

application by the U.S. Customs Service.

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**University of South Florida, 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, N.W., Washington, D.C.

*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: 95-041R. Applicant: University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. Instrument: ICP Mass Spectrometer, Model PlasmaQuad. Manufacturer: Fisons Instruments, United Kingdom. Intended Use: See notice at 60 FR 31144, June 13, 1995. Reasons: The foreign instrument provides: (1) sensitivity of  $20 \times 10^7$  counts  $\text{sec}^{-1}$   $\text{ppm}^{-1}$  at mass 115, (2) an abundance sensitivity adjustable between  $5 \times 10^{-7}$  and  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  at mass 23, and (3) a detection limit of 2 ppt for Be. Advice Received From: The National Institutes of Health, March 21, 1996.

Docket Number: 95-113. Applicant: Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY 10461. Instrument: Xenon Flash Lamp. Manufacturer: Hi-Tech Ltd., United Kingdom. Intended Use: See notice at 60 FR 64157, December 14, 1995. Reasons: The foreign instrument provides: (1) high-precision quartz optics to permit transmission rates of 97-99% in the UV range, (2) optocoupled isolation and shielded electronics for low-noise, and (3) integrated lamphouse with optics and changeable filters. Advice Received From: The National Institutes of Health, March 28, 1996.

Docket Number: 95-120. Applicant: Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY 10461. Instrument: Stopped-Flow Spectrophotometer, Model SX.17MV. Manufacturer: Applied Photophysics Ltd., United Kingdom. Intended Use: See notice at 61 FR 4768, February 8, 1996. Reasons: The foreign

instrument provides: (1) an optical diode array for collecting time dependent absorption spectra from single drive experiments, (2) full anaerobic capability, and (3) multi-tasking software with numerical integration capabilities. Advice Received From: The National Institutes of Health, March 20, 1996.

Docket Number: 95-121. Applicant: University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA 93106. Instrument: RF Reactive Atom Source. Manufacturer: Oxford Applied Research, United Kingdom. Intended Use: See notice at 61 FR 6629, February 21, 1996. Reasons: The foreign instrument provides an ion beam with: (1) less kinetic energy to minimize damage to nitride thin-film substrates, and (2) less electromagnetic interference with associated instruments than electron cyclotron resonance ion sources. Advice Received From: The Naval Research Laboratory and a domestic manufacturer of related instruments, March 28, 1996.

Docket Number: 95-125. Applicant: Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802. Instrument: Dilution Refrigerator/Gradient Magnet System, Model KelvinOx<sup>100</sup>. Manufacturer: Oxford Instruments, Inc., United Kingdom. Intended Use: See notice at 61 FR 6629, February 21, 1996. Reasons: The foreign instrument provides: (1) a superconducting magnet yielding up to 30T/m magnetic field gradient in a 8T homogeneous field, (2) 13mm access port for top-loading samples, and (3) IEEE interface for computer controlled operation. Advice Received From: The National Institutes of Health, March 20, 1996.

Docket Number: 95-126. Applicant: University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611-7200. Instrument: Electron Paramagnetic Resonance Spectrometer, Model ESP 300E-10/2.7. Manufacturer: Bruker Analytische Messtechnik GmbH, Germany. Intended Use: See notice at 61 FR 6630, February 21, 1996. Reasons: The foreign instrument provides: (1) the ability to perform time-resolved EPR experiments at 10 ns time-resolution, (2) preamplifier bandwidth up to 200 MHz, and (3) a microwave source with signal/noise of 300:1 and wide dynamic range to 60 dB. Advice Received From: The National Institutes of Health, March 21, 1996.

Docket Number: 96-002. Applicant: DHHS/Food and Drug Administration, Jefferson, AR 72079. Instrument: ICP Mass Spectrometer, Model PlasmaQuad XR. Manufacturer: Fisons Instruments, United Kingdom. Intended Use: See notice at 61 FR 8041, March 1, 1996. Reasons: The foreign instrument

provides a time resolved data acquisition and analysis system and software permitting capture of mass spectra in time slices. Advice Received From: The National Institutes of Health, March 25, 1996.

Docket Number: 96-004. Applicant: University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720. Instrument: Mass/Energy Spectrometer. Manufacturer: Hiden Analytical Ltd., United Kingdom. Intended Use: See notice at 61 FR 8042, March 1, 1996. Reasons: The foreign instrument provides a specialized mass spectrometer for diagnostic analysis of low energy (0-30 eV kinetic energy) and high purity (>99.9999%) activated nitrogen sources for the growth of GaN thin films. Advice Received From: The Naval Research Laboratory, March 28, 1996.

Docket Number: 96-007. Applicant: U. S. Department of Commerce, NOAA, Boulder, CO 80303. Instrument: Stable Isotope Mass Spectrometer, Model OPTIMA. Manufacturer: Fisons Instruments, United Kingdom. Intended Use: See notice at 61 FR 8042, March 1, 1996. Reasons: The foreign instrument provides: (1) a dual viscous inlet to permit analysis of up to 56 samples without the need for operator intervention, (2) absolute sensitivity for CO<sub>2</sub> of one mass-44 ion per 1000 molecules, and (3) instrument resolution (M/δM) equal to or greater than 100 utilizing 10% valley definition. Advice Received From: The National Institutes of Health, March 27, 1996.

Docket Number: 96-010. Applicant: University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131. Instrument: Mass Spectrometer, Model VG Sector 54. Manufacturer: Fisons Instruments, United Kingdom. Intended Use: See notice at 61 FR 11613, March 21, 1996. Reasons: The foreign instrument provides: (1) a wide aperture retarding potential filter with a sensitivity of 20 ppb, (2) a Daly multiplier ion-counting detector with additional analog mode capability, and (3) gain stability of better than 0.1%/hr. Advice Received From: The National Institutes of Health, March 27, 1996.

Docket Number: 96-011. Applicant: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001. Instrument: Laser Tracker, Model SMART 310. Manufacturer: Leica Inc., Switzerland. Intended Use: See notice at 61 FR 11614, March 21, 1996. Reasons: The foreign instrument provides an off-the-shelf servo-controlled tracking, laser-based interferometric coordinate measuring system of proprietary design for remotely measuring the dimensional accuracy of large objects. Advice

Received From: The National Institutes of Health, March 27, 1996.

The National Institutes of Health, the Naval Research Laboratory, and a domestic manufacturer of related instruments advise that (1) the capabilities of each of the foreign instruments described above are pertinent to each applicant's intended purpose and (2) they know 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 any of the foreign instruments.

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**Certain Refrigeration Compressors from the Republic of Singapore; Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration/Import Administration/Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the agreement suspending the countervailing duty investigation on certain refrigeration compressors from the Republic of Singapore. We preliminarily determine that the signatories have complied with the terms of the suspension agreement during the period April 1, 1993, through March 31, 1994. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit arguments in this proceeding are requested to submit with their argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 10, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Johnson or Jean Kemp, Office of Agreements Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3793.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Background

On November 30, 1994, the Government of the Republic of Singapore (GOS), Matsushita Refrigeration Industries (Singapore) Pte.

Ltd. (MARIS), and Asia Matsushita Electric (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. (AMS), requested an administrative review of the agreement suspending the countervailing duty investigation on certain refrigeration compressors from the Republic of Singapore (48 FR 51167, November 7, 1983). We initiated the review, covering the period April 1, 1993, through March 31, 1994, on December 15, 1994 (59 FR 64650-1). The Department of Commerce (the Department) sent out a questionnaire on February 27, 1995, and received a joint questionnaire response from the GOS, MARIS, and AMS, on April 26, 1995. Subsequently, the Department sent out a supplemental questionnaire on July 31, 1995 and received a joint supplemental questionnaire response on August 25, 1995. Finally, the Department sent out a second supplemental questionnaire on September 21, 1995 and received a joint supplemental questionnaire response on October 2, 1995.

The final results of the last administrative review in this case were published on March 13, 1996 (60 FR 10315-18), which is on file in the Central Records Unit (room B-099 of the Main Commerce Building).

*Applicable Statute and Regulations*

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute and to the Department's regulations are in reference to the provisions as they existed on December 31, 1994. However, references to the Department's *Countervailing Duties; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Request for Public Comments* (54 FR 23366; May 31, 1989) (*Proposed Regulations*), are provided solely for further explanation of the Department's countervailing duty practice. Although the Department has withdrawn the particular rulemaking proceeding pursuant to which the *Proposed Regulations* were issued, the subject matter of these regulations is being considered in connection with an ongoing rulemaking proceeding which, among other things, is intended to conform the Department's regulations to the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. See 60 FR 80 (January 3, 1995).

*Scope of Review*

Imports covered by this review are shipments of hermetic refrigeration compressors rated not over one-quarter horsepower from Singapore. This merchandise is currently classified under *Harmonized Tariff Schedule* (HTS) item number 8414.30.40. The HTS item number is provided for convenience and Customs purposes.

The written description remains dispositive.

The review period is April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1994, and includes 6 programs. The review covers one producer and one exporter of the subject merchandise, MARIS and AMS, respectively. These two companies, along with the GOS, are the signatories to the suspension agreement.

Under the terms of the suspension agreement, the GOS agrees to offset completely the amount of the net bounty or grant determined by the Department in this proceeding to exist with respect to the subject merchandise. The offset entails the collection by the GOS of an export charge applicable to the subject merchandise exported on or after the effective date of the agreement. See *Certain Refrigeration Compressors from the Republic of Singapore: Suspension of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 48 FR 51167, 51170 (November 7, 1983).

*Analysis of Programs*

(1) The Economic Expansion Incentives Act—Part VI

The Production for Export Programme under Part VI of the Economic Expansion Incentives Act allows a 90-percent tax exemption on a company's export profit if the GOS designates a company as an export enterprise. In the investigation, the Department preliminarily found this program to be countervailable because "this tax exemption is provided only to certified export enterprises." See *Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination: Certain Refrigeration Compressors from the Republic of Singapore*, 48 FR 39109, 39110 (August 29, 1983). MARIS is designated as an export enterprise and used this tax exemption during the period of review. AMS was not designated an export enterprise under Part VI of the Economic Expansion Incentives Act for the period of review.

According to the Export Enterprise Certificate awarded to MARIS in a letter dated May 12, 1981, MARIS is to receive this benefit on the production of compressors, electrical parts and accessories for refrigerators, and plastic refrigerators. To calculate the benefit, we divided the tax savings claimed by MARIS under this program by the f.o.b. value of total exports of products receiving the benefit, for the period of review.

MARIS' response to the Department's countervailing duty questionnaire for this review indicated that MARIS deducted export charges levied pursuant to the suspension agreement in