We know of no domestic accessory which can be readily adapted to the existing instrument.

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Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff

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North Carolina State University, 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: 95–094. *Applicant:* North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27695-7212. *Instrument:* Stopped-Flow Spectrophotometer, Model SX.17MV. *Manufacturer:* Applied Photophysics, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 60 FR 57221, November 14, 1995. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: simultaneous measurements across the entire white-light spectrum with high beam stability using a diode array detector. *Advice Received From:* National Institutes of Health, December 1, 1995.

The National Institutes of Health advises in its memorandum 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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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, D.C. 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, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 95–041R. *Applicant:* University of South Florida, Department of Marine Sciences, 140 Seventh Avenue, South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. *Instrument:* ICP Mass Spectrometer, Model PlasmaQuad. *Manufacturer:* Fisons Instruments, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* Original notice of this resubmitted application was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER of June 13, 1995.

Docket Number: 95–121. *Applicant:* University of California, Santa Barbara, Engineering Materials Department, Bldg. 446, Room 112, Santa Barbara, CA 93106. *Instrument:* RF Reactive Atom Source. *Manufacturer:* Oxford Applied Research, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used to investigate the epitaxial growth of nitride films by molecular beam epitaxy. The objective of the investigation is to increase understanding of the growth and properties of nitride thin films in order to optimize film properties and fabricate novel electronic and optoelectronic devices based on nitrides. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes in the course Materials 598: Graduate Research Study. *Application Accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* December 13, 1995.

Docket Number: 95–122. *Applicant:* The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Geosciences, 503 Deike Building, University Park, PA 16802. *Instrument:* Trace Gas Preconcentrator. *Manufacturer:* Finnigan MAT, Germany. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used in experiments to extract fossil air samples from polar ice cores and analyze the composition of these fossil air samples. The data from these experiments will provide the means of reconstructing the composition of the past atmosphere over the last 250,000 years. In addition, the instrument will be used to demonstrate the various techniques used during the acquisition of stable isotope ratios of various air samples in several geoscience courses. *Application Accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* December 14, 1995.

Docket Number: 95–123. *Applicant:* Carnegie Institution of Washington, Geophysical Laboratory, 5251 Broad Branch Road, NW, Washington, DC 20015-1305. *Instrument:* Upgrade of 252 Mass Spectrometer. *Manufacturer:* Finnigan MAT, Germany. *Intended Use:* The items will be used to upgrade an existing mass spectrometer with the capability to analyze nanomole quantities of 0^2 gas. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes in a very active post and predoctoral fellowship program. *Application Accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* December 14, 1995.

Docket Number: 95–124. *Applicant:* University of California, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, One Cyclotron Road, Berkeley, CA 94720. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model EM 300. *Manufacturer:* Philips, The Netherlands. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used for studies of metals, semiconductors, and ceramics to determine the arrangement of atoms in these materials, defects, and interfaces. The instrument will also be used in courses to teach advanced techniques in high-resolution electron microscopy, high-resolution electron holography, and energy-filtered electron microscopy to graduate students. *Application Accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* December 19, 1995.

Docket Number: 95–125. *Applicant:* Pennsylvania State University, Department of Physics, 104 Davey Laboratory, University Park, PA 16802. *Instrument:* Dilution Refrigerator/ Gradient Magnet System, Model KelvinOx^{100}. *Manufacturer:* Oxford Instruments, Inc., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used to study superconductivity and related quantum phenomena in ultrathin films of metals and high T_c oxide superconductors. The ultrathin films of metals will be prepared by quench deposition and measured *in situ* without taking the film outside the ultrahigh vacuum and low temperature environment so that contamination and annealing of the sample can be avoided. In addition, the instrument will be used to train future physicists and materials scientists through Ph.D. and M.S. degree programs. *Application Accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* December 21, 1995.

Docket Number: 95–126. *Applicant:* University of Florida, Department of Chemistry, PO Box 117200, Gainesville, FL 32611-7200. *Instrument:* Electron Paramagnetic Resonance Spectrometer, Model ESP 300E-10/2.7. *Manufacturer:* Bruker Analytische Messtechnik GmbH, Germany. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used for studies of the local structure of the transient paramagnetic centers in diverse materials and the kinetics of electron and energy transfer. This will be done by studying relaxation time T_1 and T_2 and coherent quantum beats with 10 ns time-resolution. The range of materials includes but is not limited to: organic electron and energy transfer couples, organic and inorganic thin films, polymers, biological macromolecules, organic and inorganic conductors and semiconductors. In addition, the instrument will be used in the course CHM 6580 special topics in physical chemistry to train students in state-of-the-art techniques in modern magnetic resonance. *Application Accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* December 21, 1995.

Docket Number: 95–127. *Applicant:* Armstrong Laboratory, 2509 Kennedy Circle, Brooks AFB, TX 78235-5118. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model CM 120. *Manufacturer:* Philips, The Netherlands. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used for analysis of water, air, and bulk samples for the presence of asbestos and evaluation of biological materials in support of in-house research. Experiments will be conducted using animal models of human disease or conditions to determine the harmful effects of lasers, microwaves, radiation, and to evaluate the efficacy of protective devices. *Application Accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* December 27, 1995.

Docket Number: 95–128. *Applicant:* University of Maryland at College Park, Microbiology Department, Building #231, College Park, MD 20742. *Instrument:* Extended SpectraKinetics Photomultiplier, Model SK.1E. *Manufacturer:* Applied Photophysics, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used to modify an existing spectro-fluorimeter in order to monitor the kinetics of a variety of different biochemical reactions, all of which involve interactions of proteins with other proteins or with a variety of smaller substrates. The instrumentation will make it possible to monitor the time course of such reactions by monitoring the fluorescence intensities of either the proteins involved or the small substrates. The goal of this research is to understand the interactions among a set of proteins that together enable bacteria to control their swimming movements. *Application Accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* December 27, 1995.

Docket Number: 95–129. *Applicant:* Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Chemistry, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02129. *Instrument:* Rapid Scanning Diode Array, Model MG 6040. *Manufacturer:* Hi-Tech Scientific, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used for the study of reactions of reduced iron systems with oxygen using stopped flow visible spectroscopy. In the experiments, an anaerobic solution of a diferrous compound (enzyme or model complex) is mixed rapidly in a closed system with a solution containing dioxygen. The changes which take place are followed by observing changes in the absorbance of light at different wavelengths. The objective of these experiments is to understand better the reaction cycle of this very interesting and important enzyme system and to tune the reactivity of relevant small molecule models to do useful chemistry. *Application Accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* December 27, 1995.

Docket Number: 95–130. *Applicant:* University of Wisconsin-Madison, Integrated Microscopy Resource, 1525 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706. *Instrument:* Upgraded Pulse Compressor, Model DMP-100. *Manufacturer:* Microlase Optical Systems Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used with an existing laser that serves as a fluorescence excitation source for the study of the dynamics of the internal cellular architecture of living biological specimens. Cells and developing embryos will be examined with the enhanced microscope system over extended periods of time in order to study the changes in internal structure that occur during development. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes in courses in advanced microscopy techniques for undergraduates, graduate students and visiting academic research workers. *Application Accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* December 29, 1995.

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Ceramic Tile from Mexico; Amended Revocation of the Countervailing Duty Order

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

ACTION: Amended Revocation of the Countervailing Duty Order.

SUMMARY: On September 6, 1995, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (the CAFC) held that the Department of Commerce (the Department) lacks statutory authority to impose countervailing duties on dutiable goods imported by Mexico after April 23, 1985. Pursuant to this decision, on January 31, 1996, the Court of International Trade (CIT) ordered the Department to revoke the countervailing duty order on ceramic tile from Mexico effective April 23, 1985, and to instruct the U.S. Customs Service to refund any estimated countervailing duties at issue in this case that were deposited by plaintiffs during the period January 1, 1986 through December 31, 1986. In accordance with the CIT's order, we are hereby amending the revocation of the countervailing duty order on ceramic tile from Mexico to be effective April 23, 1985, instead of January 1, 1995 (60 FR 40568; August 9, 1995).

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 21, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gayle Longest or Kelly Parkhill at the Office of Countervailing Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482–2786.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 9, 1989 (54 FR 19930), the Department published the final results of administrative review of the countervailing duty order on ceramic tile from Mexico, covering the period January 1, 1986, through December 31, 1986. (54 FR 19930) On May 5, 1994, the CIT upheld the Department's final results of administrative review with respect to the issue whether the Department had authority to impose countervailing duties on ceramic tile from Mexico after April 23, 1985 when Mexico was designated as a ''country under the agreement,'' pursuant to its commitments under a bilateral agreement, Understanding between the United States and Mexico Regarding Subsidies and Countervailing Duties. However, the CIT remanded the case to