

regulations as published in the **Federal Register** on May 11, 1995 (60 FR 25130).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 9, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Killiam, Alain Letort or John R. Kugelman, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III—Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230, telephone (202) 482-2704, 482-4243 or 482-0649, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department initiated this new shipper review on May 2, 1997 (62 FR 24088). The current deadline for the preliminary results is October 27, 1997. Pursuant to 19 CFR § 353.22(h)(7), the Department has determined that this case is extraordinarily complicated and, therefore, is extending the deadline for issuing the preliminary results. This extension is necessary to provide the Department additional time to consider certain issues of complex nature, including whether certain transactions were home-market, third-country, or U.S. sales, and the nature of home-market customers (e.g., producers, end-users, or resellers to the United States).

In accordance with 19 CFR § 353.22(h)(7), the Department will extend the time limit for completion of the preliminary results of this new shipper review to no later than January 27, 1998. We plan to issue the final results within 90 days after the date the preliminary results are issued.

This extension of time limit is in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act.

Dated: September 29, 1997.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary AD/CVD Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-001]

Potassium Permanganate From the People's Republic of China; Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of rescission of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On January 30, 1997, Zunyi Chemical Factory, a producer of potassium permanganate in the People's Republic of China, requested that the Department of Commerce conduct an administrative review of their merchandise for the period January 1, 1996, through December 31, 1996. On March 3, 1997, we published a notice of initiation of this antidumping duty administrative review. This review has now been rescinded as a results because there have been on entries into the United States of subject merchandise during the period of review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 9, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Paul Stolz or Thomas Futtner, Office of Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4474 and (202) 482-3814 respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 31, 1984, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** (49 FR 3898) the antidumping duty order on potassium permanganate from the People's Republic of China (PRC). On January 30, 1997, Zunyi Chemical Factory (Zunyi), a producer of the subject merchandise, requested that the Department conduct an administrative review for the period January 1, 1996, through December 31, 1996, in accordance with 19 CFR 353.22(a). On March 3, 1997, we published a notice of initiation (62 FR 9413) of this antidumping duty administrative review. Subsequently, Zunyi reported that it had made no shipments of the subject merchandise during the period of review (POR). We verified this information with the U.S. Customs Service.

Because the only firm for which a review was requested made no entries into the Customs territory of the United States during the POR, the Department is rescinding this review. Moreover, since Zunyi has never demonstrated that it is an exporter entitled to a separate rate, the cash deposit rate for sales of the subject merchandise will continue to be the rate established for exporters of such merchandise or, if Zunyi is the exporter, the PRC-wide rate from the most recently completed administrative review.

This notice is published in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. Sec. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR 353.22 (1996).

Dated: October 3, 1997.

Richard W. Moreland,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Group II, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Harvard Medical School; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Electron Microscope

This decision is made 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.

Docket Number: 97-072. **Applicant:** Harvard Medical School, Southborough, MA 01772-9102. **Instrument:** Electron Microscope, Model JEM-1010.

Manufacturer: JEOL, Ltd., Japan.

Intended Use: See notice at 62 FR 45397, August 27, 1997. **Order Date:** June 17, 1997.

Comments: None received. **Decision:** Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as this instrument is intended to be used, was being manufactured in the United States at the time the instrument was ordered. **Reasons:** The foreign instrument is a conventional transmission electron microscope (CTEM) and is intended for research or scientific educational uses requiring a CTEM. We know of no CTEM, or any other instrument suited to these purposes, which was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order of the instrument.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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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, 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: 97-077. **Applicant:** University of Washington, School of Oceanography, Box 357940, Seattle, WA 98195-7940. **Instrument:** Isotope Ratio Mass Spectrometer, Model DELTA^{plus}. **Manufacturer:** Finnigan MAT, Germany. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used in a diverse group of geochemical studies of oceanic, atmospheric and terrestrial problems. Isotope and gas ratio measurements will be used to help determine the following: (1) Rates of anthropogenic CO₂ uptake by the ocean, (2) rates of oceanic productivity, (3) organic matter cycling in the Amazon basin, (4) the source of increase of atmospheric methane and carbon monoxide, (5) denitrification rates in the water column and shelf sediments, (6) terrestrial versus marine sources of organic matter in shelf sediments, (7) the diet of juvenile polychaetes and (8) the impact of food web structure on carbon export in the equatorial Pacific. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** August 28, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-078. **Applicant:** University of Missouri at Kansas City, School of Biological Sciences, Room 417 BSB, 5007 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64110. **Instrument:** Free-Flow Electrophoresis Device. **Manufacturer:** Dr. Weber GmbH, Germany. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used in several research projects for: (1) The separation of cells, for example, B lymphocytes from whole blood, to be used for immortalization by Epstein-Barr virus, (2) the separation of intracellular organelles and vesicles from cells to study protein expression and secretion and (3) the separation and purification of protein subunits in denaturing solvents for further studies of protein function. In addition, the instrument will be used for training undergraduate, graduate and professional students and postdoctoral fellows in the technique of free-flow electrophoresis. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** September 5, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-079. **Applicant:** Pennsylvania State University at Erie, The Behrend College, 5091 Station

Road, Erie, PA 16563-1702. **Instrument:** Thermodynamic Measurement Equipment, Model pvT 100.

Manufacturer: SWO Polymertechnik GmbH, Germany. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used to assist students in researching pressure, volume and temperature phenomena to better identify polymer material behavior. The objectives of the experimentation will be to provide students in the Plastics Engineering Technology program with basic fundamental material characterization properties to further enhance their understanding of material flow.

Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: September 5, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-080. **Applicant:** Cornell University, 335 Savage Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853. **Instrument:** Rapid Mixing Accessory, Model SFA-20/Spex. **Manufacturer:** Hi-Tech Scientific, United Kingdom. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used to obtain quantitative information regarding the rates by which Vitamin A derivatives interact with binding proteins and with biological membranes. The aim of this study is to clarify the mechanisms by which retinoids move between cells and sub-cellular compartments *in vivo* and the factors that regulate the distribution of these compounds. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** September 8, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-081. **Applicant:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Physics and Astronomy, 141 Phillips Hall CB# 3255, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3255.

Instrument: X-Ray Diffractometer with Accessory, Model DIP-2020 V. **Manufacturer:** Nonius-Enraf, The Netherlands. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used to perform *in-situ* and *ex-situ* x-ray diffraction experiments in conjunction with property measurement. The materials to be studied will include C₆₀ derivative compounds, carbon nanotubes, new semiconducting materials based on Si/Ge clathrates, noncrystals, high temperature superconductor films and novel magnetic multilayers. In addition, the instrument will be used to teach x-ray diffraction techniques and its applications in materials science. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** September 9, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-082. **Applicant:** University of Minnesota, Department of Biochemistry, Medical School, 4-225 Millard Hall, 435 Delaware Street, S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455. **Instrument:** Stopped-Flow Reaction Analyzer, Model SX.18MV. **Manufacturer:** Applied Photophysics, Ltd., United Kingdom. **Intended Use:** The instrument

will be used to study the reaction rates of enzymes and proteins with their substrates of other small molecules that they bind. The instrument can measure the optical and fluorescence changes that occur during the binding and shape change processes and assign rates to these changes. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes in the course Biochemistry 5-528 "Kinetics of Biological Systems." **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** September 10, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-083. **Applicant:** Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, 402 North Blackford Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Instrument: Stopped-Flow Spectrometer, Model SX-61DX2. **Manufacturer:** Hi-Tech Scientific, United Kingdom. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used for educational purposes in the following courses: (1) C363 Experimental Physical Chemistry—experimental work to illustrate the principles of physical chemistry, (2) C411 Principles of Chemistry Instrumentation Laboratory—laboratory instruction in instrument analysis techniques, (3) C435 Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory—synthesis, characterization and study of chemical and physical properties of inorganic and organometallic compounds and (4) C486 Biological Chemistry Laboratory—introduction to the important techniques currently employed by practicing biological chemists. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** September 10, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-084. **Applicant:** Barnard College, 3009 Broadway, New York, NY 10027-6598. **Instrument:** Electron Microscope, Model EM208S. **Manufacturer:** Philips, The Netherlands. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used to visualize cellular detail and relate it to some aspects of cellular or organismal structure or function in research projects on plant, animal, microbial and viral subjects. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes in laboratory courses in cells and tissues, microbiology, plant physiology and neurobiology providing higher magnification and permitting finer cellular detail to be seen. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** September 10, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-085. **Applicant:** University of Minnesota, Department of Biochemistry, Medical School, 4-225 Millard Hall, 435 Delaware Street, SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455. **Instrument:** Electron Paramagnetic Resonance Spectrometer, Model E500. **Manufacturer:** Bruker, Germany. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be

used for the study of materials with electronic spins which are due to unpaired electrons associated with atoms in the material under study. These materials are biological materials and analogs with unpaired spins, either organic free radicals, metals bound to proteins or enzymes or materials in small chelate complexes used as models for biological systems. In addition, the instrument will be used for teaching the principles underlying EPR purposes in the biophysics courses MdBc5-526 and MdBc5-527.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

University of Oklahoma; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made 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.

Docket Number: 97-007R. *Applicant:* University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019. *Instrument:* CO₂/Far-Infrared Laser System. *Manufacturer:* Edinburgh Instruments, Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 62 FR 44949, August 25, 1997.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides a structurally integrated far-infrared laser directly coupled to a CO₂ pumping laser for superior stability. This capability is pertinent to the applicant's intended purposes and we know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Transition Orders; Schedule and Grouping of Five-year Reviews

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

ACTION: Notice of proposed schedule and grouping of five-year reviews of transition orders.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") hereby publishes its proposed schedule for the conduct of the initial five-year reviews of transition orders and the International Trade Commission's ("the ITC") proposal for grouping reviews. Parties are invited to submit comments on the proposed schedule and the proposed groupings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa G. Skinner, Office of Policy, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, at (202) 482-1560, or Vera Libeau, Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, at (202) 205-3176.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 751(c)(6) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act") provides special rules for five-year reviews of "transition orders" which are defined as (1) a countervailing duty order under this title or under section 303, (2) an antidumping duty order under this title or a finding under the Antidumping Act, 1921, or (3) a suspension of an investigation under section 704 or 734, which is in effect on the date the WTO Agreement enters into force with respect to the United States (January 1, 1995). Section 751(c)(6)(B) gives the Department, in consultation with the ITC, discretion to determine the appropriate sequence of five-year reviews of transition orders. The Statement of Administrative Action notes that, to the maximum extent practicable, the agencies will review older orders first and, to accommodate special problems that may arise where reviews of transition orders are grouped, the Department may initiate reviews out of chronological sequence. See Statement of Administrative Action accompanying H.R. 5110 (H.R. Doc. No. 316, at 882 (1994)) ("SAA").

The SAA provides that, at some time reasonably in advance of the commencement of the initial five-year reviews of transition orders, the Department will publish a proposed

schedule including the ITC's proposal for grouping reviews. SAA at 882-883.

Proposed Schedule and Grouping

The Department and the ITC have developed, in consultation, the proposed schedule and grouping provided in the Appendix to this notice.

Methodology

Qualifying antidumping and countervailing duty orders, findings, and suspended investigations were identified by product, country, ITC case number, Department case number, and effective date. Antidumping and countervailing duty orders, findings, and suspended investigations involving the same domestic like product or involving related like products were then grouped. An average date for each group was then determined based on the effective date (month and year) of each order within a group. Groups of transition orders were then placed in chronological sequence based on the average date of the group. The list was divided to provide for monthly initiations beginning in July 1998. Although not indicated in the attached schedule, all reviews are to be completed by both the Department and the ITC 18 months from the date of initiation.

Request for Comment

Interested parties are invited to comment on the proposed schedule and grouping. Each person submitting a comment should include his or her name and address, and give reasons for any recommendations. Written comments should be submitted to both the Department and the ITC. Six copies of all comments should be submitted to the Department and a signed original and fourteen copies should be submitted to the ITC at the addresses specified below.

DATES: Written comments will be due on December 8, 1997.

ADDRESSES: At the Department, address written comments to Robert S. LaRossa, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Central Records Unit, Room B-1780, U.S. Department of Commerce, Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20230. Attention: Sunset. At the ITC, address written comments to Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20436.

After considering the comments received, and in consultation with each other, the ITC will determine which transition orders will be grouped, and the Department will determine the review schedule. The Department