

exporters named in the petition, as provided for under § 351.203(c)(2) of the Department's regulations.

#### ITC Notification

Pursuant to section 702(d) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of this initiation.

#### Preliminary Determination by the ITC

The ITC will determine by November 16, 1998, whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured, or is threatened with material injury, by reason of imports of hot-rolled steel from Brazil. A negative ITC determination will result in the investigation being terminated; otherwise, the investigation will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

This notice is published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: October 15, 1998.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Government Owned Inventions Available for Licensing

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

**SUMMARY:** The inventions listed below are owned in whole or in part by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Department of Commerce. The Department of Commerce's ownership interest in the inventions are available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR Part 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of Federally funded research and development.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Technical and licensing information on these inventions may be obtained by writing to: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Industrial Partnerships Program, Building 820, Room 213, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; Fax 301-869-2751. Any request for information should include the NIST Docket No. and Title for the relevant invention as indicated below.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NIST may enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement ("CRADA") with the licensee to perform further research on the inventions for purposes

of commercialization. The inventions available for licensing are:

*NIST Docket Number:* 94-036.

*Title:* Wall Thickness and Flow Detection Apparatus and Method for Gas Pipelines.

*Abstract:* The invention is jointly owned by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Secretary of Commerce, and Southwest Research Institute. A new ultrasonic method for measuring wall thickness and detecting material flaws in natural-gas pipelines, risers, and similar structures. The method is inherently suitable for the task, because it relies on the use of the natural gas as the coupling fluid for transmitting the probing ultrasonic signals into and out of the pipe wall. Furthermore, the method facilitates the operation of the inspection from the inside of the pipe. An experimental apparatus used to demonstrate the technical feasibility of this approach and provide experimental and theoretical evidence that support the claims is described. Significantly, it is shown that by the use of a diplexer, the same transducer can be used to generate and detect the probing ultrasonic signals. The same configuration is used in commercial ultrasonic inspection of oil pipelines where oil is the coupling fluid; but until now this method could not be used in natural gas pipelines due to the low specific acoustic impedance of natural gas. The inventions available for licensing are 94-036US, 94-036CAN, 94-036EPO, 94-036JPN.

*NIST Docket Number:* 97-006US.

*Title:* Metal Hydrides Lamp and Fill For the Same.

*Abstract:* The invention is jointly owned by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Secretary of Commerce, and Matsushita Corporation. The invention comprises a lamp in which the radiation of one or more metal hydride molecules dominates the light emission. This is achieved by loading a transparent container with one or more metals (M) plus hydrogen gas (H<sub>2</sub>), perhaps with the addition of a noble gas (NG). The novel character of the lamp results from the use of H<sub>2</sub> together with metal vapors, which results in the emission of radiation from the MH molecule. An electrodeless sapphire envelope houses the gas, which is excited inductively at 13.6 Mhz.

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**Robert E. Hebner,**

*Acting Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling public meetings of its Groundfish Oversight Committee and Groundfish Advisory Panel in November, 1998 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held between November 5 and November 16, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** Meetings will be held in Danvers and Peabody, MA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (781) 231-0422. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, Massachusetts 01906-1097; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Meeting Dates and Agendas

*Wednesday, November 5, 1998, 9:30 a.m.*—Groundfish Advisory Panel Meeting

Location: King's Grant Inn, Route 128 and Trask Lane, Danvers, MA, 01923; telephone: (978) 774-6800.

Review comments from the October 19, 1998, industry meeting on mesh management and develop advice to the Groundfish Committee on mesh management issues; advise the Groundfish Committee on options for cod management in Framework Adjustment 26 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP), especially those measures already identified by the Council ("rolling closure" modifications, no "running clock" and no crucifiers)

*Monday, November 16, 1998, 9:30 a.m.*—Groundfish Oversight Committee Meeting