

accepted by Commissioner of Customs: December 16, 1996.

Docket Number: 96-138. *Applicant:* University of California, Berkeley, Procurement and Business Contracts, Berkeley, CA 94720-5600. *Instrument:* (4 each) Broadband Seismometers, Model STS-2. *Manufacturer:* G. Streckeisen AG, Switzerland. *Intended Use:* The instruments will be used to study the high frequency components of regional earthquakes and the low frequency (long period) components of global teleseismic earthquakes. The instruments are typically deployed in site specific, specifically constructed observatories (vaults), and may be operated continuously for 20-30 years. Alternatively, they are used to augment data from permanent seismic observatories. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* December 18, 1996.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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National Institute of Standards and Technology

Notice of a Jointly Owned Invention Available for Licensing

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is jointly owned by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Department of Commerce and the Department of Defense. The Department of Commerce's ownership interest in this invention is available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR part 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical and licensing information on this inventions may be obtained by writing to: Marcia Salkeld, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Office of Industrial Partnerships Program, Building 820, Room 213, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; Fax 301-869-2751. Any request for information should include the NIST Docket No. and Title for the relevant invention as indicated below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NIST may enter a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement ("CRADA") with the licensee to perform further research on the invention for purposes of commercialization. The invention available for licensing is:

NIST Docket No. 96-031CIP

Title: Ultra-Low Temperature Neck Bonding Process.

Description: New types of ceramic structures and ceramic composites are formed by a low cost, moderate temperature sintering process using a pre-ceramic precursor which, upon mild heating, decomposes to form "necks" between individual ceramic particles. The properties of the resulting porous ceramic bodies can be further modified to form a new class of composite materials.

Dated: January 22, 1997.

Elaine Bunten-Mines,

Director, Program Office.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Bangladesh

January 22, 1997.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs reducing limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 28, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limits for certain categories are being reduced for carryforward applied in 1996.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the **CORRELATION:** Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see Federal Register notice 61 FR 66263, published on December 17, 1996). Also see 61 FR 68241, published on December 27, 1996.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

January 22, 1997.

Commissioner of Customs,

Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 20, 1996, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Bangladesh and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1997 and extends through December 31, 1997.

Effective on January 28, 1997, you are directed to reduce the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
237	416,177 dozen.
331	1,054,366 dozen pairs.
334	126,966 dozen.
335	227,968 dozen.
336/636	407,955 dozen.
341	2,213,122 dozen.
342/642	382,905 dozen.
351/651	608,132 dozen.
352/652	9,072,698 dozen.
369-S ²	1,519,427 kilograms.
634	444,196 dozen.
635	287,786 dozen.
641	926,697 dozen.
647/648	1,252,711 dozen.
847	665,143 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1996.

² Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C.553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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