

Docket Number: 02-042. *Applicant:* The Pennsylvania State University, Microarray Facility, Wartik Laboratory, University Park, PA 16802. *Instrument:* Plate Filler, Model QFill2.

Manufacturer: Genetix Limited, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to rapidly dispense growth medium into 96 and 384-well microtitre plates to support bacterial growth for molecular biology experiments. The gene and genome sequences of an organism under study will be cloned into small circular DNA molecules ("plasmids") that are grown inside standard *E. coli* bacteria in any molecular or genomics laboratory for use in performing the experiments. Objectives pursued in the course of the investigations are: (a) Gene discovery, (b) gene sequence characterization, (c) discovery of expressed gene sequences, and (d) genome-wide description of gene expression patterns in different tissues. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: September 26, 2002.

Docket Number: 02-043. *Applicant:* The Pennsylvania State University, Microarray Facility, Wartik Laboratory, University Park, PA 16802. *Instrument:* Colony Picking/Arraying Robot, Model Q PixII. *Manufacturer:* Genetix Limited, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to manipulate (pick, transfer, sort or replicate) bacterial colonies that contain either circular plasmids or viral phage particles. The plasmids and phage in turn will contain fragments (clones) of DNA or expressed gene sequences (cDNAs) from an organism of interest. Libraries of DNA or cDNA are used to map and study the sequence of genes in the genome, and to obtain information about which genes are expressed in an organism at a given time. Objectives pursued in the course of the investigations are: (a) Gene discovery, (b) gene sequence characterization, (c) discovery of expressed gene sequences and (d) genome-wide description of gene expression patterns in different tissues. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: September 26, 2002.

Docket Number: 02-045. *Applicant:* University of Vermont, College of Medicine, Molecular Physiology & Biophysics, HSRF, Room 120, 149 Beaumont Avenue, Burlington, VT 05405. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model Tecnai 12 TWIN. *Manufacturer:* FEI Company, The Netherlands. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to carry out structural studies of biological samples for the purpose of biomedical research

involving metabolic enzymes. The enzymes will be isolated from yeast and plunged into liquid ethane to preserve their structure and samples will be analyzed. An enzyme goes through different steps or stages as it performs its task in the cell. By analyzing all the different states of the enzyme, a better understanding of its function can be achieved. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: October 1, 2002.

Gerald A. Zerdy,

Program Manager, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Electron Microscope

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 p.m. in Suite 4100W, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 02-037. *Applicant:* University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, Tyler, TX 75708-3154. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model JEM-1230. *Manufacturer:* JEOL Ltd., Japan. *Intended Use:* See notice at 67 FR 58355, September 16, 2002. *Order Date:* June 26, 2002.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as the 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.

Gerald A. Zerdy,

Program Manager, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award will meet Tuesday, November 12, 2002, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, November 13, 2002, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, November 14, 2002, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Friday, November 15, 2002, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting is to review the site visit process, review the final judging process and meeting procedures, final judging of the 2002 applicants, learnings and improvements for 2003 judging cycle, update on the 2003 program and review 2003 judges calendar. The review process involves examination of records and discussions of applicant data, and will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code.

DATES: The meeting will convene November 12, 2002 at 8 a.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m. on November 15, 2002. The entire meeting will be closed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 222, Red Training Room, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on February 11, 2002, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409. The meeting, which involves examination of Award applicant data from U.S. companies and a discussion of this data as compared to the Award criteria in order to recommend Award recipients, may be closed to the public

in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code, because the meetings are likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential.

Dated: October 10, 2002.

Arden L. Bement, Jr.,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 092702B]

Marine Mammals; File No. 358-1585-02

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Wildlife Conservation, P.O. Box 25526, Juneau, AK, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 358-1585-01.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and Protected Resources Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249;

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson or Carrie Hubard (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 5, 2002, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 50632) that an amendment of Permit No. 358-1585-01 issued April 12, 2002, had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The Permit was amended to allow the Holder to expand the research protocol to include implantation of subcutaneous transmitters in harbor seals. Ten seals will be used in the initial study followed by 50 seals in 2003.

Reauthorization to continue research is required based on results of the initial implants and the full field season.

Dated: October 10, 2002.

Trevor Spradlin,

Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 100102B]

Stock Assessment of Large Coastal Sharks in the U.S. Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the availability of a stock assessment report on large coastal sharks (LCS) in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico, prepared by the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center, and a final meeting report of the shark evaluation workshop held in Panama City, FL, June 24 through June 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written requests for copies of these reports should be sent to Karyl Brewster-Geisz, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or may be sent via facsimile (fax) to 301-713-1917.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karyl Brewster-Geisz, (301) 713-2347; fax (301) 713-1917.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Numerous species of LCS are caught in directed and incidental fisheries by commercial and recreational fishermen along the U.S. Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts. The species in this management group presently include, but are not limited to, sandbar, blacktip, silky, tiger, spinner, and bull sharks. The previous stock assessment of LCS was conducted in 1998 and classified this group as being overfished. A substantial amount of information has become available since then, including four more years of catch estimates, new biological data, and extended fishery-independent and fishery-dependent catch rate series. The final meeting report summarizes discussions of the available data, how the data should be used, and the types

of models and sensitivity tests that should be conducted. The stock assessment report uses this information to estimate the status of LCS and to project their future abundance under a variety of future catch levels in waters off the U.S. Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* and 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: October 9, 2002.

John H. Dunnigan,

Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Import Limits and Guaranteed Access Levels for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Costa Rica

October 10, 2002.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing limits and guaranteed access levels.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs Web site at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel Web site at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The import restraint limits and Guaranteed Access Levels (GALs) for textile products, produced or manufactured in Costa Rica and exported during the period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish