

formulas, chemical structures and related information. It is proposed to expand this collection by adding both new classical electron ionization spectra as well as related reference data, including gas chromatographic retention indices and mass spectra acquired by other instrument types. The addition of spectra of relevant compounds and derivatives will increase the likelihood of identifying unknown compounds, or ruling them out, in a chemical analysis. The addition of gas chromatographic retention indices will enable the more reliable identification of compounds by matching retention data as well as spectral data acquired in a GC/MS analysis. The addition of mass spectra generated by other instrument classes, including the methods of MS/MS and ion trap mass spectrometry, will broaden the scope of application of this library to other analytical methods and substances. The net result of these enhancements will be to increase the reliability and utility of this library as an aid in the process of chemical identification. We invite comments concerning this update.

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Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Notice of Invention Available for Licensing

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of invention available for licensing.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is owned by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Secretary of Commerce. The invention is 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 this invention may be obtained by writing to: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Office of Technology Partnerships, Attn: Mary Clague, Building 820, Room 213, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Information is also available via telephone: 301-975-4188, fax 301-869-2751, or e-mail: mary.clague@nist.gov. Any request for

information should include the NIST Docket number and title as indicated below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The invention available for licensing is:
Title: Method and Apparatus for Measuring the Temperature of a Liquid Medium.

Abstract: A method and apparatus for measuring the temperature of a liquid medium are disclosed. In accordance with the present invention, a liquid medium containing a fluorescent dye is provided. The fluorescent dye is chosen to exhibit a first fluorescence intensity at a first wavelength and a second fluorescence intensity at a second wavelength, wherein the temperature of the liquid medium may be determined in accordance with a predetermined temperature function of the first fluorescence intensity and the second fluorescence intensity. The method of the invention comprises the steps of measuring the fluorescence intensities at the first and second wavelengths; and determining the temperature of the liquid medium in accordance with the predetermined temperature function. The apparatus comprises means for measuring the first and second fluorescence intensities, and means for determining the temperature of the liquid medium in accordance with the predetermined temperature function. The apparatus preferably is a confocal optical measuring device, and preferably is capable of determining a temperature profile within the liquid medium.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Advisory Board

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 Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Advisory Board (MEPNAB), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Wednesday, October 9, 2002, from 8

a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The MEPNAB is composed of nine members appointed by the Director of NIST who were selected for their expertise in the area of industrial extension and their work on behalf of smaller manufacturers. The Board was established to fill a need for outside input on MEP. MEP is a unique program consisting of centers in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. The centers have been created by state, federal, and local partnerships. The Board works closely with MEP to provide input and advice on MEP's programs, plans, and policies. The purpose of this meeting is to update the board on the latest program developments at MEP and to have a panel of outside experts discuss the "state of small manufacturing" and how it is affected by the economy, the current state of the trade deficit and how productivity within firms is changing. Discussions scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and to end at 9:15 a.m. and to begin at 2:30 p.m. and to end at 3:30 p.m. on October 9, 2002, on personnel issues and proprietary budget information will be closed. All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting must register 48 hours in advance in order to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Carolyn Peters no later than Monday, October 7, 2002, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Ms. Peter's address is carolyn.peters@nist.gov and her phone number is 301/975-5607.

DATES: The meeting will convene October 9, 2002 at 8 a.m. and will adjourn at 3:30 p.m. on October 9, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Lecture Room A, Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. Please note admittance instructions under **SUMMARY** paragraph.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Acierto, Senior Policy Advisor, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-4800, telephone number (301) 975-5033.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on January 3, 2002, that portions of the meeting which involve discussion of proposed funding of the MEP may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because that portion will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of

proposed agency actions; and that portions of the meeting which involve discussion of the staffing of positions in MEP may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in that portion of the meeting is likely to reveal information of a personal nature, where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: September 6, 2002.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Paperless ELVIS (Electronic Visa Information System) Requirement and of Elimination of Paper Visa for Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Republic of the Philippines

September 6, 2002.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA)

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs eliminating the paper visa requirement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 15, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anna Flaaten, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

Pursuant to a textile visa arrangement between the Governments of the United States and the Republic of the Philippines (Philippines), certain textiles and textile products exported from the Philippines must be accompanied by a visa issued by the Philippines in order to be imported into the United States. See 44 FR 68005 (November 28, 1979). The Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS) allows certain foreign governments to electronically transfer textile and textile product shipment information to the U.S. Customs Service and thereby issue a visa electronically. On August 18, 1997 (62 FR 43993), CITA announced that the Philippines would begin an ELVIS test implementation phase using both paper and electronic visas. On

August 17, 2001, the Chairman of CITA requested public comment regarding elimination of the paper visa requirement for the Philippines and utilization of the ELVIS system exclusively. (66 FR 43227)

On May 21, 2002, the Governments of the United States and the Philippines signed an ELVIS Arrangement. Under this Arrangement, a paper visa is no longer required, as an electronic transmission certifies the country of origin and authorizes the shipment to be charged against any applicable quota.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to eliminate the paper visa requirement for textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in the Philippines and exported on or after September 15, 2002. Each shipment of textiles and textile products, as defined in the Arrangement, must be accompanied by an ELVIS transmission issued by the Philippines for products exported on or after September 15, 2002.

Interested persons are advised to take all necessary steps to ensure that textile products that are entered into the United States for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, will meet the visa requirements set forth in the letter published below to the Commissioner of Customs.

William J. Dulka,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 6, 2002.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 21, 1979, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, that directed you to prohibit entry of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the Philippines for which the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (Philippines) has not issued an appropriate export visa.

Under the terms of section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854), Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC); and pursuant to the Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS) Arrangement dated May 21, 2002 between the Governments of the United States and the Republic of the Philippines, you are directed to prohibit, effective on September 15, 2002, entry into the Customs territory of the United States (i.e., the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto

Rico) for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products in Categories 200-239, 300-369, 400-469, 600-670, and 800-899, including part categories and merged categories, and which are not eligible for the exemptions noted below, produced or manufactured in the Philippines and exported on or after September 15, 2002 for which the Philippines has not transmitted an appropriate ELVIS transmission fully described below. Further, you are directed, effective on September 15, 2002, no longer to require a paper visa for the entry of shipments of textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in the Philippines and exported to the United States on or after September 15, 2002.

A. Each ELVIS transmission must include the following information:

i. The visa number. The visa number must be in the standard nine digit letter format, beginning with one numeric digit for the last digit of the year of export, followed by the two character alpha country code specified by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) (the code for the Republic of the Philippines is "PH"), and a six digit numerical serial number identifying the shipment; e.g., 1PH123456.

ii. The date of issuance. The date of issuance must be the day, month and year on which the visa was issued.

iii. The correct category(s), part category(s), merged category(s), quantity(s) and unit(s) of quantity are provided for in the U.S. Department of Commerce correlation and in the Harmonized Tariff Schedules of the United States (HTS), e.g., "Cat. 340-510DZ". Annex A lists all the part-category and merged category visas required for entry. Products covered by merged category quotas must be accompanied by either a merged category transmission or the correct category corresponding to the actual shipment, (e.g., quota category 333/334 may be transmitted in "category 333/334" or if the shipment consists solely of category 333 merchandise, the shipment may be accompanied by a transmission in "category 333" but not as "category 334."). Quantities must be stated in whole numbers. Decimals or fractions will not be accepted.

iv. The manufacturer identification number (MID). The MID must begin with 'PH,' followed by the first three characters from each of the first two words of the name of the manufacturer, followed by the largest number on the address line up to the first four digits, followed by the first three letters from the city name where the manufacturer is located.

B. Entry of a shipment shall not be permitted:

i. if an ELVIS transmission has not been received for the shipment from the Philippines;

ii. if the ELVIS transmission for that shipment is missing any of the following:

- a. visa number
- b. category, part category or merged category,
- c. quantity,
- d. unit of measure,
- e. date of issuance, or
- f. MID;