

**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, DC 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, NW., Washington, DC.

*Docket Number:* 00-035. *Applicant:* Washington University School of Medicine, Department of Anesthesiology Research Unit, 660 South Euclid, Campus Box 8054, St. Louis, MO 63110. *Instrument:* Motorized Manipulator. *Manufacturer:* Luigs and Neumann, Germany. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used to move the microelectrode for patch clamping the synaptic terminal during studies of synaptic connections between neurons to determine the electrical properties of a synapse in the auditory system in the rat. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* October 20, 2000.

*Docket Number:* 00-036. *Applicant:* University of Wisconsin-Madison, Electrical and Computer Engineering, 1415 Engineering Drive, Madison, WI 53706. *Instrument:* Telecommunications Instrumentation Modeling System, Model TIMS-301. *Manufacturer:* Emona Instruments Pty Ltd., Australia. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used in the creation of an undergraduate communication laboratory as companion courses to the undergraduate communications systems sequence, ECE436 and ECE437. Such laboratories are essential to prepare students for the communications industry. Students in these courses will use the system to simulate different modulations and demodulation techniques by constructing modems. The planned experiments will reinforce the theory presented in the classroom and provide students with hands-on-experience. *Application accepted by*

*Commissioner of Customs:* October 20, 2000.

**Gerald A. Zerdy,**

*Program Manager, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application to amend an Export Trade Certificate of Review.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA"), International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, has received an application to amend an Export Trade Certificate of Review ("Certificate"). This notice summarizes the proposed amendment 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) or E-mail at oetca@ita.doc.gov.

**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. An Export Trade 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 Export Trading Company Act of 1982 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 an amended 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 (5) copies, plus two (2) 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 95-3A006."

The Water and Wastewater Equipment Manufacturers Association's ("WWEMA") original Certificate was issued on June 21, 1996 (61 FR 36708, July 12, 1996) and previously amended on May 20, 1997 (62 FR 29104, May 29, 1997) and February 23, 1998 (63 FR 10003, February 27, 1998). A summary of the application for an amendment follows.

**Summary of the Application:**

*Applicant:* The Water and Wastewater Equipment Manufacturers Association, 101 E. Holly Avenue, Suite 3, Sterling, Virginia 20164.

*Contact:* Randolph J. Stayin, Counsel, Telephone: (202) 289-1313.

*Application No.:* 95-3A006.

*Date Deemed Submitted:* November 2, 2000.

*Proposed Amendment:* WWEMA seeks to amend its Certificate to:

1. Add each of the following companies as a new "Member" of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(1)): Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc., Rockford, Illinois; Pentair Pump Group, Inc., North Aurora, Illinois; and Sanitaire Corporation, Brown Deer, Wisconsin;
2. Delete the following companies as "Members" of the Certificate: Aero-Mod, Incorporated, Manhattan, Kansas; Eltag Bailey Process Automation N.V. for the activities of its unit Bailey-Fischer & Porter Company, Warminster, Pennsylvania; CBI Walker, Inc., Aurora, Illinois; Dorr-Oliver Incorporated, Milford, Connecticut; Enviroquip, Inc., Austin, Texas; General Signal Corporation for the activities of its unit General Signal Pump Group, North Aurora, Illinois; Great Lakes Environmental, Inc., Addison, Illinois; Hycor Corporation, Lake Bluff, Illinois; I. Kruger, Inc., Cary, North Carolina; Jeffrey Chain Corporation, Morristown, Tennessee; Mass Transfer Systems, Inc., Fall River, Massachusetts; Patterson Pump Co., Toccoa, Georgia; SanTech,

Inc. dba Sanborn Technologies, Medway, Massachusetts; Wallace & Tiernan, Inc., Belleville, New Jersey; Water Equipment Technologies, Inc., West Palm Beach, Florida; Water Pollution Control Corp, Brown Deer, Wisconsin; Waterlink, Inc., Canton, Ohio; and Waterlink Operational Services, Inc. dba Blue Water Services, Manhattan, Kansas;

3. Change the listing of the company name for the current Member A.O. Smith Harvestore Products, Inc. to the new listing A.O. Smith Engineered Storage Products Company; and

4. Remove from the current Certificate, the restriction found under Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation Paragraph F (1-3) placed on Restricted Members Conservatek Industries, Inc. and Temcor regarding the Restricted Product Aluminum Covers:

1. Participation in any price discussion is limited to instances in which the prices are discussed and determined solely in the following manner: a Neutral Third Party, as hereinafter defined, acting independently, will obtain price information concerning each Restricted Product for which the Restricted Members listed in conjunction therewith intend to participate as part of a joint bid or other sales arrangement, and will incorporate such price information into the bid or other arrangement.

(i) For purposes of this paragraph, "acting independently" means that the Neutral Third Party who obtains the price information from the Restricted Members, and who negotiates offer prices on behalf of the Restricted Members, will not disclose the price information of one Restricted Member to another Restricted Member intending to participate in a joint bid or other sales arrangement as a Supplier of the Restricted Products.

(ii) For purposes of this paragraph, "Neutral Third Party" means an individual, partnership, corporation (profit or non-profit), or any representative thereof which is not engaged in the manufacture, distribution, or sale of any Restricted Product. Any Member may be a Neutral Third Party as long as it meets the requirements set out above.

2. The limitation set forth in paragraph F.1 above also shall apply to instances where more than one Restricted Member intends to participate in the joint bid or other sales arrangement but the participation of one is solely as an Export Intermediary for the Export Trade Activity or Method of Operation.

3. Neither WWEMA nor any Member participating in the Export Trade Activity or Method of Operation shall disclose the price information of one Restricted Member to another Restricted Member with respect to the relevant Restricted Product.

Dated: November 8, 2000.

**Morton Schnabel,**

*Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.*

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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.

**ACTION:** Notice of Government owned inventions available for licensing.

**SUMMARY:** The inventions listed below are owned in whole or in part by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Department of Commerce, and 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, Office of Technology Partnerships, 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:* 96-049US.

*Title:* Power Sensor.

*Abstract:* A method for forming a single cavity in a substrate, which may extend approximately the length of a device located on top of the substrate, and device produced thereby. The device has a length and a width, and may extend approximately the length of the substrate. After locating the device on the surface of the substrate, a first etchant is applied through openings on the surface of the substrate. Subsequently, a second etchant is

applied through the same openings on the surface of the substrate. As a result, a single cavity is formed beneath the surface of the device, suspending the device and minimizing electrical coupling. This invention is jointly owned by the Government and another party. The Government's interest is available for licensing.

*NIST Docket Number:* 99-007PCT.

*Title:* Polymer Layered Inorganic Nanocomposites.

*Abstract:* Polymer layered silicate nanocomposites are novel materials that have improved stiffness, barrier properties, and flammability properties. Although melt intercalation has been shown for some systems this approach has limitations and may not produce the same type of nanocomposites as the in situ polymerization approach. Several examples have shown that the driving force of a polymerization reaction is required to obtain complete dispersion of the silicate in the polymer. This in situ polymerization method has been proven for polyamides, polyesters and epoxies; however, new methods of preparation are needed, especially for non-polar polymers. This demonstrates that novel exfoliated polymer layered silicate nanocomposites can be prepared using metal catalysts, which have been intercalated into layered silicates. This process we define as "in situ transition-metal mediated polymerization." This invention is available only for non-exclusive licensing.

Dated: November 8, 2000.

**Karen H. Brown,**

*Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

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

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, December 5, 2000 from 8:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and Wednesday, December 6, 2000 from 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The Visiting Committee on