

the entry summary, the Customs Service will forward the documentation to the Department.

#### *ITC Notification*

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of our determination. As our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine whether these imports are causing material injury, or threat of material injury, to the industry within 45 days of its receipt of this notification.

If the ITC determines that material injury, or threat of material injury, does not exist, the proceeding will be terminated and all securities posted will be refunded or canceled. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, the Department will issue an antidumping duty order directing Customs officials to assess antidumping duties on all imports of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation.

This determination is published pursuant to section 735(d) of the Act.

Dated: August 20, 1997.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Announcement of an Opportunity To Join a Cooperative Research and Development Consortium on Optical Properties of Materials

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites interested parties to attend a meeting on October 7, 1997, to discuss setting up a cooperative research consortium. The goal of the consortium is to identify critical industrial needs for NIST to be involved in performing high accuracy measurements, developing necessary standards and critically evaluating existing data on the optical properties of materials that are important for the evolving optical industries in the USA.

**DATES:** The Meeting will take place at 10 a.m. on October 7, 1997. Interested parties should contact NIST to confirm

their interest at the address, telephone number or FAX number shown below.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at and inquiries should be sent to Room B268, Building 221, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Raju Datla, 301-975-2131; FAX 301-840-8551.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The program will be within the scope and confines of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-502, 15 U.S.C. 3710a), which provides federal laboratories including NIST, with the authority to enter into cooperative research agreements with qualified parties. Under this law, NIST may contribute personnel, equipment, and facilities—but no funds—to the cooperative research program.

Members will be expected to make a contribution to the consortium's efforts in the form of personnel, data, and/or funds. This is not a grant program.

The R&D staff of each industrial partner in the Consortium will be able to interact with NIST researchers on generic measurement needs in the industry for specific optical properties of materials. The industrial partners will also be able to schedule at NIST collaborative projects in which they could participate. All partners will receive a copy of all data on all materials measured. All partners will have a certain amount of NIST measurements made on materials they request. All partners have some influence as to the type and accuracy of the measurements pursued by the consortium.

Dated: August 22, 1997.

**Elaine Buntin-Mines,**

*Director, Program Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

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#### National Voluntary Conformity Assessment System Evaluation (NVCASE) Program

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice: Proposal To Establish Recognition Program.

**SUMMARY:** NIST hereby proposes to establish a recognition program under NVCASE that will recognize accreditors

of Quality System Registrars. NIST recognized accreditors may then accredit companies (Registrars) which in turn may register organizations that operate under applicable quality system standards that satisfy specific foreign regulatory requirements. The resulting recognition program will allow NIST to designate qualified U.S. conformity assessment bodies and assure their competence to other governments.

The action being taken under this notice only addresses development of generic program requirements. Once a generic program is established, applicants will be required to specify the specific mandated foreign regulation(s) covered by the application. In cases where a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) covering the mutual recognition of conformity assessment has been negotiated between the United States and another country, the sectors which may be included in an application may be limited to those covered by the MRA.

NIST proposes to apply the requirements contained in the \*ISO/IEC Guide 61—"General requirements for assessment and accreditation of certification/registration bodies" to all applicant accreditation bodies. If further proposes that registrars applying for accreditation be assessed against the requirements of \*ISO/IEC Guide 62—"General requirements for bodies operating assessment and certification/registration of quality systems". These generic requirements will be supplemented with specific sectoral requirements as necessary. Such specific sectoral requirements will be developed through consultation with appropriate experts in the affected sector. Organizations needing to be registered shall be registered to a quality management system standard appropriate for the regulation/sector involved.

\*ISO documents available from: International Organization for Standardization, Casa postale 56, CH-1211, Geneve 20, Switzerland.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by September 29, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted in writing to Robert L. Gladhill, NVCASE Program Manager, NIST, Bldg. 820, Room 282, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, by fax 301-963-2871 or E-mail at robert.gladhill@nist.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert L. Gladhill, NVCASE Program Manager, at NIST, Bldg. 820, Room 282, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, by telephone at 301-975-4273 or by telefax at 301-963-2871.