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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Commission is to gather and evaluate background information, studies, and data pertinent to small farms and ranches, including limited-resource farmers. On the basis of the review, the Commission shall analyze all relevant issues and make findings, develop strategies, and make recommendations for consideration by the Secretary of Agriculture toward a national strategy on small farms. The national strategy shall include, but not be limited to: changes in existing policies, programs, regulations, training, and program delivery and outreach systems; approaches that assist beginning farmers and involve the private sectors and government, including assurances that the needs of minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are addressed; areas where new partnerships and collaborations are needed; and other approaches that it would deem advisable or which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service may request the Commission to consider.

The Secretary of Agriculture has determined that the work of the Commission is in the public interest and within the duties and responsibilities of USDA. Establishment of the Commission also implements a recommendation of the USDA Civil Rights Action Report to appoint a diverse commission to develop a national policy on small farms.

Dated: August 1, 1997.

**Pearlie S. Reed,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Florida State University, et al.; Notice of Consolidated Decision on Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

This is a decision consolidated 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). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

*Comments:* None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instruments described below, for such purposes as each is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

*Docket Number:* 97-038. *Applicant:* Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32310. *Instrument:* EPR W-Band System, Model ELEXSYS.

*Manufacturer:* Bruker Instruments, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 62 FR 32296, June 13, 1997. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides operation at a frequency of 95 GHz for maximal sensitivity and precise control of temperature over the range of 4-300 degrees Kelvin. *Advice received from:* National Institutes of Health, June 26, 1997.

*Docket Number:* 97-041. *Applicant:* University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7310.

*Instrument:* Graphite Aerosol Generator, Model GFG-1000. *Manufacturer:* Palas GmbH, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 62 FR 32766, June 17, 1997.

*Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides uniform particle agglomerates that are similar to natural soot particles with a size less than 0.1 µm. *Advice received from:* National Institutes of Health, June 26, 1997.

The National Institutes of Health advises in its memoranda that (1) the capabilities of each of the foreign instruments described above are pertinent to each applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value for the intended use of each instrument.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus being manufactured in the United States which is of equivalent scientific value to either of the foreign instruments.

**Frank W. Creel,**

*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### University of Oklahoma, Notice of Decision on Applications for Duty-free Entry of Scientific Instruments

This is a decision pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM in Room 4211, U.S. Department of

Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

*Decision:* Denied. Applicant has failed to establish that domestic instruments of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the intended purposes are not available.

*Reasons:* Section 301.5(e)(4) of the regulations requires the denial of applications that have been denied without prejudice to resubmission if they are not resubmitted within the specified time period. This is the case for the following docket.

*Docket Number:* 96-094. *Applicant:* University of Oklahoma, Purchasing Department, 660 Parrington Oval, Room 321, Norman, OK 73019. *Instrument:* Eye Movement Measuring Device. *Manufacturer:* Dr. Bouis, Germany. *Date of Denial without Prejudice to Resubmission:* April 14, 1997.

**Frank W. Creel,**

*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### 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:* 97-059. *Applicant:* University of Connecticut, School of Pharmacy, 372 Fairfield Road, Storrs, CT 06269-2092. *Instrument:* Interfacial Rheometer, Model CIR-100.

*Manufacturer:* Camtel Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used to investigate the interfacial rheology of proteins, surfactants and other surface active agents and determine their film strength. These investigations will be conducted in order (1) to obtain a clear understanding