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This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR 353.28(c).

Dated: November 14, 1996.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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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: 96-113. Applicant: The College of New Jersey, Hillwood Lakes, CN-4700, Trenton, NJ 08650. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model H-7000-S. Manufacturer: Hitachi Instruments, Japan. Intended Use: The instrument will be used to examine the following at the ultrastructural level: (a) the gills and a recently discovered gland in the blue crab, (b) the kidneys, gills and intestines of clams and oysters and (c) the chromoplasts of algae. Research will be conducted to determine: (a) the function of the newly discovered gland and how it influences the function of the gill at various salinities, (b) how the clam depurates heavy metals from its body through the various organs believed to be involved in excretion and (c) the process by which chloroplasts in the algae become replaced (or turned into) other types of chromoplasts. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes in several undergraduate courses. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: October 31, 1996.

Docket Number: 96-114. Applicant: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, NCEH, DEHLS, Mailstop F-18, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, Atlanta, GA 30341-3724. Instrument: ICP Mass Spectrometer, Model MAT ELEMENT. Manufacturer: Finnigan MAT, Germany. Intended Use: The instrument will be used for analysis of radionuclides in a reference population in the U.S. and determination of radionuclides in persons with known or suspected exposure to these elements. High sample throughput (40-50 specimens per day) will be required, placing demands on the capacity of this instrument for automation. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: October 31, 1996.

Docket Number: 96-115. Applicant: Horn Point Environmental Laboratory, 2020 Horn Point Road, P.O. Box 775, Cambridge, MD 21613. Instrument: Fluorometer. Manufacturer: Heinz Walz, GmbH, Germany. Intended Use: The instrument will be used to investigate photosynthesis in microscopic algae (phytoplankton) as they exist in nature (specifically in the Chesapeake Bay) and in culture. An essential requirement of the research is that measurements be made on field samples directly without previous manipulation to boost the signal strength, such as filtration or other steps to concentrate the organisms. In addition, the instrument will be used in a MEES-699 course on Methods in Photosynthetic Regulation—PAM Fluorometry to train students on the use of the instrument in photosynthetic research of phytoplankton and higher plants. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: November 6, 1996.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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Northwestern University Medical School; 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 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: 96-097. Applicant: Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, IL 60611. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model JEM-1220. Manufacturer: JEOL Ltd., Japan.

Intended Use: See notice at 61 FR 51276, October 1, 1996. Order Date: June 3, 1996.

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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The University of North Carolina; 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: 96-095. Applicant: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3290. Instrument: Stopped-Flow Spectrophotometer, Model SF-61DX2. Manufacturer: Hi-Tech Ltd., United Kingdom. Intended Use: See notice at 61 FR 51276, October 1, 1996.

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: (1) sequential multi-mixing of three reagents under computer control, (2) a diode array detector with an anti-bleaching shutter and (3) a flow circuit consisting of a fused silica block to minimize artifacts associated with tubing and leakage. These capabilities are 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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Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA"), International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, has received an application for an Export Trade Certificate of Review. This notice summarizes the conduct for which certification is sought and requests comments relevant to whether the Certificate should be issued. Applicant has requested expedited review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: W. Dawn Busby, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. A Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from state and federal government antitrust actions and from private, treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. Section 302(b)(1) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.6(a) require the Secretary to publish a notice in the Federal Register identifying the applicant and summarizing its proposed export conduct.

Request for Public Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments relevant to the determination whether a Certificate should be issued. An original and five (5) copies should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice to: Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 1800H, Washington, D.C. 20230. Information submitted by any person is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). Comments should refer to this application as "Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 96-00007." A summary of the application follows.

Summary of the Application

Applicant: Committee for the Fair Allocation of Rice Quotas ("CFARQ"), 3050 K Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20007.

Contact: Laurence J. Lasoff, Attorney, Telephone: (202) 342-8400.

Application No.: 96-00007.

Date Deemed Submitted: November 8, 1996.

Members (in addition to applicant): Cargill Incorporated, Greenville, Mississippi; Louis Dreyfus Corporation, Wilton, Connecticut; and Riviana Foods, Inc., Houston, Texas.

CFARQ seeks a Certificate to cover the following specific Export Trade, Export Markets, and Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operations.

Export Trade

Products

Semi-milled and wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed (Harmonized Tariff Schedule 1006.30) (referred to as "milled rice") and husked (brown) rice (Harmonized Tariff Schedule 1006.20).

Export Markets

For purposes of administering the European Union's tariff rate quota: The countries of the European Union.

For purposes of Export Trade Activity and Method of Operation: All parts of the world except the United States (the fifty states of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands).

Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation

1. The Committee will administer a system for allocating the U.S. share of the European Union ("EU") tariff rate quotas ("TRQs") for milled rice and brown rice (roughly 38,000 tons of milled rice and 8,000 tons of brown rice) agreed to as compensation to the United States for the enlargement of the EU to include Austria, Finland, and Sweden, as follows:

a. The Committee will operate a quota tender system in which certificates of quotas will be offered on open tender to the highest bidder 30 days prior to the release of each quota tranche, as defined by the EU.

b. The administration of the quota tender system will be carried out by an independent economic consultant, who will be retained by the Committee for purposes of administering the tender program.

c. Thirty days prior to the beginning of each tranche of tariff rate quota, the Committee, through its consultant, will offer separate sub-parcels of quota amounting to 100 tons each. Anyone, whether a member of the Committee or not, will be eligible to bid on each sub-parcel, upon posting a five percent bid bond.

d. The Committee will issue a written request to bid on each available sub-parcel, as well as an official form on which to place the bid. Potential bidders will have five working days to respond to the bid request. All bid information will be returned to the consultant within five working days. At the close of the five day period, the consultant will award certificates of quotas to the highest bidder on each sub-parcel upon payment of monies bid. Additionally, the certificates will be re-tradeable.

e. In the event that identical bids are submitted on a particular sub-parcel, the consultant will split the parcel among the relevant bidders.

2. The Committee will oversee the redistribution of proceeds arising out of the administration of the quota tender system as follows:

a. The Committee will not decide on the distribution of proceeds arising out of a particular quota year until the passage of at least one year after the conclusion of the quota year in question.

b. Once the proceeds from a particular quota year become eligible for distribution, the Committee will decide on the amount and method of distribution based on a four-fifths vote of the member companies.

c. In considering the method of redistribution the Committee may take into account a number of factors including: (1) the share of the European market held by the individual members during the period; (2) the share of the world market held by the individual members during the period; (3) extraordinary factors that may have affected individual members during the period; and (4) such other factors as the Committee deems appropriate.

3. The Committee and/or its Members may use funds generated through the quota tender process to conduct market development activities if the Committee so chooses. The Committee and/or its Members may exchange or discuss information necessary for the carrying out of such programs.

4. The Committee and/or its Members may:

a. Provide for an administrative structure to implement the foregoing tariff rate quota system, relating to the U.S.-EU Compensation Agreement and EU regulations, including the hiring of