

Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a) (3) and (4) of the regulations and be filed within 20 days with the Statutory Import Programs Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 97-014. Applicant: University of New Orleans, Department of Chemistry, 2000 Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans, LA 70148. Instrument: Mass Spectrometer, Model VG AutoSpec. Manufacturer: Micromass, Inc., United Kingdom. Intended Use: The article is intended to be used for studies of compounds (anti-convulsant compounds, cocaine analogues, carceplexes, glycolipids, phosphazine derivatives, natural toxins and environmental pollutants) synthesized in coordination with on-going research in organic, inorganic, physical and analytical chemistry laboratories. The objectives of the investigations will be identification of compounds polluting the environment, synthesis of new products for the treatment of drug addiction, synthesis of new drugs for the treatment of epilepsy and related disorders, and remediation of environmental pollution. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes in the courses CHEM 4030 Instrumental Analysis Laboratory and CHEM 6117 Advanced Mass Spectrometry. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 6, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-016. Applicant: Duke University, Free-Electron Laser Laboratory, LaSalle Street Extension, Durham, NC 27708-0319. Instrument: Interferometer. Manufacturer: SF SDB "Granat", C.I.S. Intended Use: The instrument will be used for studies of the following phenomena: (1) Extremely narrowband, nonlinear optical processes in solids and gases, e.g. surface studies, (2) chemical reaction dynamics under single mode excitation, e.g. isotope separation, (3) molecular energy transfer in long-lived excited states, (4) highly

resolved and efficient spectral hole burning, (5) the strength and shape of "forbidden" transitions and (6) the efficiency of nonlinear frequency-mixing interactions. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 11, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-017. Applicant: University of California, San Diego, Department of Medicine 0931, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA 92093-0931. Instrument: Sleep Recorder, Model Vitaport 2. Manufacturer: TEMEC Instruments BV, The Netherlands. Intended Use: The instrument will be used for studies of the effects of microgravity on the human body, especially sleep functions, circadian rhythm changes and pulmonary function. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 11, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-018. Applicant: Ohio University, Department of Biological Sciences, Irvine Hall, Athens, OH 45701. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model JEM-1010. Manufacturer: JEOL Ltd., Japan. Intended Use: The instrument will be used for processing of biological tissues in various studies of muscles, the nervous system, mosquitoes, Antarctic fishes and the invertebrate digestive system to show the subtle changes and the minute structural adaptations of the tissues. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 13, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-019. Applicant: The Johns Hopkins University, 3400 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218. Instrument: Fiber-Electrode Micromanipulator. Manufacturer: Thomas Recording Sci. Res., Germany. Intended Use: The instrument will be used in studies of brain functions; specifically, how do neurons in the brain process sensory information? Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 20, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-020. Applicant: University of Texas at Austin, Marine Science Institute, 750 Channelview Drive, Port Aransas, TX 78373. Instrument: IR Mass Spectrometer, Model DELTA^{plus}. Manufacturer: Finnigan MAT, Germany. Intended Use: The article is intended to be used for microbiological, ecological, physiological and chemical studies of the ocean. This research will use the stable isotope compositions of the bioactive elements, such as carbon, nitrogen and sulfur to delineate metabolic pathways, understand food webs in natural environments and determine the sources, transformations and fates of these elements in ecosystems. The instrument will

determine the carbon nitrogen and sulfur isotopic ratios of gases, solids and liquids in the natural state with minimal sample preparation. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 20, 1997.

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Telecommunications Trade Mission to Rome

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Technology and Aerospace Industries will lead a telecommunications trade mission to Rome, Italy on May 11-14, 1997. The mission's goal is to provide first-hand market information and access to key Italian government officials and potential business partners for 7 to 15 U.S. telecom firms desiring to expand their presence in the Italian market. New opportunities for U.S. firms are being opened by the liberalization of Italian regulatory policy to allow competition in telecom services and related infrastructure.

DATES: Interested U.S. firms should apply to participate in the mission as soon as possible. All application requirements must be completed by April 11.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for further information should be addressed to the Project Officer, Myles Denny-Brown, Room 4324, the Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C., 20230. Due to the short deadline, it is recommended that replies be by fax at (202) 482-5834 or phone at (202) 482-0398.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The criteria for selection of mission participants are:

- Relevance of a company's business line to mission goals
- Timeliness of completed application by company (including participation fee)
- Minimum of seven, maximum of fifteen participating companies in mission
- Potential for business in Italy for company

Any partisan political activities (including political contributions) of an applicant are entirely irrelevant to the selection process.

Italy has one of the fastest growing telecommunications markets in Europe,