

in fact, corroborate the prices of the new home market grades presented by petitioners.

With respect to certain other data included in the margin calculations of the petition (e.g., inland freight), neither respondents nor other interested parties provided the Department with further relevant information and the Department is aware of no other independent sources of information that would enable it to further corroborate the remaining components of the margin calculation in the petition. The implementing regulation for section 776 of the Act, at 19 CFR 351.308(c), states “[t]he fact that corroboration may not be practicable in a given circumstance will not prevent the Secretary from applying an adverse inference as appropriate and using the secondary information in question.” Additionally, we note that the SAA at 870 specifically states that, where “corroboration may not be practicable in a given circumstance,” the Department may nevertheless apply an adverse inference. Accordingly, we find, for purposes of this preliminary determination, that the information used is sufficiently corroborated.

#### All Others

Section 735(c)(5)(B) of the Act provides that, where the estimated weighted-average dumping margins established for all exporters and producers individually investigated are zero or *de minimis* or are determined entirely under section 776 of the Act, the Department may use any reasonable method to establish the estimated all-others rate for exporters and producers not individually investigated. Our recent practice under these circumstances has been assign, as the “all others” rate, the simple average of the margins in the petition. *See Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Stainless Steel Plate in Coil from Canada*, 64 FR 15457 (March 31, 1999); *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Stainless Steel Plate in Coil from Italy*, 64 FR 15458, 15459 (March 21, 1999).

We are basing the “all others” rate on the simple average of margins in the petition and information placed on the record by petitioners on August 13, 1999 and November 12, 1999, which is 31.98 percent.

#### Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 733(d) of the Act, we are directing the Customs Service to suspend liquidation of all imports of subject merchandise that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal**

**Register**. We will instruct the Customs Service to require a cash deposit or the posting of a bond equal to the weighted-average dumping margin indicated in the chart below. These suspension-of-liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice. The weighted-average dumping margins are as follows:

Exporter/manufacturer	Weighted-average margin (percentage)
Kawasaki Steel Corporation .....	65.21
Nippon Steel Corporation .....	65.21
NKK Corporation/Toa Steel Co., Ltd. ....	65.21
Sumitomo Metals Industries, Ltd. Tokyo Steel Manufacturing Co., Ltd. ....	65.21
Topy Industries, Limited .....	65.21
All Others .....	31.98

#### ITC Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of our determination. If our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination, or 45 days after our final determination, whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

#### Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration no later than fifty days after the date of publication of this notice, and rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, no later than fifty-five days after publication of this notice. A list of authorities used and an executive summary of issues should accompany any briefs submitted to the Department. Such summary should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In accordance with section 774 of the Act, we will hold a public hearing, if requested, to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on arguments raised in case or rebuttal briefs. Tentatively, the hearing will be held fifty-seven days after publication of this notice, time and room to be determined, at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230. Parties should confirm by telephone the time, date, and place of the hearing 48 hours before the scheduled time.

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for

Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1870, within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Requests should contain: (1) The party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of the issues to be discussed. Oral presentations will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. If this investigation proceeds normally, we will make our final determination no later than 75 days after this preliminary determination.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: February 2, 2000.

**Holly A. Kuga,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### University of Hawaii; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made 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 p.m. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 99-027. Applicant: University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI 96822. Instrument: Low-Level Beta Counter, Model GM-25-5. Manufacturer: Riso National Laboratory, Denmark. Intended Use: See notice at 64 FR 63788. November 22, 1999.

Comments: None received. Decision: Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. Reasons: The foreign instrument provides: (1) Robust design and portability for shipboard operation, (2) one-inch detector windows and (3) a background of  $0.178 \pm 0.003$  counts per minute. Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution advised January 28, 2000 that (1) these capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

**Frank W. Creel,**

*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### University of Florida; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made 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.

*Docket Number:* 99-029. *Applicant:* University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611-6200. *Instrument:* Fiber Raman Laser, Model FRL-1480-600. *Manufacturer:* IP Fibre Devices Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 64 FR 70213, December 16, 1999.

*Comments:* None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) High power output in the 300-600 mW range, (2) continuous working operation, (3) single mode output and (4) frequency output in the 1483-1484.5 nm range with an emission bandwidth between 1.0-1.5 nm. The National Institute of Standards and Technology and a domestic manufacturer of similar equipment advise that (1) these capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) they know of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

Dated: February 4, 2000.

**Frank W. Creel,**

*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 020400A]

#### Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Ad Hoc Charter Vessel/Headboat Advisory Panel (AP).

**DATES:** The AP meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. on February 28, 2000 and will conclude by 4:00 p.m. on February 29, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The AP meeting will be held at the Radisson Riverwalk Hotel Tampa, 200 North Ashley Drive, Tampa, FL 33602; telephone: 813-223-2222.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Wayne Swingle, Executive Director,; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) deferred taking action on a Draft Amendment for a Charter Vessel/Headboat Permit Moratorium (Amendment) at its January 18-21, 2000 meeting. Instead the Council has asked the AP to develop an industry proposal for revision of the current Federal permit system for charter vessels and headboats engaged in reef fish and coastal migratory pelagics fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. The AP may consider retaining some of the alternatives for management measures considered in the Amendment, and likely will suggest other alternatives that would need to be presented at public hearings in a subsequent amendment. The Council will consider the AP's recommendations at its March 20-23, 2000 meeting in San Antonio, TX.

Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the AP for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the AP will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens

Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by February 22, 2000.

Dated: February 7, 2000.

**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

[I.D. 020400B]

#### Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The Council and its advisory entities will meet March 6-10, 2000. The Council meeting will begin on Tuesday, March 7, at 8 a.m., reconvening each day through Friday. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 8 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Sacramento, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815; telephone: (916) 922-8041.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items are on the Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order:

#### A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks, Introductions, Roll Call