

Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of an instrument of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instrument shown below is intended to be used, is 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, DC 20230. 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, NW., Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 99-011. *Applicant:* University of Wisconsin-Madison, 750 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53706. *Instrument:* Micromanipulator, Model MK1. *Manufacturer:* Singer, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used for studies of RNA and protein, in microinjected *Xenopus Oocytes*. The objectives of the investigations are to: (a) Study the mechanisms by which tRNAs are exported and to determine what features of tRNAs are necessary and sufficient for their export; (b) study the mechanisms by which constitutive transport element (CTE) or MPMV is able to promote the release of completely spliced pre-mRNAs from spliceosomes and to relate export of that element to the process of normal mRNA export; and (c) study the structure of a small RNA export element and determine what factors lead to its export or retention. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: June 2, 1999.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

United States-Palestinian Business Advisory Group: Membership

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of membership opportunity.

SUMMARY: In February 1999, the U.S.-Palestinian Bilateral Committee agreed to establish the United States-Palestinian Business Advisory Group. This notice announces membership opportunities for American business representatives on the U.S. side of the Group.

DATES: In order to receive full consideration, requests must be received on or before July 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please send your requests for consideration to Paul Thanos, Desk Officer, Office of the Near East, U.S. Department of Commerce, either by fax at (202) 482-0878 or by mail to Room 2029B, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Thanos, Desk Officer, Office of the Near East, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2029B, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230, Phone 202-482-1857.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S.-Palestinian Bilateral Committee agreed at its February 16, 1999 meeting to establish a private sector-led business advisory group to provide input to the subcommittee on Trade and Investment. This advisory group, to be named the United States-Palestinian Business Advisory Group (USPBAG)—will make recommendations that reflect private sector views, needs, and concerns regarding business development in the West Bank and Gaza and commercial ties between Americans and Palestinians. The USPBAG will advise the Trade and Investment Subcommittee on the following areas:

- Initiatives that can be taken to promote economic activity between American and Palestinian
- Palestinian commercial and investment laws
- Palestinian and U.S. trade policies
- Palestinian economic policies and their impact on the business climate

The USPBAG will be comprised of two sections, an American section and a Palestinian section. Each section will have ten members. Members will serve two year terms.

The members of each section will, to the extent possible, represent diverse commercial sectors. Priority sectors include: Agribusiness and food processing; banking communications; engineering and construction; information technology; insurance; manufacturing; power generation; restaurant and hospitality; tourism; and software, music, and video production. The State Department will appoint members in consultation with the Commerce Department.

Private sector members will serve in a representative capacity presenting the views and interests of their particular industry. Private sector members are not special government employees. U.S. members serve at the discretion of the Secretary of State. Members will not receive compensation for their

participation in USPBAG activities. Members participating in USPBAG meetings and events will be responsible for their own travel, living, and other personal expenses.

In order to be eligible for membership in the U.S. section, a potential candidate must be:

- A U.S. citizen residing in the United States
- A holder of a significant position in a private sector company or non-profit organization that has a unique technical expertise and outstanding reputation
- Not a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

In reviewing eligible candidates, the Department of State and Department of Commerce will consider such selection factors as:

- Experience and interest in the West Bank and Gaza markets
- Industry or service sector represented
- Export/investment experience

To be considered for membership, please provide the following: name(s) and title(s) of the individual(s) requesting consideration; name and address of the company or organization sponsoring each individual; company's product, service, or technical expertise; size of the company; export trade, investment, or international program experience and major markets; and a brief statement of why the candidate(s) should be considered for membership in the USPBAG.

Dated: June 14, 1999.

Thomas R. Parker,

Director, Office of the Near East.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the United Arab Emirates

June 11, 1999.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 21, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, 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, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

The current limits for certain categories are being increased for carryover and recrediting of unused carryforward.

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 63 FR 71096, published on December 23, 1998). Also see 63 FR 60308, published on November 9, 1998.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

June 11, 1999.

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 November 3, 1998, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the United Arab Emirates and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1999 and extends through December 31, 1999.

Effective on June 21, 1999, you are directed to increase the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

| Category | Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹ |
|-------------------|--|
| 219 | 1,515,614 square meters. |
| 226/313 | 2,591,737 square meters |
| 317 | 41,809,984 square meters. |
| 326 | 2,446,604 square meters. |
| 334/634 | 263,062 dozen. |
| 335/635/835 | 203,419 dozen. |

| Category | Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹ |
|--------------------------|--|
| 338/339 | 763,959 dozen of which not more than 458,833 dozen shall be in Categories 338-S/339-S ² . |
| 341/641 | 414,722 dozen. |
| 342/642 | 329,472 dozen. |
| 347/348 | 483,264 dozen of which not more than 255,636 dozen shall be in Categories 347-T/348-T ³ . |
| 351/651 | 202,404 dozen. |
| 352 | 436,549 dozen. |
| 369-S ⁴ | 113,523 kilograms. |
| 369-O ⁵ | 790,793 kilograms. |
| 638/639 | 308,877 dozen. |
| 847 | 277,991 dozen. |

¹The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1998.

²Category 338-S: only HTS numbers 6103.22.0050, 6105.10.0010, 6105.10.0030, 6105.90.8010, 6109.10.0027, 6110.20.1025, 6110.20.2040, 6110.20.2065, 6110.90.9068, 6112.11.0030 and 6114.20.0005; Category 339-S: only HTS numbers 6104.22.0060, 6104.29.2049, 6106.10.0010, 6106.10.0030, 6106.90.2510, 6106.90.3010, 6109.10.0070, 6110.20.1030, 6110.20.2045, 6110.20.2075, 6110.90.9070, 6112.11.0040, 6114.20.0010 and 6117.90.9020.

³Category 347-T: only HTS numbers 6103.19.2015, 6103.19.9020, 6103.22.0030, 6103.42.1020, 6103.42.1040, 6103.49.8010, 6112.11.0050, 6113.00.9038, 6203.19.1020, 6203.19.9020, 6203.22.3020, 6203.42.4005, 6203.42.4010, 6203.42.4015, 6203.42.4025, 6203.42.4035, 6203.42.4045, 6203.49.8020, 6210.40.9033, 6211.20.1520, 6211.20.3810 and 6211.32.0040; Category 348-T: only HTS numbers 6104.12.0030, 6104.19.8030, 6104.22.0040, 6104.29.2034, 6104.62.2006, 6104.62.2011, 6104.62.2026, 6104.62.2028, 6104.69.8022, 6112.11.0060, 6113.00.9042, 6117.90.9060, 6204.12.0030, 6204.19.8030, 6204.22.3040, 6204.29.4034, 6204.62.3000, 6204.62.4005, 6204.62.4010, 6204.62.4020, 6204.62.4030, 6204.62.4040, 6204.62.4050, 6204.69.6010, 6204.69.9010, 6210.50.9060, 6211.20.1550, 6211.20.6810, 6211.42.0030 and 6217.90.9050.

⁴Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

⁵Category 369-O: all HTS numbers except 6307.10.2005 (Category 369-S); 5601.10.1000, 5601.21.0090, 5701.90.1020, 5701.90.2020, 5702.10.9020, 5702.39.2010, 5702.49.1020, 5702.49.1080, 5702.59.1000, 5702.99.1010, 5702.99.1090, 5705.00.2020 and 6406.10.7700.

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

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Executive Panel

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The CNO Executive Panel is meeting to conduct the final briefing of the Pacific Strategy Task Force to the Chief of Naval Operations. This meeting will consist of discussions relating to proposed Navy 21st Century strategy for the Pacific Rim.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 30, 1999 from 11:00 a.m. to noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350-2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Commander Christopher Agan, CNO Executive Panel, 4401 Ford Avenue, Suite 601, Alexandria, Virginia 22302-0268, (703) 681-6205.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), these matters constitute classified information that is specifically authorized by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and are, in fact, properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in section 552b(c)(1) of title 5, United States Code.

Dated: May 26, 1999.

Ralph W. Corey,

Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.200]

Office of Postsecondary Education, Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Program; Notice of Technical Assistance Workshop for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 Grant Applications

SUMMARY: The Secretary announces a technical assistance workshop to assist institutions of higher education in preparing grant applications for the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Program for