

Allowing the guarantee fee to be reduced to 1 percent or exceeding the 80 percent guarantee on certain guaranteed loans that meet the conditions set forth in subpart B of part 4279 will allow for the targeting of projects in rural communities that remain persistently poor, experience long-term population decline and job deterioration, and other related criteria.

Not more than 7 percent of the Agency quarterly apportioned guarantee authority will be reserved for loan requests with a guarantee fee of 1 percent, and not more than 15 percent of the Agency quarterly apportioned guarantee authority will be reserved for guaranteed loan requests with a guaranteed percentage exceeding 80 percent. Once the above quarterly limits have been reached, all additional loans guaranteed during the remainder of that quarter will require a 2 percent guarantee fee and not exceed an 80 percent guarantee limit.

Written requests by the Rural Development State Office for approval of a guaranteed loan with a 1 percent guarantee fee or a guaranteed loan exceeding 80 percent must be forwarded to the National Office, Attn.: Director, Business Programs Processing Division, for review and consideration prior to obligation of the guaranteed loan. The Administrator will provide a written response to the State Office confirming approval or disapproval of the request.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 28, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth E. Hennings, Senior Loan Specialist, Business Programs Processing Division, Rural Business—Cooperative Service, USDA, Stop 3221, Washington, DC 20250-3221, telephone (202) 690-3809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866.

Dated: January 11, 1998.

Dayton J. Watkins,

Administrator.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Hearing on Police-Community Relations—Sonoma County

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of the Civil Rights Commission Amendments Act of 1994, Section 3, Public Law 103-419,

108 Stat. 4338, as amended, and 45 CFR 702.3, that a public hearing before a Subcommittee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will commence on Friday, February 20, 1998, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Justice Joseph A. Rattigan Building, in Conference Room 410, located at 50 D Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

The purpose of the hearing is to collect information within the jurisdiction of the Commission, under 45 CFR 702.2, related particularly to administration of justice, police-community relations, and the interaction between Federal and local law enforcement agencies in Sonoma County in order to determine underlying causes contributing to allegations of excessive force by police and other administration of justice officials.

The Commission is authorized to hold hearings and to issue subpoenas for the production of documents and the attendance of witnesses pursuant to 45 CFR 701.2(c). The Commission is an independent bipartisan, factfinding agency authorized to study, collect, and disseminate information, and to appraise the laws and policies of the Federal Government, and to study and collect information with respect to discrimination or denials of equal protection of the laws under the Constitution because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin, or in the administration of justice.

Hearing impaired persons who will attend the hearing and require the services of a sign language interpreter, should contact Betty Edmiston, Administrative Services and Clearinghouse Division at (202) 376-8105 (TDD (202) 376-8116), at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the hearing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Brooks, Press and Communications (202) 367-8312.

Dated: January 23, 1998.

Stephanie Y. Moore,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-475-818, A-489-805]

Certain Pasta From Italy and Turkey: Notice of Extension of Time Limits for Antidumping Duty First Administrative and New Shipper Reviews

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 28, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward Easton or John Brinkmann, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1777 and (202) 482-5288, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Postponement of Preliminary Results

A. First Administrative Reviews

On August 28, 1997, the Department initiated the first administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on certain pasta from Italy and Turkey, covering the period January 19, 1996 through June 30, 1997 (62 FR 45621). The current deadline for the preliminary results of these reviews is April 2, 1998. Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("the Act"), requires the Department to make a preliminary determination in an administrative review within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order for which a review is requested. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within the time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) allows the Department to extend this time period to up to 365 days.

We determine that it is not practicable to complete this review within the original time frame because this review involves collecting and analyzing information from a large number of companies and examining allegations of sales below the cost of production for all companies. Although section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows for an extension of up to 120 days, we believe at this time that only a limited extension of the deadline is necessary to analyze the complex legal and methodological issues and coordinate verification of the companies participating in these reviews. Accordingly, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results of these administrative reviews by 90 days, or

until July 1, 1998. We plan to issue the final results of these administrative reviews within 120 days after publication of the preliminary results.

B. New Shipper Review

On August 15, 1997, the Department initiated a new shipper review relating to the antidumping duty order on certain pasta from Italy, covering the period July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997 (62 FR 44643, August 22, 1997). The current deadline for the preliminary results is February 11, 1998. Section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act requires the Department to make a preliminary determination within 180 days after the date on which the new shipper review was initiated. However, if the Department concludes that the case is extraordinarily complicated, it may extend the 180-day period to 300 days.

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act, the Department has determined that this case is extraordinarily complicated given the complex nature of the issues similar to those in the first administrative reviews, including an allegation of sales below the cost of production. In order to analyze the issues specific to this case and to benefit from the analyses of similar issues in the administrative reviews, we are extending the deadline for issuing the preliminary results to no later than June 11, 1998. We plan to issue the final results within 90 days after the date the preliminary results are issued.

These extensions are in accordance with sections 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) and 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: January 22, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

City College of New York; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This is a decision 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 am and 5:00 pm in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Decision: Denied. Applicant has failed to establish that domestic instruments of equivalent scientific value to the foreign

instrument for the intended purposes are not available.

Reasons: Section 301.5(e)(4) of the regulations requires the denial of applications that have been denied without prejudice to resubmission if they are not resubmitted within the specified time period. This is the case for the following docket.

Docket Number: 97-054. *Applicant:* City College of New York, CUNY, 140th Street and Convent Avenue, Room 165, New York, NY 11235. *Instrument:* Rapid Kinetics Device, Model SFA-20. *Manufacturer:* Hi-Tech Scientific, United Kingdom. *Date of Denial Without Prejudice to Resubmission:* September 9, 1997.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

National Institutes of Health; 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, NW., Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 97-093. *Applicant:* National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892. *Instrument:* Micromanipulator Microscope, Model MSM. *Manufacturer:* Singer Instrument Co., Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 62 FR 62288, November 21, 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 an optical microscope mounted over a micromanipulator with a videoscreen and camera and a unique optic-fiber dissection needle. A university research laboratory and a manufacturer of similar equipment advised December 23, 1997 that (1) this capability is pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) they know of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign

instrument for the applicant's intended use.

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

Pennsylvania State University at Erie, 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, NW., Washington, DC.

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: 97-079. *Applicant:* Pennsylvania State University at Erie, Erie, PA 16563-1702. *Instrument:* Thermodynamic Measuring Equipment, Model pvT 100. *Manufacturer:* SWO Polymertechnik GmbH, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 62 FR 52685, October 9, 1997. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides the capability to perform thermal conductivity and pvT measurements. *Advice received from:* National Institute of Standards and Technology, December 12, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-081. *Applicant:* University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3255. *Instrument:* X-Ray Diffractometer with Accessory, Model DIP-2020 V. *Manufacturer:* Nonius-Enraf, The Netherlands. *Intended Use:* See notice at 62 FR 52685, October 9, 1997. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides a large-area, on-line imaging plate detector for x-ray diffraction using 2 sheets at 200 mm. *Advice received from:* Domestic manufacturer of similar equipment, December 12, 1997.

The National Institute of Standards of Technology and a domestic manufacturer of similar equipment