

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: 97-060. **Applicant:** The Pennsylvania State University, Chemistry Department, 152 Davey Laboratory, University Park, PA 16802. **Instrument:** NMR Spectrometer, Model Avance DRX-600. **Manufacturer:** Bruker Instruments, Inc., Switzerland. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used for studies of proteins and nucleic acids produced in the research laboratories of the chemistry and the biochemistry and molecular biology departments. The experiments are all state-of-the-art nuclear magnetic resonance experiments. Most will be in aqueous solution and involve multiple nuclei: ^1H , ^2H , ^{15}N , ^{13}C , and ^{31}P . **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** July 15, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-062. **Applicant:** Clemson University, Department of Bioengineering, 501 Rhodes Engineering Research Center, P.O. Box 340905, Clemson, SC 29634-0905. **Instrument:** Knee Joint Simulator. **Manufacturer:** UCL Ltd., United Kingdom. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used for a research program conducted to provide materials and designs for artificial joints that can last longer than those presently used. The relevant research projects will include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Reciprocating-Sliding Wear Resistance of Orthopaedic Titanium Alloys,
- (2) Ultrasonic Method for *In-situ* Continuous Wear Measurements of Orthopaedic Alloys,
- (3) Analytical Modeling of Total Knee Replacement: Effect of Misalignment,
- (4) Elastomeric Composites as Bearing Surfaces, and
- (5) Improving Boundary Lubrication of Elastomeric Bearing Surfaces.

In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes in various bioengineering courses. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** July 16, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-064. **Applicant:** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Purchasing Division, 506 South Wright Street, 207 Henry Administration Building, Urbana, IL 61801. **Instrument:** Reflection High Energy Electron Gun. **Manufacturer:** Focus GmbH, Germany. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used for a variety of studies on the mechanisms of growth of thin films. In particular, there will be studies of magnetic multilayer materials; of the effect of surface steps on films growth and of a technique called convergent beam diffraction. This instrument allows both real time monitoring of the growth conditions and quick and reliable post-growth quality control of the films' crystallinity prior to further study via transfer into a separate low-energy electron microscope to perform further microscopic studies without the necessity of breaking vacuum. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** July 17, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-065. **Applicant:** Princeton University, P.O. Box 33, Princeton, NJ 08544-0033. **Instrument:** (50) Seismometers. **Manufacturer:** Guralp Systems Ltd., United Kingdom. **Intended Use:** The instruments will be used to study earthquakes and the interior structure of the earth in a newly devised high school science curriculum, in which students study seismicity and try to answer fundamental geophysical questions about the earth. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** July 17, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-066. **Applicant:** University of California, San Diego, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 7835 Trade Street, San Diego, CA 92121. **Instrument:** Wave Measurement Equipment. **Manufacturer:** Datwell bv, The Netherlands. **Intended Use:** The instruments will be used in support of ongoing and proposed research on the evolution of directional wave spectra across the continental shelf and near complex bathymetric features. The instrument will significantly expand Department of Defense wave data measurement capabilities on the shelf and will be used over the next 5 years by a consortium of Office of Naval Research principal investigators studying wave propagation processes in a wide range of geographic settings. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** July 22, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-067. **Applicant:** Princeton University, P.O. Box 33, Princeton, NJ 08544-0033. **Instrument:** EPR Spectrometer, Model E580 FT/CW. **Manufacturer:** Bruker Instruments, Germany. **Intended Use:** The instrument

will be used for studies of sample paramagnetic materials obtained from various sources including chemical synthesis and natural products. The research projects will include the following:

- (1) Structure and function of multi-nuclear metallo-enzymes,
- (2) Molecular probes of the mechanism of cytochrome,
- (3) ENDOR studies of metalloproteins,
- (4) Observing and exploiting intermolecular multiple-quantum coherences in solution ESR,
- (5) EPR analysis of photoluminescent porous silicon,
- (6) Core transformation in iron-sulfur clusters,
- (7) Pulsed EPR studies of vanadium partial oxidation catalysts and,
- (8) Dynamics of cation diffusion to ionomers.

In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes in the course "Electron Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopies: Survey of Techniques, Applications and Spectral Interpretation." **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** July 28, 1997.

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Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

University of Vermont, 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, N.W., Washington, D.C.

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: 96-149R. **Applicant:** University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405-0068. **Instrument:** Motion Analysis System and Telemg System, Model Elite Plus. **Manufacturer:** Bioengineering Technology & Systems, Italy. **Intended Use:** See notice at 62 FR

6216, February 11, 1997. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides systematic triggering of kinematic data acquisition for reliability and recording of movement events with durations as short as 40 ms. *Advice received from:* National Institutes of Health, June 26, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-039. *Applicant:* University of California, San Diego, San Diego, CA 92121. *Instrument:* Wave Measurement Equipment. *Manufacturer:* Datawell bv, The Netherlands. *Intended Use:* See notice at 62 FR 32766, June 17, 1997. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) more reliable wave direction estimates at frequencies under 1.0 Hz and over 3.0 Hz with less variability within the range, and (2) better wave spread estimates than comparable domestic equipment. *Advice received from:* Two domestic manufacturers of similar equipment, April 23, 1997 (comparable case).

Docket Number: 97-047. *Applicant:* Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322. *Instrument:* Slice Physiology Setup, Model 240. *Manufacturer:* Luigs and Neumann, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 62 FR 34691, June 27, 1997. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides positioning of a group of microelectrodes for single-cell neuronal recording under an optical microscope with placement precision of 0.1 μm . *Advice received from:* National Institutes of Health, June 26, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-049. *Applicant:* California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA 91768. *Instrument:* Stopped-Flow Spectrometer, Model SX.18MV. *Manufacturer:* Applied Photophysics Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 62 FR 36261, July 7, 1997. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) sequential mixing capability, (2) dead time of 1.3 ms, and (3) a cell volume of 20 μl with a flow circuit volume of 100 μl . *Advice received from:* National Institutes of Health, June 26, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-050. *Applicant:* University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104. *Instrument:* Mass Spectrometer, Model AutoSpec. *Manufacturer:* Micromass, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 62 FR 36261, July 7, 1997. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides a high resolution double focussing magnetic sector analyzer with 3-sector geometry. *Advice received from:* National Institutes of Health, June 26, 1997.

The National Institutes of Health and two domestic manufacturers of similar equipment advise that (1) the capabilities of each of the foreign instruments described above are

pertinent to each applicant's intended purpose and (2) they know of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value for the intended use of each instrument.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus being manufactured in the United States which is of equivalent scientific value to any of the foreign instruments.

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Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on September 8-11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 64 South Water Street, Mobile, AL; telephone: 334-438-4000.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council

September 10
8:30 a.m.—Convene.
8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.—Hear presentation on Marine Fisheries Reserves.

10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.—Hear presentation on Use of Satellite Transponders.

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.—Hear presentation on NOAA Enforcement Policy.

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the Mackerel Management Committee.

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the Reef Fish Management Committee.

*September 11 8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.—*Receive a report of the Data Collection Committee.

8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.—Receive a report of the Coral Management Committee.

9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.—Receive a report of the Habitat Protection Management Committee.

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.—Receive a report on the Structure of the Socioeconomic Panel.

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.—Receive a report of the Highly Migratory Species Billfish Advisory Panel Meeting.

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.—Receive a report of the Highly Migratory Species Longline Advisory Panel Meeting.

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.—Receive a report of the U.S. Coast Guard Enforcement Meeting.

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.—Receive a report on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Liaison.

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.—Receive Enforcement Reports.

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.—Receive Director's Reports.

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.—Other business to be discussed.

Committees

11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.—Hold Chairmen's Election.

September 8

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Hold Orientation Session for new Council members.

1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Mackerel Management Committee to review Draft Amendment 9/Regulatory Impact Review (RIR) and an options paper for Draft Amendment 10.

September 9

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.—Convene the Coral Management Committee to review an issue related to losses of cultured live rock due to red tide.

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.—Convene the Habitat Protection Committee to review the status of a generic amendment to Gulf Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) addressing essential fisheries habitat (EFH) and selection of technical review panel for EFH amendment.

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.—Convene the Data Collection Committee to review the Recreational and Commercial Fisheries Initiative programs.

1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee to review Draft Amendment 16/RIR, a schedule for preparation of Draft Amendment 17, a summary of the Red Snapper Peer Group reviews, and an updated projection of recreational landings of red snapper for 1997. The Committee will also select public hearing locations for Draft Amendment 16.