of 460 MPa or more at 293 K (20 °C).
- In the form of tubes or cylindrical solid forms (including forgings) with an outside diameter of more than 75 mm.

NOTE:

In Item 2-C-1 include aluminum alloys before or after heat treatment.

2-C-2 Beryllium metal, alloys containing more than 50% beryllium by weight, beryllium compounds, manufactures there-of, and waste or scrap of any of the foregoing. 040203020000

2-C-3 Bismuth having both of the following characteristics: 040203030000

- A purity of 99.99% or greater by weight.
- Containing less than 10 ppm (parts per million) by weight of silver.



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2-C-4 Boron enriched in the boron-10 (¹⁰B) isotope to greater than its natural isotopic abundance, as follows: elemental boron, compounds, mixtures containing boron manufactures thereof, waste or scrap of any of the foregoing.

NOTE:

- In Item 2-C-4, mixtures containing boron include boron loaded materials.
- The natural isotopic abundance of boron-10 is approximately 18.5 weight percent (20% atom).

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2-C-5 Calcium having both of the following characteristics:

- Containing less than 1000 ppm by weight of metallic impurities other than magnesium.
- Containing less than 10 ppm by weight of boron.

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2-C-6 Chlorine trifluoride (ClF₃).

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2-C-7 Fibrous or filamentary materials, and preregs, as follows:

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A. Carbon or aramid fibrous or filamentary materials having either of the following characteristics:

- A specific modulus of 12.7×10^6 m or greater.



- A specific tensile strength of 23.5×10^4 m or greater.

B. Glass fibrous or filamentary materials having both of the following characteristics:

- A specific modulus of 3.18×10^6 m or greater.
- A specific tensile strength of 7.62×10^4 m or greater.

C. Thermoset resin impregnated continuous yarns, rovings, tows or tapes with a width of 15 mm or less (prepregs), made from carbon or glass fibrous or filamentary materials specified in Item 2-C-7-A or Item 2-C-7-B.

2-C-8 Magnesium having both of the following characteristics:

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- Containing less than 200 ppm by weight of metallic impurities other than calcium.
- Containing less than 10 ppm by weight of boron.

2-C-9 Lithium enriched in the lithium-6 (${}^6\text{Li}$) isotope to greater than its natural isotopic abundance and products or devices containing enriched lithium, as follows: elemental lithium, alloys, compounds, mixtures containing lithium, manufactures thereof, waste or scrap of any of the foregoing.

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2-C-10 Maraging steel capable of an ultimate tensile strength of 1950 MPa or more at 293 K (20 °C).

NOTE:

Item 2-C-10 includes maraging steel before and after heat treatment.

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2-C-11 Radium-226 (²²⁶Ra), radium-226 alloys, radium-226 compounds, mixtures containing radium-226, manufactures thereof, and products or devices containing any of the foregoing.

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2-C-12 Titanium alloys having both of the following characteristics:

- Capable of an ultimate tensile strength of 900 MPa or more at 293 K (20 °C).
- In the form of tubes or cylindrical solid forms (including forgings) with an outside diameter of more than 75 mm.

NOTE:

Item 2-C-12 includes titanium alloys before and after heat treatment.

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2-C-13 Tungsten, tungsten carbide, and alloys containing more than 90% tungsten by weight, having both of the following characteristics:

- In forms with a hollow cylindrical symmetry (including cylinder segments) with an inside



diameter between 100 and 300 mm.

- A mass greater than 20 kg.

2-C-14 Zirconium with a hafnium content of less than 1 part hafnium to 500 parts zirconium by weight, as follows: met-al, alloys containing more than 50% zirconium by weight, compounds, manufactures thereof, waste or scrap of any of the foregoing.

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2-C-15 Nickel powder and porous nickel metal, as follows:

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NOTE:

For nickel powders which are especially prepared for the manufacture of gaseous diffusion barriers, see First List.

A. Nickel powder having both of the following characteristics:

- A nickel purity content of 99% or greater by weight.
- A mean particle size of less than 10 μm .

B. Porous nickel metal produced from materials specified in Item 2-C-15-A.

NOTE:

Item 2-C-15-B refers to porous metal formed by compacting and sintering the material in Item



2-C-15-A to form a metal material with fine pores interconnected throughout the structure.

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2-C-16 Grounded and ungrounded natural calcium phosphate and natural lime aluminum phosphate.

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2-C-17 Rhenium, and alloys containing 90% by weight or more rhenium; and alloys of rhenium and tungsten containing 90% by weight or more of any combination of rhenium and tungsten, having both of the following characteristics:

- In forms with a hollow cylindrical symmetry (including cylinder segments) with an inside diameter between 100 and 300 mm.
- Mass greater than 20 kg.

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2-C-18 Hafnium metal, alloys containing more than 60% hafnium by weight, hafnium compounds containing more than 60% hafnium by weight, manufactures thereof, and waste or scrap of any of the foregoing

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2-C-19 Helium-3 (^3He), mixtures containing helium-3, and products or devices containing any of the foregoing

2-D Software

None.

2-E Technology

2-E-1 Technology, according to the Technology Controls in the- Second List, for the development, production or use of equipment, material or software specified in 2-A through 2-D.

3- Uranium Isotope Separation Equipment and Components (other than First List Items)

3-A Equipment, Assemblies And Components

3-A-1 Frequency changers or generators, usable as a variable frequency or fixed frequency motor drive, having all of the following characteristics:

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- Multiphase output providing a power of 40 VA or greater.
- Operating at a frequency of 600 Hz or more.
- Frequency control less (better) than 0.2%.

NOTE:

- Frequency changers and generators especially designed or prepared for the gas centrifuge process are controlled under the First List.
- Software especially designed to enhance or release the performance of frequency changers or



generators to meet the characteristics below is controlled in 3-D-2 and 3-D-3.

- Frequency changers in Item 3-A-1 are also known as converters or inverters.
- The characteristics specified in Item 3-A-1 may be met by certain equipment such as: generators, electronic test equipment, AC power supplies, variable speed motor drives, variable speed drives (VSDs), variable frequency drives (VFDs), adjustable frequency drives (AFDs), or adjustable speed drives (ASDs).

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3-A-2 Lasers, laser amplifiers and oscillators as follows:

- A. Copper vapor lasers having both of the following characteristics:
 - Operating at wavelengths between 500 and 600 nm.
 - An average output power equal to or greater than 30 W.
- B. Argon ion lasers having both of the following characteristics:
 - Operating at wavelengths between 400 and 515 nm.
 - An average output power greater than 40 W.
- C. Neodymium-doped (other than glass) lasers



with an out- put wavelength between 1000 and 1100 nm having either of the following characteristics:

1. Pulse-excited and Q-switched with a pulse duration equal to or greater than 1 ns, and having either of the following characteristics:
 - A single-transverse mode output with an average output power greater than 40 W.
 - A multiple-transverse mode output with an average output power greater than 50 W.

Or:

2. Incorporating frequency doubling to give an output wavelength between 500 and 550 nm with an average output power of greater than 40 W.
- D. Tunable pulsed single-mode dye laser oscillators having all of the following characteristics:
- Operating at wavelengths between 300 and 800 nm.
 - An average output power greater than 1 W.
 - A repetition rate greater than 1 kHz.
 - Pulse width less than 100 ns.
- E. Tunable pulsed dye laser amplifiers and



oscillators having all of the following characteristics:

- Operating at wavelengths between 300 and 800 nm.
- An average output power greater than 30 W.
- A repetition rate greater than 1 kHz.
- Pulse width less than 100 ns.

F. Alexandrite lasers having all of the following characteristics:

- Operating at wavelengths between 720 and 800 nm.
- A bandwidth of 0.005 nm or less.
- A repetition rate greater than 125 Hz.
- An average output power greater than 30 W.

G. Pulsed carbon dioxide (CO₂) lasers having all of the following characteristics:

- Operating at wavelengths between 9000 and 11000 nm.
- A repetition rate greater than 250 Hz.
- An average output power greater than 500 W.
- Pulse width of less than 200 ns.

H. Pulsed excimer lasers (XeF, XeCl, KrF) having

all of the following characteristics:

- Operating at wavelengths between 240 and 360 nm.
 - A repetition rate greater than 250 Hz.
 - An average output power greater than 500 W.
- I. Para-hydrogen Raman shifters designed to operate at 16 μm output wavelength and at a repetition rate greater than 250 Hz.
- J. Pulsed carbon monoxide (CO) lasers having all of the following characteristics:
- Operating at wavelengths between 5000 and 6000 nm.
 - A repetition rate greater than 250 Hz.
 - An average output power greater than 200W.
 - Pulse width of less than 200 ns.

3-A-3 Superconducting solenoidal electromagnets having all of the following characteristics:

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- Capable of creating magnetic fields greater than 2 T.
- The ratio of length to inner diameter greater than 2.
- Inner diameter greater than 300 mm.



- Magnetic field uniform to better than 1% over the central 50% of the inner volume.

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3-A-4 High-power direct current power supplies having both of the following characteristics:

- Capable of continuously producing, over a time period of 8 h, 100 V or greater with current output of 500 A or greater.
- Current or voltage stability better than 0.1% over a time period of 8 h.

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3-A-5 High-voltage direct current power supplies having both of the following characteristics:

- Capable of continuously producing, over a time period of 8 h, 20 kV or greater with current output of 1 A or greater.
- Current or voltage stability better than 0.1% over a time period of 8 h.

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3-A-6 All types of pressure transducers capable of measuring absolute pressures and having all of the following characteristics:

- Pressure sensing elements made of or protected by aluminum, aluminum alloy, aluminum oxide (alumina or sapphire), nickel, nickel alloy with more than 60% nickel by weight, or fully fluorinated hydrocarbon polymers.
- Seals, if any, essential for sealing the pressure

sensing element, and in direct contact with the process medium, made of or protected by aluminum, aluminum alloy, aluminum oxide (alumina or sapphire), nickel, nickel alloy with more than 60% nickel by weight, or fully fluorinated hydrocarbon polymers.

- Having either of the following characteristics:
 1. A full scale of less than 13 kPa and an accuracy of better than 1% of full scale.
 2. A full scale of 13 kPa or greater and an accuracy of better than 130 Pa when measuring at 13 kPa.

NOTE:

In Item 3-A-6, pressure transducers are devices that convert pressure measurements into a signal.

3. In Item 3-A-6, accuracy includes non-linearity, hysteresis, and repeatability at ambient temperature.

3-A-7 Vacuum pumps having all of the following characteristics:

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- Input throat size equal to or greater than 380 mm.
- Pumping speed equal to or greater than 15 m³/s.
- Capable of producing an ultimate vacuum better than 13.3 mPa.



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3-A-8 Bellows-sealed scroll-type compressors and bellows-sealed scroll-type vacuum pumps having all of the following characteristics:

- Capable of an inlet volume flow rate of 50 m³/h or greater.
- Capable of a pressure ratio of 1:2 or greater.
- Having all surfaces that come in contact with the process gas made from any of the following materials:
 1. Aluminum or aluminum alloy.
 2. Aluminum oxide.
 3. Stainless steel.
 4. Nickel or nickel alloy.
 5. Phosphor bronze.
 6. Fluoropolymers.

NOTE:

1. In a scroll compressor or vacuum pump, crescent-shaped pockets of gas are trapped between one or more pairs of intermeshed spiral vanes, or scrolls, one of which moves while the other remains stationary. The moving scroll orbits the stationary scroll; it does not rotate. As the moving scroll orbits the stationary scroll, the gas pockets dimin-



ish in size (i.e., they are compressed) as they move toward the outlet port of the machine.

2. In a bellows-sealed scroll compressor or vacuum pump, the process gas is totally isolated from the lubricated parts of the pump and from the external atmosphere by a metal bellows. One end of the bellows is attached to the moving scroll and the other end is attached to the stationary housing of the pump.
3. Fluoropolymers include, but are not limited to, the following materials:
 - a. Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE).
 - b. Fluorinated Ethylene Propylene (FEP).
 - c. Perfluoroalkoxy (PFA).
 - d. Polychlorotrifluoroethylene (PCTFE).
 - e. Vinylidene fluoride-hexafluoropropylene copolymer.

3-A-9 Valves having all of the following characteristics:

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- A. A nominal size of 5 mm or greater.
- B. Having a bellows seal.
- C. Wholly made of or lined with aluminium, aluminium alloy, nickel, or nickel alloy containing more than 60% nickel by weight.



3-B Test And Production Equipment

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3-B-1 Electrolytic cells for fluorine production with an output capacity greater than 250 g of fluorine per hour.

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3-B-2 Rotor fabrication or assembly equipment, rotor straightening equipment, bellows-forming mandrels and dies, as follows:

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A. Rotor assembly equipment for assembly of gas centrifuge rotor tube sections, baffles, and end caps.

NOTE:

Item 3-B-2-A. includes precision mandrels, clamps, and shrink fit machines.

B. Rotor straightening equipment for alignment of gas centrifuge rotor tube sections to a common axis.

NOTE:

In Item 3-B-2-B such equipment normally consists of precision measuring probes linked to a computer that subsequently controls the action of pneumatic rams used for aligning the rotor tube sections.

C. Bellows-forming mandrels and dies for producing single-convolution bellows.



NOTE:

The bellows referred to in Item 3-B-2-C have all of the following characteristics:

- Inside diameter between 75 and 400 mm.
- Length equal to or greater than 12.7 mm.
- Single convolution depth greater than 2 mm.
- Made of high-strength aluminium alloys, maraging steel, or high strength fibrous or filamentary materials.

3-B-3 Centrifugal multiplane balancing machines, fixed or portable, horizontal, or vertical, as follows:

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A. Centrifugal balancing machines designed for balancing flexible rotors having a length of 600 mm or more and having all of the following characteristics:

- Swing or journal diameter greater than 75 mm.
- Mass capability of from 0.9 to 23 kg.
- Capable of balancing speed of revolution greater than 5000 rpm.

B. Centrifugal balancing machines designed for balancing hollow cylindrical rotor components and having all of the following characteristics:



- Journal diameter greater than 75 mm.
- Mass capability of from 0.9 to 23 kg.
- A minimum achievable residual specific unbalance equal to or less than 10 g mm/kg per plane.
- Belt drive type.

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3-B-4 Filament winding machines and related equipment, as follows:

A. Filament winding machines having all of the following characteristics:

- Having motions for positioning, wrapping, and winding fibres coordinated and programmed in two or more axes.
- especially designed to fabricate composite structures or laminates from fibrous or filamentary materials.
- Capable of winding cylindrical tubes with an internal diameter between 75 and 650 mm and lengths of 300 mm or greater.

B. Coordinating and programming controls for the filament winding machines specified in Item 3-B-4-A.

C. Precision mandrels for the filament winding machines specified in Item 3-B-4-A.



3-B-5 Electromagnetic isotope separators designed for, or equipped with, single or multiple ion sources capable of providing a total ion beam current of 50 mA or greater.

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NOTE:

- Item 3-B-5 includes separators capable of enriching stable isotopes as well as those for uranium.
- Separators capable of separating the isotopes of lead with a one-mass unit difference is inherently capable of enriching the isotopes of uranium with a three-unit mass difference.
- Item 3-B-5 includes separators with the ion sources and collectors both in the magnetic field and those configurations in which they are external to the field.

3-B-6 Mass spectrometers capable of measuring ions of 230 u or greater and having a resolution of better than 2 parts in 230, as follows, and ion sources therefor:

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NOTE:

Mass spectrometers especially designed or prepared for analyzing on-line samples of uranium hexafluoride (UF_6) are controlled under the First List.



- A. Inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometers (ICP/ MS).
- B. Glow discharge mass spectrometers (GDMS).
- C. Thermal ionization mass spectrometers (TIMS).
- D. Electron bombardment mass spectrometers having both of the following characteristics:
 - A molecular beam inlet system that injects a collimated beam of analyte molecules into a region of the ion source where the molecules are ionized by an electron beam.
 - One or more cold traps that can be cooled to a temperature of 193 K (-80 °C) or less in order to trap analyte molecules that are not ionized by the electron beam.
- E. Mass spectrometers equipped with a microfluorination ion source designed for actinides or actinide fluorides.

NOTE:

- Item 3-B-6-D describes mass spectrometers that are typically used for isotopic analysis of UF_6 gas samples.
- Electron bombardment mass spectrometers in Item 3-B-6-D are also known as electron impact mass spectrometers or electron ionization mass spectrometers.



3-C Material

None.

3-D Software

3-D-1 Software especially designed for the use of equipment specified in Items 3-A-1, 3-B-3, or 3-B-4.

3-D-2 Software or encryption keys/codes especially designed to enhance or release the performance characteristics of equipment not controlled in Item 3-A-1 so that it meets or exceeds the characteristics specified in Item 3-A-1.

3-E Technology

3-E-1 Technology, according to the Technology Controls in the Second List, for the development, production or use of equipment, material or software specified in 3-A through 3-D.

4. Heavy Water Production Plant Related Equipment (other than First List Items)

4-A Equipment, Assemblies And Components

4-A-1 Specialized packings which may be used in separating heavy water from ordinary water, having both of the following characteristics:

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- Made of phosphor bronze mesh chemically treated to improve wettability.



- Designed to be used in vacuum distillation towers.

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4-A-2 Pumps capable of circulating solutions of concentrated or dilute potassium amide catalyst in liquid ammonia (KNH_2/NH_3), having all of the following characteristics:

- Airtight (i.e., hermetically sealed).
- A capacity greater than $8.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$.
- Either of the following characteristics:
 1. For concentrated potassium amide solutions (1% or greater), an operating pressure of 1.5 to 60 MPa.
 2. For dilute potassium amide solutions (less than 1%), an operating pressure of 20 to 60 MPa.

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4-A-3 Turboexpanders or turboexpander-compressor sets having both of the following characteristics:

- Designed for operation with an outlet temperature of 35 K (-238 °C) or less.
- Designed for a throughput of hydrogen gas of 1000 kg/h or greater.



4-B Test And Production Equipment

4-B-1 Hydrogen-cryogenic distillation columns having all of the following characteristics:

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- Designed for operation at internal temperatures of 35 K (-238 °C) or less.
- Designed for operation at internal pressures of 0.5 to 5 MPa.

Constructed of either:

1. Stainless steel.
 2. Equivalent materials which are both cryogenic and hydrogen (H₂)-compatible.
- With internal diameters of 30 cm or greater and effective lengths of 4 m or greater.

NOTE:

The term effective length means the active height of packing material in a packed-type column, or the active height of internal contactor plates in a plate-type column.

4-C Materials

None.

4-D Software

None.



4-E Technology

4-E-1 Technology, according to the Technology Controls in the Second List, for the development, production or use of equipment, material or software specified in 4-A through 4-D.

5. Test and Measurement Equipment for the Development of Nuclear Explosive Devices

5-A Equipment, Assemblies And Components

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5-A-1 Photomultiplier tubes having both of the following characteristics:

- Photocathode area of greater than 20 cm².
- The anode pulse rise time of less than 1 ns.

5-B Test And Production Equipment

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5-B-1 High-velocity gun systems (propellant, gas, coil, electro-magnetic, and electrothermal types, and other advanced systems) capable of accelerating projectiles to 1.5 km/s or greater.



5-B-2 High-speed cameras and imaging devices and components therefor, as follows:

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NOTE:

Software especially designed to enhance or release the performance of cameras or imaging devices to meet the characteristics below is controlled in 5-D-1 and 5-D-2.

A. Streak cameras, and especially designed components therefor, as follows:

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1. Streak cameras with writing speeds greater than 0.5 mm/ μ s.

2. Electronic streak cameras capable of 50 ns or less time resolution.

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3. Streak tubes for cameras specified in 5-B-2-A-2.

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4. Plug-ins especially designed for use with streak cameras which have modular structures and that enable the performance specifications in 5-B-2-A-1 or 5-B-2-A-2.

5. Synchronizing electronics units, rotor assemblies consisting of turbines, mirrors and bearings especially designed for cameras specified in 5-B-2-A-1.

B. Framing cameras and especially designed components therefor as follows:



1. Framing cameras with recording rates greater than 225,000 frames per second.
 2. Framing cameras capable of 50 ns or less frame exposure time.
 3. Framing tubes and solid-State imaging devices having a fast image gating (shutter) time of 50 ns or less specially designed for cameras specified in 5-B-2-B-1 or 5-B-2-B-2.
 4. Plug-ins especially designed for use with framing cameras which have modular structures and that enable the performance specifications in 5-B-2-B-1 or 5-B-2-B-2.
 5. Synchronizing electronics units, rotor assemblies consisting of turbines, mirrors and bearings especially designed for cameras specified 5-B-2-B-1 or 5-B-2-B-2.
- C. Solid State or electron tube cameras and especially designed components therefor as follows:
1. Solid-State cameras or electron tube cameras with a fast image gating (shutter) time of 50 ns or less.
 2. Solid-State imaging devices and image intensifiers tubes having a fast image gating (shutter) time of 50 ns or less especially designed for cameras specified in 5-B-2-C-1.

3. Electro-optical shuttering devices (Kerr or Pockels cells) with a fast image gating (shutter) time of 50 ns or less.
4. Plug-ins especially designed for use with cameras which have modular structures and that enable the performance specifications in 5-B-2-C-1.

NOTE:

High speed single frame cameras can be used alone to produce a single image of a dynamic event, or several such cameras can be combined in a sequentially-triggered system to produce multiple images of an event.

5-B-3 Specialized instrumentation for hydrodynamic experiments, as follows:

- A. Velocity interferometers for measuring velocities exceeding 1 km/s during time intervals of less than 10 μ s.
- B. Shock pressure gauges capable of measuring pressures greater than 10 GPa, including gauges made with manganin, ytterbium, and polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF)/ polyvinyl difluoride (PVF₂).
- C. Quartz pressure transducers for pressures greater than 10 GPa.

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NOTE:

Item 5-B-3-A includes velocity interferometers such as Velocity Interferometer Systems for Any Reflector (VISARs), Doppler Laser Interferometers (DLIs) and Photonic Doppler Velocimeters (PDV) also known as Heterodyne Velocimeters (Het-V).

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5-B-4 High-speed pulse generators, and pulse heads therefor, having both of the following characteristics:

- Output voltage greater than 6 V into a resistive load of less than 55 Ω .
- Pulse transition time less than 500 ps.

NOTE:

1. In Item 5-B-4, pulse transition time is defined as the time interval between 10% and 90% voltage amplitude.
2. Pulse heads are impulse forming networks designed to accept a voltage step function and shape it into a variety of pulse forms that can include rectangular, triangular, step, impulse, exponential, or monocycle types. Pulse heads can be an integral part of the pulse generator, they can be a plug-in module to the device, or they can be an externally connected device.



5-B-5 High explosive containment vessels, chambers, containers, and other similar containment devices designed for the testing of high explosives or explosive devices and having both of the following characteristics:

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- Designed to fully contain an explosion equivalent to 2 kg of trinitrotoluene (TNT) or greater.
- Having design elements or features enabling real time or delayed transfer of diagnostic or measurement information.

5-C Materials

None.

5-D Software

5-D-1 Software or encryption keys/codes especially designed to enhance or release the performance characteristics of equipment not controlled in Item 5-B-2 so that it meets or exceeds the characteristics specified in Item 5-B-2.

5-E Technology

5-E-1 Technology, according to the Technology Controls in the Second List, for the development, production or use of equipment, material or software specified in 5-A through 5-D.



6. Components for Nuclear Explosive Devices

6-A Equipment, Assemblies And Components

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6-A-1 Detonators and multipoint initiation systems, as follows:

- A. Electrically driven explosive detonators, as follows:
 - 1. Exploding bridge (EB).
 - 2. Exploding bridge wire (EBW).
 - 3. Slapper.
 - 4. Exploding foil initiators (EFI).
- B. Arrangements using single or multiple detonators de-signed to nearly simultaneously initiate an explosive sur- face over an area greater than 5000 mm² from a single firing signal with an initiation timing spread over the sur-face of less than 2.5 μs.

NOTE:

In Item 6-A-1 the detonators of concern all utilize a small electrical conductor (bridge, bridge wire, or foil) that explosively vaporizes when a fast, high-current electrical pulse is passed through it. In non-slapper types, the exploding conductor starts a chemical detonation in a contacting high-



explosive material such as PETN (pentaerythritol tetranitrate). In slapper detonators, the explosive vaporization of the electrical conductor drives a flyer or slapper across a gap, and the impact of the slapper on an explosive starts a chemical detonation. The slapper in some designs is driven by magnetic force. The term exploding foil detonator may refer to either an EB or a slapper-type detonator. Also, the word initiator is sometimes used in place of the word detonator.

6-A-2 Firing sets and equivalent high-current pulse generators, as follows:

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- A. Detonator firing sets (initiation systems, fire sets), including electronically-charged, explosively-driven and optically-driven firing sets designed to drive multiple controlled detonators specified by Item 6-A-1 above.
- B. Modular electrical pulse generators (pulsers) having all of the following characteristics:
- Designed for portable, mobile, or ruggedized-use.
 - Capable of delivering their energy in less than 15 μ s into loads of less than 40 Ω .
 - Having an output greater than 100 A.
 - No dimension greater than 30 cm.



- Weight less than 30 kg.
- Specified to operate over an extended temperature range of 223 to 373 K (-50 to 100 °C) or specified as suitable for aerospace applications.

C. Micro-firing units having all of the following characteristics:

- No dimension greater than 35 mm.
- Voltage rating of equal to or greater than 1 kV.
- Capacitance of equal to or greater than 100 nF.

NOTE:

Optically driven firing sets include both those employing laser initiation and laser charging. Explosively-driven firing sets include both explosive ferroelectric and explosive ferromagnetic firing set types. Item 6-A-2-B includes xenon flashlamp drivers.

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6-A-3 Switching devices as follows:

A. Cold-cathode tubes, whether gas filled or not, operating similarly to a **spark gap**, **having all of the following characteristics:**

- Containing three or more electrodes.



- Anode peak voltage rating of 2.5 kV or more.
- Anode peak current rating of 100 A or more.
- Anode delay time of 10 μ s or less.

NOTE:

Item 6-A-3-A includes gas krytron tubes and vacuum sprytron tubes.

B. Triggered spark-gaps having both of the following characteristics:

- Anode delay time of 15 μ s or less.
- Rated for a peak current of 500 A or more.

C. Modules or assemblies with a fast switching function having all of the following characteristics:

- Anode peak voltage rating greater than 2 kV.
- Anode peak current rating of 500 A or more.
- Turn-on time of 1 μ s or less.

6-A-4 Pulse discharge capacitors having either of the following sets of characteristics:

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A. First Group:

- Voltage rating greater than 1.4 kV.



- Energy storage greater than 10 J.
- Capacitance greater than 0.5 μ F.
- Series inductance less than 50 nH.

B. Second Group:

- Voltage rating greater than 750 V.
- Capacitance greater than 0.25 μ F.
- Series inductance less than 10 nH.

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6-A-5 Striplines to provide low inductance path to detectors with the following characteristics:

- Voltage rating greater than 2 kV.
- Inductance of less than 20 nH.

6-B Test And Production Equipment

None.

6-C Materials



6-C-1 High explosive substances or mixtures, containing more than 2% by weight of any of the following:

- Cyclotetramethylenetetranitramine (HMX) (CAS 2691-41-0).
- Cyclotrimethylenetrinitramine (RDX) (CAS 121-82-4).
- Triaminotrinitrobenzene (TATB) (CAS 3058-38-6).
- Aminodinitrobenzo-furoxan or 7-amino-4,6 nitrobenzo- furazane-1-oxide (ADNBF) (CAS 97096-78-1).
- 1,1-diamino-2,2-dinitroethylene (DADE or FOX7) (CAS 145250-81-3).
- 2,4-dinitroimidazole (DNI) (CAS 5213-49-0).
- Diaminoazoxyfurazan (DAAOF or DAAF) (CAS 78644-89-0).
- Diaminotrinitrobenzene (DATB) (CAS 1630-08-6).
- Dinitroglycoluril (DNGU or DINGU) (CAS 55510-04-8).
- 2,6-Bis (picrylamino)-3,5-dinitropyridine (PYX) (CAS 38082-89-2).
- 3,3'-diamino-2,2',4,4',6,6'-hexanitrobiphenyl or dipicramide (DIPAM) (CAS 17215-44-0).

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- Diaminoazofurazan (DAAzF) (CAS 78644-90-3).
- 1,4,5,8-tetranitro-pyridazino[4,5-d] pyridazine (TNP) (CAS 229176-04-9).
- Hexanitrostilbene (HNS) (CAS 20062-22-0).
- Any explosive with a crystal density greater than 1.8 g/ cm³ and having a detonation velocity greater than 8000 m/s.

6-D Software

None.

6-E Technology

6-D-1 Technology, according to the Technology Controls in the Second List, for the development, production or use of equipment, material or software specified in 6-A through 6-D.



Annex: SI used in this specific regulation

| Parameter | (SI) Unit |
|----------------------|--|
| Electrical current | Amperes (A) Milliamperes (mA) |
| Length | Nanometer (nm) Micrometer (μm) Millimeter (mm) Centimeter (cm) Meter (m) |
| Area | Square centimeter (cm^2) Square meter (m^2) |
| Volume | Cubic centimeter (cm^3) Cubic meter (m^3) Milliliter (mL) Liter (L) |
| Angle | Degree ($^\circ$) |
| Temperature | Degree Celsius ($^\circ\text{C}$) |
| Mass | Gram (g) Kilogram (kg) |
| Acceleration | Acceleration of gravity (9.80665 m/s^2) (g_0) |
| Radioactive activity | Giga-becquerel (GBq) |
| Pressure | Pascal (Pa) Kilopascal (KPa) Megapascal (MPa) Gigapascal (GPa) |
| Frequency | Hertz (Hz) Kilohertz (kHz) |
| Energy, Work, Heat | Joule (J) |



| Parameter | (SI) Unit |
|---|--|
| Electronic energy | Kiloelectron volt (keV) Megaelectron volt (MeV) |
| Force | Newton (N) Kilonewton (kN) |
| Voltage | Volts (V) Kilovolts (kV) |
| Power | Kilowatts (kW) Megawatts (MW) |
| Thermodynamic temperature | Kelvin (K) |
| Time | Picosecond (ps) Nanosecond (ns) Microsecond (μs) Second (s) Minute (m) Hour (h) |
| Angular velocity | Revolution per minute (rpm) |
| Magnetic flux density | Tesla (T) |
| Chemical abstracts service (CAS) | - |
| Electrical power | Volt-ampere (VA) |





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