

**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:** 98-001. **Applicant:** University of Texas at Austin, Materials Science & Engineering Center, MS&E—Building, ETC. Room 9.102, M/C C2201, 26th & Dean Keaton Streets, Austin, TX 78712. **Instrument:** IR Image Furnace, Model SC-M35HD. **Manufacturer:** NEC Nichiden Machinery Ltd., Japan. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used in an ongoing research project that includes growth of transition-metal oxide crystals with the objectives of providing highly reliable data to study the electronic behavior at the crossover from itinerant to localized electrons in transition-metal oxides. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: January 12, 1998.

**Docket Number:** 98-002. **Applicant:** University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405. **Instrument:** HD Collector Upgrade for Mass Spectrometer. **Manufacturer:** Pro-Vac Services, United Kingdom. **Intended Use:** The instrument is an accessory which will upgrade the analytical capabilities of an existing mass spectrometer to analyze stable isotope abundance of H in natural materials for a variety of environmental, biological and ecological research projects. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes in the course Environmental Isotope Geochemistry for student practice of what is learned during the lecture part of the course. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: January 21, 1998.

**Docket Number:** 98-003. **Applicant:** University of Vermont, Department of Medicine, Given Building C-247,

Burlington, VT 05405. **Instrument:** (40 each) HV Stopcock (Laboratory Glassware). **Manufacturer:** Louwers Hapert Glasstechnics BV, The Netherlands. **Intended Use:** The instruments are components assembled from tubes that will be used in the reduction of water to hydrogen by the zinc reduction method. Experiments will be conducted involving the use of double labeled water to determine metabolic rates of research subjects. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: January 21, 1998.

**Docket Number:** 98-004. **Applicant:** University of California at Los Angeles, Plasma Physics Laboratory, 405 Hilgard Avenue, P.O. Box 951547, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1547. **Instrument:** YAG Pumped Dye Laser. **Manufacturer:** Spectron Laser Systems, United Kingdom. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used as the illuminator on a resonant lidar system. It will be used to excite sodium at 90 km altitude for the purposes of monitoring density during auroral conditions. The density will be monitored by tuning the dye laser to the sodium resonance wave length at 590 nm and measuring the strength of the return. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: January 26, 1998.

**Frank W. Creel,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Dogfish Technical Committee will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Days Inn, 4101 Island Avenue, Philadelphia, PA; telephone: 215-492-0400.

**Council Address:** Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: 302-674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda items include overview of current stock status, definition of overfishing, discussion of possible management actions necessary including reductions in F and possible rebuilding schedule, and discard issues and required analyses.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 11, 1998.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its Bottomfish Task Force.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on March 5, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, Conference Room, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 522-8220.