

research. Profit, net interest, and depreciation are based on public information from a major Indonesian food processing company. The petitioners made no adjustments to the home market price quote.

Comparison of NV and net EPs for sales of mushrooms from Indonesia results in estimated dumping margins that range from 35.40 percent to 42.30 percent.

#### People's Republic to China

The petitioners identified 36 potential PRC exporters and producers of mushrooms. The petitioners based EP on average Customs import values and U.S. prices quotes obtained from industry contacts. From these starting prices, the petitioners deducted international freight and insurance fees, based on the difference between the CIF import value and the Customs import value. The petitioners then subtracted U.S. entry fees, U.S. merchandise processing fees and U.S. harbor maintenance fees.

Because the PRC is considered a nonmarket economy (NME) country under section 771(18) of the Act, the petitioners based NV on the factors of production valued in a surrogate country, in accordance with section 773(c)(3) of the Act. For the factors of production, the petitioners used Indian consumption data for materials, labor, and energy, based on data in the market research report for the companion Indian petition and included in the public version of that petition. Materials were valued based on Indian prices obtained from the petitioner's market research. Labor was valued using the regression-based wage rate for the PRC provided by the Department, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.408(c)(3). Electricity was valued using the rate published in the annual report of an Indian producer of the subject merchandise. For factory overhead, SG&A and profit, the petitioners applied rates derived from the public annual reports of several Indian preserved mushroom producers. Packing factors were based on the Indian market research report, and packing materials valued based on the Indian market research. Packing labor was valued in the same manner as direct labor.

Based on comparisons of EP to NV, the petitioners estimate dumping margins from 85.38 percent to 198.63 percent.

#### Initiation of Cost Investigation

Pursuant to section 773(b) of the Act, the petitioners alleged that sales in the home market of India were made at prices below the COP and, accordingly,

requested that the Department conduct a country-wide sales below COP investigation in India. The Statement of Administrative Action ("SAA"), submitted to the Congress in connection with the interpretation and application of the Uruguay Round Agreements, states that an allegation of sales below COP need not be specific to individual exporters or producers. SAA, H.R. Doc. No. 316, 103d Cong., 2d Sess., at 833 (1994). The SAA, at 833, 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."

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' 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 adjusted prices from the petition of the foreign like product in India to the COP calculated in the petition, we find "reasonable grounds to believe or suspect" that sales of these foreign like products were made below their respective COP within the meaning of section 773(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Act. Accordingly, the Department is initiating the requested country-wide cost investigation for India.

#### Fair Value Comparisons

Based on the data provided by the petitioners, there is reason to believe that imports of mushrooms from Chile, India, Indonesia, and the PRC are being, or are likely to be, sold at less than fair value.

#### Allegations and Evidence of Material Injury and Causation

The petition alleges that the U.S. industry producing the domestic like product is being materially injured, and is threatened with material injury, by reason of the individual and cumulated imports of the subject merchandise sold at less than NV. The allegations of injury and causation are supported by relevant evidence including business proprietary data from the petitioning firms, U.S. Customs import data and a pricing report from an industry trade journal. The Department assessed the allegations and supporting evidence regarding material injury and causation

and determined that these allegations are sufficiently supported by accurate and adequate evidence and meet the statutory requirements for initiation.

#### Initiation of Antidumping Investigations

We have examined the petition on mushrooms and have found that it meets the requirements of section 732 of the Act. Therefore, we are initiating antidumping duty investigations to determine whether imports of mushrooms from Chile, India, Indonesia, and the PRC are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless extended, we will make our preliminary determinations for the antidumping duty investigations by June 15, 1998.

#### Distribution of Copies of the Petitions

In accordance with section 732(b)(3)(A) of the Act, a copy of the public version of each petition has been provided to the representatives of the governments of Chile, India, Indonesia, and the PRC. We will attempt to provide a copy of the public version of each petition to each exporter named in the petition (as appropriate).

#### International Trade Commission Notification

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

#### Preliminary Determinations by the ITC

The ITC will determine by February 20, 1998, whether there is a reasonable indication that imports of mushrooms from Chile, India, Indonesia, and the PRC are causing material injury, or threatening to cause material injury, to a U.S. industry. Negative ITC determinations will result in the particular investigations being terminated; otherwise, the investigations will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

Dated: January 26, 1998.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**  
Assistant Secretary for Import  
Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### 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: 97-102. Applicant:* University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Engineering Mechanics Department, 212 Bancroft Hall, Lincoln, NE 68588-0347. *Instrument:* Scanning Acoustic Microscope, Model KSI SAM 2000. *Manufacturer:* Kramer Scientific Instruments, Germany. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used for acoustic wave analysis and imaging of advanced materials, composites and coatings. The objective of the investigation is detection of subsurface, optically invisible microcracks and localized stiffness analysis. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* December 16, 1997.

*Docket Number: 97-103. Applicant:* The Ohio State University, 477 Watts Hall, 2041 College Road, Columbus, OH 43210. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model CM200. *Manufacturer:* Philips, The Netherlands. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used for morphological and structural studies of ceramics and metals, including high-temperature superconductors, high-temperature metal alloys, evaporated metal thin films, silicon bicrystals, soils and geological minerals, polymers and possibly some biological samples. The instrument will also be used for teaching purposes in microscopy classes and individual training of faculty, staff and students. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* December 17, 1997.

*Docket Number: 97-104. Applicant:* University of Colorado, Department of Buying and Contracting, Regent Administrative Center, Room 1B29, Campus Box 8, Boulder, CO 80309-0008. *Instrument:* Experimental Set-ups (Frames & Trusses). *Manufacturer:* Hi-Tech Scientific Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used for teaching structural engineering to junior level undergraduate students in civil, environmental and architectural engineering. *Application accepted by*

*Commissioner of Customs:* December 17, 1997.

**Frank W. Creel,**

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

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### At-Sea Scale Certification Program; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before April 3, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Sally Bibb, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 (907-586-7228).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) plans to revise an approved information collection to allow inspectors other than those from NMFS-designated agencies to conduct inspections of scales aboard certain fishing vessels in the groundfish fisheries of the Gulf of Alaska and of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands. Vessels would not yet be required to have these scales, so the revision is in preparation of such possible requirements in the future. Such inspectors would have to notify NMFS in writing that they meet requirements set forth in regulation. Approved inspectors must submit to NMFS a copy of any inspection reports made. NMFS must also be notified 3 working days prior to any inspections to be made by these inspectors.

## II. Method of Collection

Respondents would comply with requirements to be set forth in 50 CFR 679. No specific forms are required.

## III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0648-0330.  
*Form Number:* None.  
*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.  
*Affected Public:* Businesses and other for-profit; state, local, or tribal government.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2.  
*Estimated Time Per Response:* 30 minutes.  
*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1 hour.  
*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* None (no capital expenditures are required).

## IV. Request for Comments

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 27, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Coast Pilot Report; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information