

301), we invite comments on the question of whether 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, D.C. 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, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 98-058. *Applicant:* University of Hawaii, 1000 Pope Road, MSB 317, Honolulu, HI 96822.

Instrument: Directional Wave Buoy.

Manufacturer: Datawell bv, The Netherlands. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used in support of ongoing research regarding the refraction, diffraction and reflection of sea and swell around the Hawaiian Islands. Two ongoing projects include: examination of wave-driven sediment transport at Kailua Bay and evaluation of various wave modeling strategies to predict nearshore waves around island coasts. Both require directional wave information in the open ocean.

Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: November 3, 1998.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of application to amend certificate.

SUMMARY: The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA"), International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, has received an application to amend an Export Trade Certificate of Review. This notice summarizes the proposed amendment and requests comments relevant to whether the amended Certificate should be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Morton Schnabel, 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 an amended Certificate should be issued. If the comments include any privileged or confidential business information, it must be clearly marked and a nonconfidential version of the comments (identified as such) should be included. Any comments not marked privileged or confidential business information will be deemed to be nonconfidential. An original and five copies, plus two copies of the nonconfidential version, 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). However, nonconfidential versions of the comments will be made available to the applicant if necessary for determining whether or not to issue the Certificate. Comments should refer to this application as "Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 88-2A015."

Ferrous Scrap Export Association's ("FSEA") original Certificate was issued on December 12, 1988 (53 FR 51294, December 21, 1988) and previously amended on February 28, 1989 (54 FR 9542, March 7, 1989). A summary of the application for an amendment follows.

Summary of the Application

Applicant: Ferrous Scrap Export Association, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19809.

Contact: Cara E. Maggioni, Attorney, Telephone: (202) 662-5162.

Application No.: 88-2A015.

Date Deemed Submitted: November 13, 1998.

Proposed Amendment: FSEA seeks to amend its Certificate to:

1. Add Metal Management, Inc., Chicago, IL as a new "Member" of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(1)); and

2. Delete Michael Schiavone & Sons, Inc., North Haven, CT; and Schiavone-Bonomo Corporation, Jersey City, NJ as "Members" of the Certificate.

Dated: November 19, 1998.

Morton Schnabel,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

1999 Survey of Reference Materials

ACTION: 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 of 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 January 25, 1999. **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 Alim A. Fatah, Ph.D., National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Building 225, Room A323, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Abstract

In 1999, the Department of Justice-supported by NIST's Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLEs) will undertake a scientific study to determine the status, current need for, and use of standard reference materials (SRM) and standard reference collections (SRC) within the Nation's crime laboratories. The new study will build upon a 1977 study entitled "Standard Reference Collections of Forensic Science Materials: Status and

Needs. Since the report was issued, a number of SRMs have been developed and new technologies have placed evidentiary material under the scrutiny of district attorneys, defense teams, and the general public. The nation's crime laboratories will be surveyed by mail and asked to identify the reference materials needed by the different disciplines or organizational sections within the laboratory i.e. trace analysis, firearms, DNA, latent fingerprints etc. In addition, crime laboratories will be asked about their current reference collections source of these collections.

II. Method of Collection

Forensic science (crime) laboratories will be asked to complete and return a self-administered mail questionnaire.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Federal, state forensic science laboratories.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 330.

Estimated Time Per Response: Approximately 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 (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: November 20, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Chicago Board of Trade: Proposed Amendments to the Wheat, Oats, and Soybean Futures Contracts Modifying Certain Delivery Specifications of the Wheat Futures Contract, Amending Rules Governing Load Out Against Warehouse Receipts for Wheat and Oats and Shipping Certificates for Corn and Soybeans, and Revising the Last Trading and Delivery Days for the Oats and Wheat Futures Contracts

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed contract market rule change.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Board of Trade (CBT or Exchange) has submitted proposed amendments to its wheat futures contract which will modify the locational price differentials for delivery at Toledo and St. Louis, change the quality price differentials for U.S. No. 1 and U.S. No. 2 grade northern spring wheat, and reduce the speculative position limits for the March and May contract months during the last five trading days. In addition, the Exchange is proposing amendments that will modify the load-out provisions for the wheat, corn, oats and soybean futures contracts and which will change the last trading day and the last delivery day for all contract months for the wheat and oats futures contracts. The Commission has determined to request public comment on the proposed amendments based upon its finding that the proposed amendments are of major economic significance within the meaning of section 5a(a)(12) of the Commodity Exchange Act (Act) and that their publication is in the public interest and will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521 or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the CBT grain futures contracts' delivery specification proposals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Please contact Fred Linse of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre,

1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 418-5273, facsimile number (202) 418-5527, or electronically at flinse@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (Commission), by letter dated December 19, 1996, issued a request to the Chicago Board of Trade (CBT) to undertake a study of the delivery specifications of its wheat futures contract and to submit its findings to the Commission by April 18, 1997, 120 days from the date of the Commission's request (see 61 FR 67998 (December 26, 1996)).¹ The CBT responded to the Commission's request by letter dated April 18, 1997, providing a status report to the Commission of its actions.² The Commission on July 8, 1997, solicited public comment on the delivery specifications of the CBT's wheat futures contract (62 FR 36499) to assist it in considering the concerns identified in the Commission's December 19, 1996 notification. The CBT on October 21, 1998, submitted to the Commission for its review proposed amendments to its wheat futures contract.

Current Contract Terms

The wheat futures contract's current terms provide for the delivery of warehouse receipts representing U.S. No. 1 or U.S. No. 2 grade soft red winter wheat, dark northern spring wheat, northern spring wheat, or hard red winter wheat in store at CBT-approved

¹ The request was made in conjunction with the Commission's notification to the CBT under Section 5a(a)(10) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. Sec. 7a(a)(10), that the delivery terms of the CBT corn and soybean futures contracts no longer accomplish the statutory objectives of "permit[ing] the delivery of any commodity . . . at such point or points and at such quality and locational price differentials as will tend to prevent or diminish price manipulation, market congestion, or the abnormal movement of such commodity in interstate commerce." This request was based on the continuing diminution of the role of terminal markets in the cash market for grain, the increasing shift of the locus of the main channels of commodity flows away from the delivery points on the grain contracts, particularly the par delivery point of Chicago, and the resulting precipitous drop in regular warehouse storage capacity at the Chicago delivery point. For corn and soybeans, the Commission on November 7, 1997, issued an Order changing and supplementing under Section 5a(a)(10) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. 7a(a)(10), the delivery terms of those futures contracts (62 FR 60831 (November 13, 1997)), and, on May 7, 1998, approved further changes to the corn and soybeans futures contracts' delivery terms (63 FR 26575 (May 13, 1998)).

² The CBT reported that, although a Task Force appointed by the CBT Board of Directors had recommended certain changes to the delivery terms of the wheat futures contract, the Board had decided to refrain from acting on those recommendations at that time and determined instead to conduct market research to determine whether a broader review of the contract, not limited to its delivery terms, should be undertaken.