

subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

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This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 353.22, and this notice is published in accordance with section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: November 5, 1997.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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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: 97-089. Applicant: Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 100 Institute Road, Worcester, MA 01609. *Instrument:* Fire Modeling Research Apparatus. *Manufacturer:* Fire Testing Technology Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used to determine certain fire properties from a particular substance, object or material—sometimes testing each type of material present in a composite then calculating experimental values if the materials were burned together. In addition, the instrument will be used for

educational purposes in the course FPE580F. *Special Problems:* Fire Science Laboratory providing overall instruction and hands-on experience with fire science related experimental measurement techniques. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* October 23, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-090. Applicant: University of Minnesota, Department of Psychology, N218 Elliott Hall, 75 East River Road, Minneapolis, MN 55455. *Instrument:* Visual Stimulus Generator, Model VSG2/3S. *Manufacturer:* Cambridge Research Systems Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used to investigate the sensory limitations on letter recognition which involves measuring the spatio temporal properties of letter recognition across the human visual field. The experiments will tell the size of the visual span (the number of letters that can be recognized in a single fixation) for different print sizes, contrasts and fixation duration. This data will test models that relate letter recognition to reading. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* October 23, 1997.

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Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Space Launch Vehicles at Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications and proposed authorizations for small take exemptions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from the U.S. Air Force for continuation of incidental harassment authorizations to take small numbers of marine mammals incidental to launches of Delta II, Titan II, Titan IV, and Taurus launch vehicles at Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA (Vandenberg). Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to continue to authorize these takings (limited to harassment), for a period not to exceed 1 year.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than December 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application should be addressed to Michael Payne, Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. A copy of this application, previous documentation and **Federal Register** notices on this action may be obtained by writing to this address or by telephoning the contact listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources at 301-713-2055, or Irma Lagomarsino, Southwest Regional Office at 562-980-4016.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and regulations are issued.

Permission may be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s); will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses; and the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking are set forth. NMFS has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as "...an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival."

Subsection 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA established an expedited process by which U.S. citizens can apply for an authorization to incidentally take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment for a period of up to one year. The MMPA defines "harassment" as:

...any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (a) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild; or (b) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering.

New subsection 101(a)(5)(D) establishes a 45-day time limit for NMFS review of an application