

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****Ames Laboratory, 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, NW, Washington, DC.

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: 98-057. *Applicant:* Ames Laboratory, U.S. Department of Energy, Ames, IA 50011-3020.

Instrument: Auger Microprobe, Model JAMP-7800F. *Manufacturer:* JEOL Ltd., Japan.

Intended Use: See notice at 63 FR 65751, November 30, 1998.

Reasons: The foreign instrument provides highest energy resolution of 0.05% with 1.0 nm for secondary electrons and 35nm for Auger analysis. *Advice received from:* National Institute of Standards and Technology, January 13, 1999.

Docket Number: 98-063. *Applicant:* University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742. *Instrument:* Electron Microprobe, Model JXA-8900R. *Manufacturer:* JEOL Ltd., Japan.

Intended Use: See notice at 63 FR 69264, December 16, 1998. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides characterization of elemental composition and structure in surfaces with resolution down to 1 μ m. *Advice received from:* National Institute of Standards and Technology, January 13, 1999.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology advises 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****Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument**

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 an instrument of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instrument shown below is intended to be used, is 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, DC 20230. Application 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, NW, Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 98-067. *Applicant:* Johns Hopkins University, 3400 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model CM300. *Manufacturer:* Philips, The Netherlands. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used in an electron microscopy laboratory that has been designed to benefit researchers in biomedical engineering, chemical engineering, chemistry, earth and planetary sciences, environmental engineering, materials science and engineering, mechanical engineering and physics. Examples of specific research projects which will be conducted include: (a) Processing and characterization of nanoscale materials, (b) dislocation of core structures in intermetallic alloys, (c) environmental chemistry, (d) development and characterization of rare-earth magnetostictive materials, (e) nanoscale observations of porous semiconductors, (f) identification of failure mechanisms in materials with applications to manufacturing processes and (g) investigations in crystal chemistry and geochemistry. In addition, the instrument will be used to supplement and expand course offerings on electron microscopy, especially analytical based electron microscopy. Application

accepted by Commissioner of Customs: January 4, 1999.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****Export Trade Certificate of Review**

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA"), International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, has received an application for an Export Trade Certificate of Review. This notice summarizes the conduct for which certification is sought and requests comments relevant to whether the Certificate should be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Morton Schnabel, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. A Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from state and federal government antitrust actions and from private, treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. Section 302(b)(1) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.6(a) require the Secretary to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying the applicant and summarizing its proposed export conduct.

Request for Public Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments relevant to the determination whether a Certificate should be issued. If the comments include any privileged or confidential business information, it must be clearly marked and a nonconfidential version of the comments (identified as such) should be included. Any comments not marked privileged or confidential business information will be deemed to be nonconfidential. An original and five copies, plus two copies of the nonconfidential version, should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice to: Office of Export

Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 1104H, Washington, DC 20230. Information submitted by any person is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). However, nonconfidential versions of the comments will be made available to the applicant if necessary for determining whether or not to issue the certificate. Comments should refer to this application as "Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 99-00001." A summary of the application follows:

Summary of the Application

Applicant: C-Shore International, 1102 Brand Blvd, Suite 63, Glendale, California 91202.

Contact: Jacques Issac, Owner/Export Manager.

Telephone: (818) 909-4654.

Application No.: 99-00001.

Date Deemed Submitted: January 20, 1999.

Members (in addition to applicant): None.

C-Shore International, an Export Intermediary, seeks a Certificate to cover the following specific Export Trade, Export Markets, and Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operations.

Export Trade

1. Products

All products.

2. Services

All services.

3. Technology Rights

Technology Rights, including, but not limited to, patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets that relate to Products and Services.

4. Export Trade Facilitation Services (as They Relate to the Export of Products, Services and Technology Rights)

Export Trade Facilitation Services, including, but not limited to: professional services in the areas of government relations and assistance with state and federal export programs; foreign trade and business protocol; consulting; market research and analysis; collection of information on trade opportunities; marketing; negotiations; joint ventures; shipping and export management; export licensing; advertising; documentation and services related to compliance with customs requirements; insurance and financing; bonding; warehousing; export trade promotion; trade show exhibitions; organizational development; management and labor strategies; transfer of technology;

transportation; and facilitating the formation of shippers' associations.

Export Markets

The Export Markets include all parts of the world except the United States (the fifty states of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands).

Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation

C-Shore International may:

1. Provide and/or arrange for the provision of Export Trade Facilitation Services;
2. Engage in promotion and marketing activities and collect and distribute information on trade opportunities in the Export Markets;
3. Enter into exclusive and/or non-exclusive agreements with distributors, foreign buyers, and/or sales representatives in Export Markets;
4. Enter into exclusive or non-exclusive licensing, and/or sales agreements with Suppliers, Export Intermediaries, or other persons for the transfer of title to Products, Services, and/or Technology Rights in Export Markets;
5. Allocate export orders among suppliers;
6. Allocate the sales, export orders and/or divide Export Markets, among Suppliers, Export Intermediaries, or other persons for the sale, licensing and/or transfer of title to Products, Services, and/or Technology Rights;
7. Establish the price of Products, Services, and or Technology Rights for sale and/or licensing in Export Markets; and
8. Negotiate, enter into, and/or manage licensing agreements for the export of Technology Rights.

Definitions

1. *Export Intermediary* means a person who acts as a distributor, sales representative, sales or marketing agent, or broker, or who performs similar functions, including providing or arranging for the provision of Export Trade Facilitation Services.

2. *Supplier* means a person who produces, provides, or sells a Product and/or Service.

Dated: January 26, 1999.

Morton Schnabel,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 981228327-8327-01]

Proposed Voluntary Product Standard DOC PS 20-99 "American Softwood Lumber Standard"

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is to advise the public that the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is distributing a proposed revision of Voluntary Product Standard DOC PS 20-94 "American Softwood Lumber Standard," for review and comment. DOC PS 20-94 serves the procurement and regulatory needs of numerous federal, state, and local government agencies by providing for uniform, industry-wide grade-marking and inspection requirements for softwood lumber. The proposed revision, DOC PS 20-99 "American Softwood Lumber Standard," has been developed and is being processed in accordance with the provisions of the "Procedures for the Development of Voluntary Product Standards" of the Department of Commerce (15 CFR Part 10; as amended; published June 20, 1986).

DATES: Written comments regarding the proposed revision, DOC PS 20-99, should be submitted to the Technical Standards Activities Program, NIST, by no later than April 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the proposed revision, DOC PS 20-99, and written comments on the proposed revision should be submitted to the Technical Standards Activities Program, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive Stop 2150, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2150. The text of the proposed revision, DOC PS 20-99 (including a copy of DOC PS 20-94 that has been marked up to show proposed changes to the standard), may be viewed on the World Wide Web (as an Adobe Acrobat File) by clicking onto the "DOC Voluntary Product Standards Program" at the web site: <http://ts.nist.gov/tsap>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara M. Meigs, Technical Standards Activities Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, telephone: 301-975-4025; fax: 301-926-1559, e-mail: barbara.meigs@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed revision, DOC PS 20-99 "American Softwood Lumber Standard," was developed by the American Lumber Standard Committee, the Standing Committee for DOC PS 20-