

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 either at the time of order of each instrument OR at the time of receipt of application by U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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Program Manager, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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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 Suite 4100W, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 05-052. Applicant: University of Texas, Medical Branch at Galveston, 301 University Boulevard, Galveston, TX 77555. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model JEM-2100. Manufacturer: JEOL Ltd., Japan. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to determine high-resolution, three dimensional structures of large biological entities such as protein, DNA, and RNA assemblies, cellular organelles, and tissues and to develop electron tomography to obtain structures of asymmetrical assemblies and of whole cells or large organelles. It will also be used to train graduate students and post-doctoral scientists in macromolecular structure determination and electron microscopy. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: December 1, 2005.

Docket Number: 05-053. Applicant: Howard Hughes Medical Institute, 4000

Jones Bridge Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815-6789. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model Techni G² F20 TWIN. Manufacturer: FEI Company, The Netherlands. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used for studying the structural analysis of biological complexes that makes them cellular units of function, and the structural bases for regulating such complexes including structural characterization of microtubules and their interaction with cellular factors and antimetabolic ligands, transcription initiation and regulation, and the molecular machinery involved in transcription-coupled DNA repair. It will also be used for undergraduate and graduate research. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: December 7, 2005.

Docket Number: 05-054. Applicant: University of Illinois, Suite 212 Tech Plaza, 616 East Green Street, Champaign, IL 61820. Instrument: Curved Image Plate Detector. Manufacturer: Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to develop a fast, high-resolution, x-ray powder diffraction apparatus using a beamline facility at the Advanced Photon Source of Argonne National Laboratory. It will be employed to study in-situ, high temperature (to 2000 degrees C) material properties and behavior of ceramics and ceramic composites including phase transformation mechanisms (e.g., martensitic), the kinetics of phase transformations and the chemical reactions of binary and ternary mixtures of ceramic materials, and phase equilibria and phase diagrams with the general goal of developing tougher and stronger high temperature structural composites. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: December 7, 2005.

Docket Number: 05-055. Applicant: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 3 Rutgers Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8859. Instrument: Near-field Optical Microscope for integration with micro-Raman. Manufacturer: Nanonics Imaging Ltd., Israel. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to image the structure and map the chemistry of example nanostructured materials (such as silicon wafers) in a variety of undergraduate laboratory courses involving nanomaterials. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: December 9, 2005.

DOCKET NUMBER: 05-056. Applicant: University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Physics (m/c 273), 845 West Taylor Street, Chicago, IL 60607-7059. Instrument: Magnesium Fluoride

Windows. Manufacturer: Laser-Laboratorium, Gottingen, Germany. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to provide amplification of a light beam to a power above 10 to the 12th W for studies including the following:

1. Measuring fragments such as ions and photons of materials irradiated directly with an intense ultraviolet beam
2. Determining the energy flow and the nature of secondary radiation produced
3. Instrumental control of the focus, thereby maximizing the intensity at which such experiments can be conducted
4. Studying absorption and excitation.

The instrument will also be used for instruction of graduate students. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: December 9, 2005

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board ("Board") will hold a meeting to discuss topics related to the travel and tourism industry. The meeting will include discussion of the enhanced mandate of the Board, the international advertising and promotion campaign which seeks to encourage individuals to travel to the United States for the express purpose of engaging in tourism, and future issues and initiatives the Board may pursue. The meeting will be open to the public. Time will be permitted for public comment, which is limited to three minutes per speaker. To apply for public comment, please contact J. Marc Chittum, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, Room 4043, Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482-4501, or e-mail Marc.Chittum@mail.doc.gov, no later than close of business, Tuesday, January 10, 2006.

The Board is mandated by Public Law 108-7, Section 210, was initially chartered in 2003, and was re-chartered on September 21, 2005, for a two-year period to end September 20, 2007.

DATES: January 19, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. Central Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: New Orleans Marriott, 555 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130. This program will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be submitted no later than November 25, 2005, to J. Marc Chittum, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482-4501, or e-mail Marc.Chittum@mail.doc.gov. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

J. Marc Chittum, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone 202-482-4501, or e-mail Marc.Chittum@mail.doc.gov.

Dated: December 22, 2005.

J. Marc Chittum,

Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Patent Processing (Updating).

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/08, PTO/SB/17i, PTO/SB/17P, PTO/SB/21-27, PTO/SB/24B, PTO/SB/30-32, PTO/SB/35-39, PTO/SB/42-43, PTO/SB/61-64, PTO/SB/64a, PTO/SB/67-68, PTO/SB/91-92, PTO/SB/96-97, PTO-2053-A/B, PTO-2054-A/B, PTO-2055-A/B, PTOL/413A.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0031.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 2,807,641 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2,317,539 responses.

Avg. Hours per Response: 1 minute 48 seconds to 12 hours. The USPTO estimates that it will take 12 hours to complete the examination support

document covering the independent claims and the designated dependent claims; 2 hours to complete the petition (filed in a continuation or continuation-in-part application) containing a showing as to why the amendment, argument, or evidence could not have been submitted prior to the close of prosecution in the prior-filed application; 2 hours to complete the petition (filed with a request for continued examination) with a showing as to why the amendment, argument, or evidence could not have been submitted prior to the close of prosecution in the application; and 1 hour to complete the explanation (filed in a nonprovisional application) of either how the claims are patentably distinct or why there are patentably indistinct claims filed in multiple applications. This includes time to gather the necessary information, create the documents, and submit the completed request.

Needs and Uses: The proposed examination support document covering the independent claims and designated dependent claims will assist the applicant in preparing a schedule of claims that are patentable (i.e., novel and non-obvious) over the prior art, and will assist the USPTO in the examination process in determining whether the claims are patentable over the prior art. The proposed petition for a continuation or continuation-in-part application showing why the amendment, argument, or evidence could not have been submitted prior to the close of prosecution in the application will assist the USPTO in determining whether the continuation or continuation-in-part application or request for continued examination is a bona fide attempt to advance the application to final agency action or is simply being filed to delay examination. The proposed explanation in nonprovisional applications, when multiple applications having a common inventor and a common assignee have been filed on the same day, of either how the claims are patentably distinct or why there are patentably indistinct claims filed in multiple applications, will assist the USPTO in determining whether double patenting exists and whether the USPTO should merge the applications. The USPTO is submitting this collection in support of a notice of proposed rulemaking entitled "Changes to Practice for the Examination of Claims in Patent Applications" (RIN 0651-AB94); and a notice of proposed rulemaking entitled "Changes to Practice for Continuing Applications, Requests for Continued Examination Practice, and Applications Containing

Patentably Indistinct Claims" (RIN 0651-AB93). There are no forms associated with this final rulemaking.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms, the Federal Government, and State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* Susan.Brown@uspto.gov.

Include "0651-0031 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Brown.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before January 30, 2006, to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 22, 2005.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Patent and Trademark Financial Transactions (formerly Payment of Patent and Trademark Office Fees by Credit Card).

Form Number(s): PTO-2038, PTO-2231, PTO-2232, PTO-2233, PTO-2234, PTO-2236.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0043.