

investigation in connection with the requested antidumping investigation in Taiwan. The Statement of Administrative Action ("SAA"), accompanying the URAA, H.R. Doc. No. 103-316, vol. 1 at 833 (1994), states that an allegation of sales below COP need not be specific to individual exporters or producers. The SAA also states that "Commerce will consider allegations of below-cost sales in the aggregate for a foreign country, just as Commerce currently considers allegations of sales at less than fair value on a country-wide basis for purposes of initiating an antidumping investigation." *Id.*

Further, the SAA provides that "new section 773(b)(2)(A) retains the current requirement that Commerce have 'reasonable grounds to believe or suspect' that below-cost sales have occurred before initiating such an investigation." Reasonable grounds will "exist when an interested party provides specific factual information on costs and prices, observed or constructed, indicating that sales in the foreign market in question are at below-cost prices." *Id.* Based upon the comparison of the price from the petition for the representative foreign like product to its adjusted costs of production, in accordance with section 773(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Act, we find the existence of "reasonable grounds to believe or suspect" that sales of the foreign like product in Taiwan were made below COP. Accordingly, the Department is initiating the requested country-wide cost investigation.

#### **Distribution of Copies of the Petition**

In accordance with section 732(b)(3)(A) of the Act, a copy of the public version of the petition has been provided to the representatives of the Governments of Korea and Taiwan. We will attempt to provide a copy of the public version of the petition to the exporters named in the petition.

#### **International Trade Commission Notification**

We have notified the ITC of our initiation of these investigations, as required by section 732(d) of the Act.

#### **Preliminary Determination by the ITC**

The ITC will determine by May 17, 1999 whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured, or is threatened with material injury by reason of imports of polyester fiber from Korea and Taiwan. A negative ITC determination will result in the investigation being terminated; otherwise, these investigations will

proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

This notice is published in accordance with section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: April 22, 1999.

**Richard W. Moreland,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

#### **International Trade Administration**

[A-357-804]

#### **Silicon Metal From Argentina; Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; Extension of Time Limit**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of time limit.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit of the preliminary results of the antidumping duty administrative review of Silicon Metal from Argentina. This review covers the period September 1, 1997 through August 31, 1998.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 29, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Helen Kramer or Linda Ludwig, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0405 or 482-3833, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Owing to the complexity of cost issues in this case, it is not practicable to complete this review within the original time limit. See Decision Memorandum from Joseph A. Spetrini, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Group III, to Robert S. LaRussa, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated April 20, 1999. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until September 30, 1999, in accordance with Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Trade and Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act of 1994.

Dated: April 20, 1999.

**Roland MacDonald,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Group III.*

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### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

#### **International Trade Administration**

#### **Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument**

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 instrument 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. The application 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: 99-004. Applicant: U.S. Department of Commerce, Pacific Marine Center, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Seattle, WA 98115-0700. Instrument: Multibeam Echosounder (Sonar). Manufacturer: ELAC NAUTIK, Germany. Intended Use: The instrument will be used for the survey and mapping of coastal ocean waters for the detection, location and identification of 2 wrecks and other obstructions on the sea floor. The objective in the surveys will be to determine depths of hazards to aid in the safety of navigation and general bathymetry. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: April 9, 1999.

Docket Number: 99-005. Applicant: University of Connecticut, Department of Psychology, 406 Babbidge Road, Storrs, CT 06269-1020. Instrument: Fiber Electrode Manipulator System. Manufacturer: Thomas Recording, Germany. Intended Use: The instrument will be used for studies of the electrical activity of brain cells (neurons) of the cerebral cortex. Two sets of experiments will be conducted in fully awake rabbits. The first set is aimed at understanding the transformations performed upon inputs to the cortex by the intracortical circuitry and how these transformations lead to parallel and distinct efferent outflows. The second set of experiments examines the nature of a large population of neurons throughout sensory cortex that have no demonstrable (supra-threshold) receptive fields. Application accepted

by Commissioner of Customs: April 13, 1999.

**Frank W. Creel,**

*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### **North Carolina State University; 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: 99-002. Applicant: North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27695. Instrument: Lifetime Measurement System, Model JANUS 200-M. Manufacturer: Amecon Messtechnik, Germany. Intended Use: See notice at 64 FR 10991.

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 laser excitation/microwave detection of the photoconduction decay for contactless measurement of the carrier lifetime and lifetime mapping of silicon wafers from 15 to 300 mm diameter. The National Institute of Standards and Technology advised April 8, 1999 that (1) this capability is pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows 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

[C-427-817, C-533-818, C-560-806, C-475-827, C-580-837]

#### **Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate From France, India, Indonesia, Italy, and the Republic of Korea: Postponement of Time Limit for Countervailing Duty Investigations**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Postponement of Time Limit for Preliminary Determination of Countervailing Duty Investigations

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 29, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Greynolds (France), at (202) 482-6071; Robert Copyak (India), at (202) 482-2209; Kathleen Lockhard (Indonesia), at (202) 482-1168; Kristen Johnson (Italy), at (202) 482-4406; and Stephanie Moore (Republic of Korea), at (202) 482-3692, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

#### **POSTPONEMENT OF PRELIMINARY**

**DETERMINATIONS:** On March 8, 1999, the Department initiated the countervailing duty investigations on certain cut-to-length carbon-quality steel plate from France, India, Indonesia, Italy, and the Republic of Korea. See Notice of Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations: Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate from France, India, Indonesia, Italy and the Republic of Korea, 64 FR 12996 (March 16, 1999). The preliminary determinations currently must be issued by May 12, 1999.

On April 19, 1999, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, U.S. Steel Group, a unit of USX Corporation, Gulf States Steel, Inc., IPSCO Steel Inc., and Tuscaloosa Steel Corporation (petitioners) made a timely request pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(e) of the Department's regulations for a postponement of the preliminary determinations in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Petitioners requested a postponement because of the extraordinarily complicated nature of these cases, the large number of foreign producers involved, and to allow time for the Department to determine the extent to which particular subsidies are being used.

For reasons identified by petitioners, we see no compelling reason not to postpone the preliminary

determinations. Therefore, we are postponing the preliminary determinations under section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act. See Memorandum from Holly Kuga to Robert S. LaRussa, dated April 21, 1999 (on file in the public file of the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the Department of Commerce). We will make our preliminary determinations in these investigations no later than July 16, 1999.

This notice of postponement is published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: April 21, 1999.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### **Notice of Public Hearing and Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Disposal and Reuse of Naval Air Station (NAS) Alameda and the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC), Alameda Annex and Facility, Alameda, CA**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a DEIS for disposal and reuse of NAS Alameda and FISC Alameda Annex and Facility. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving oral and written comments on the DEIS. Federal, State and local agencies and interested individuals are invited to be present at the hearing.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on May 18, 1999, at 7:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Alameda High School, Little Theatre; 2200 Central Avenue; Alameda, California (at the corner of Central Avenue and Walnut Street).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jerry Hemstock (Code 7032JH), Engineering Field Activity, West, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 900 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, California, telephone (650) 244-3023, facsimile (650) 244-3206.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the Department