

marine environment, (4) oxygen, hydrogen and carbon isotopic composition as tracers in studies of hydrologic processes and (5) plant ecophysiological research. The instrument will also be used for educational purposes in the graduate course Geology 563: Stable Isotope Geology. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* August 2, 1996.

Docket Number: 96-087. *Applicant:* Cornell University, 212 Clark Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853. *Instrument:* Scanning Tunneling Microscope, Model JSTM-4500. *Manufacturer:* JEOL Ltd., Japan. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used to study device-quality semiconductor materials, including Si, GaAs, AlGaAs, InP, AlInAs, GaInP and possibly GaN. The objectives of the proposed experiments are to increase the understanding of the microscopic structure of grown semiconductor multilayers, including the electronic band structure and the effect of defects. An additional objective is to understand the effect of defects and doping centers on luminescence of the samples. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* August 9, 1996.

Docket Number: 96-088. *Applicant:* The University of Texas at Austin, Center for Materials Science and Engineering, ETC 9.104, MC 62201, Austin, TX 78712. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model JEM-2010. *Manufacturer:* JEOL Ltd., Japan. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used to study the microstructures of metals, metal alloys, ceramics, polymers, minerals, and composites of these materials. It will also be used to study systems of materials used in electronic, opto-electronic, photonic and or magnetic applications. In the course of the investigations, the instrument will be used to measure particle/crystallite size and morphology, crystal structure, chemical composition and the number, type and extent of defects. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes through training of graduate students, faculty and staff who carry out the actual research. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* August 14, 1996.

Docket Number: 96-089. *Applicant:* Northern Kentucky University, Department of Chemistry, NS 234, Highland Heights, KY 41099-1905. *Instrument:* Rapid Kinetics Apparatus, Model SFA-20. *Manufacturer:* Hi-Tech Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used in CHE 362L, Physical Chemistry Laboratory 2H, and CHE 363L, Physical Chemistry

3H laboratory courses involving experiments in thermodynamics, kinetics, transport properties, elementary quantum mechanics, and spectroscopy. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* August 15, 1996.

Docket Number: 96-090. *Applicant:* National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Division of Midwest Research Institute, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401-3393. *Instrument:* TOF Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometer. *Manufacturer:* ION-TOF GmbH, Germany. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used in studies of photovoltaics, semiconductors, polymers, glasses, tissues, fibers and renewable energy materials to provide qualitative and quantitative distributions of elemental and molecular species as a function of mass, lateral position, and in some cases, depth. This information is fundamental to understanding the properties and operations of photovoltaic and other renewable energy materials and devices. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* August 15, 1996.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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Certain Carbon Steel Wire Rod From Argentina: Intent To Terminate Suspended Investigation

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

ACTION: Notice of intent to terminate suspended investigation.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is notifying the public of its intent to terminate the countervailing duty suspended investigation on certain carbon steel wire rod from Argentina. Domestic interested parties who object to termination of this suspended investigation must submit their comments in writing not later than the last day of September 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 5, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Bolling or Jean Kemp, AD/CVD Enforcement, Group III, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department may terminate a countervailing duty suspended investigation if the Secretary of Commerce concludes that it is no longer of interest to interested parties. Accordingly, as required by the Department's regulations (19 CFR 355.25(d)(4)), we are notifying the public of our intent to revoke this countervailing duty suspended investigation, for which the Department has not received a request to conduct an administrative review for the most recent four consecutive annual anniversary months.

In accordance with section 355.25(d)(4)(iii) of the Department's regulations, if no domestic interested party (as defined in sections 355.2(i)(3), (i)(4), (i)(5), and (i)(6) of the regulations) objects to the Department's intent to terminate this suspended investigation, and no interested party (as defined in section 355.2(i) of the regulations) requests an administrative review in accordance with the Department's notice of opportunity to request an administrative review, we shall conclude that the countervailing duty suspended investigation is no longer of interest to interested parties and proceed with the termination. However, if an interested party does request an administrative review in accordance with the Department's notice of opportunity to request an administrative review, or a domestic interested party does object to the Department's intent to terminate pursuant to this notice, the Department will not terminate this suspended investigation.

Opportunity to Object

Not later than the last day of September 1996, domestic interested parties may object to the Department's intent to terminate this countervailing duty suspended investigation. Any submission objecting to the termination must contain the name and case number of the suspended investigation and a statement that explains how the objecting party qualifies as a domestic interested party under sections 355.2(i)(3), (i)(4), (i)(5), or (i)(6) of the Department's regulations.

Seven copies of any such objections should be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Room B-099, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20230. This notice is in accordance with 19 CFR 355.25(d)(4)(i).

Dated: August 29, 1996.
 Roland L. MacDonald,
*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary,
 Enforcement Group III.*
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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Modernization Transition Committee (MTC); Meeting

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

Time and Date: September 19, 1996 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place: This meeting will take place at the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC), Federal Plaza, 151 Patton Avenue, Asheville, North Carolina.

Status: The meeting will be open to the public. On September 19, 1996, 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. will be set aside for oral comments or questions from the public. Approximately 50 seats will be available on a first-come first-served basis for the public. There will be an optional tour of the NCDC facility the afternoon of September 18, for MTC members.

Matters to be Considered: This meeting will cover: Consultation on 10 final Consolidation Certifications, update and consultation on Automation Criteria for Service Level "D" locations, and a presentation and consultation on Closure Criteria (including public comments received).

Contact Person for More Information: Mr. Nicholas Scheller, National Weather Service, Modernization Staff, 1324 East-West Highway, SSMC2, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Telephone: (301) 713-0454.

Dated: August 29, 1996.
 Nicholas R. Scheller,
Manager, National Implementation Staff.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Romania

August 29, 1996.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 30, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-6715. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

The current limits for certain categories are being increased, variously, for carryover, carryforward and swing.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see Federal Register notice 60 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995). Also see 61 FR 4627, published on February 7, 1996.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the bilateral agreement, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of its provisions.

Philip J. Martello,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements
 August 29, 1996.

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 February 1, 1996, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Romania and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1996 and extends through December 31, 1996.

Effective on August 30, 1996, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for in the recent bilateral agreement, as amended and extended, between the Governments of the United States and Romania:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Sublevels in Group III	
433/434	10,466 dozen.
435	10,366 dozen.
442	11,782 dozen.
443	100,406 numbers.
444	47,332 numbers.
447/448	24,078 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1995.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Philip J. Martello,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Membership; Defense Mapping Agency Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Defense Mapping Agency (DMA) Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of membership of the Defense Mapping Agency Performance Review Board (DMA PRB).

SUMMARY: This notice announces the appointment of the members of the DMA PRB. The publication of PRB membership is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4). The Board provides fair and impartial performance appraisals and makes recommendations regarding performance ratings and performance awards to the Director, DMA.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 13, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: B.R. Webster, Defense Mapping Agency, Office of Human Resources, 8613 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031-2137, telephone (703) 285-9151.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Per 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the following is a standing register of DMA executives appointed to the DMA PRB; specific PRB panels will be constituted from this standing register. Executives listed will serve a one-year renewable term, effective 13 September 1996.

ANCELL, A. Clay
 Associate Director, Requirements and Operations

BELL, Paula J.

Assistant Director, Source Management
 Division Eastern Office

BOGNER, Cynthia K.