

This five-year ("sunset") review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(c), 752, and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

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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, DC 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, NW., Washington, DC.

**Docket Number:** 00-033. **Applicant:** University of Florida, Department of Geological Sciences, 241 Williamson Hall, PO Box 112120, Gainesville, FL 32611. **Instrument:** Multi-Sensor Core Logger. **Manufacturer:** GEOTEK Ltd., United Kingdom. **Intended Use:** The instrument is intended to be used to rapidly, accurately and automatically collect information on physical properties of sediment cores collected from locations such as the bottom of lakes, the ocean, and wetlands. The objective of the research is to provide further information (P-wave velocity, density, magnetic susceptibility, sediment core thickness and high resolution visible images) about past conditions recorded in sediment cores. The data will be combined with the geochemical, isotopic, botanical, and sedimentological data that are already collected on these sediment cores. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes in Paleolimnology (GLY 6932) the study of past lake systems and the records of climate, biology, vegetation, etc. preserved in

lake sediments. The class introduces methods of study of past climates of the Quaternary period. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: October 17, 2000.

**Docket Number:** 00-034. **Applicant:** University of Rochester, Lab for Laser Energetics, 250 East River Road, Rochester, NY 14623. **Instrument:** Scanning Nearfield Optical Microscope. **Manufacturer:** WITec, Germany. **Intended Use:** The instrument is intended to be used for studies of both inorganic crystals and glasses as used in advanced optical technologies and organic substances such as polymers and biopolymers that may be present in optical materials either as undesired impurities or for the purpose of enhancing the materials' performance. The analysis tasks are of the spatially resolved spectroscopy type: (a) Raman Imaging, (b) single-molecule emission and (c) nonlocal fluorescence spectroscopy. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes in "Nanooptics" a graduate level course that introduces doctoral-level students to the principles and applications of subwavelength optical phenomena and applications. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: October 17, 2000.

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Exemption for Certain Textile and Apparel Articles from Designated Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act Beneficiary Countries from Existing Quota, Guaranteed Access Levels (GALs), Visa and GAL Certification Requirements

October 30, 2000.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs exempting certain textile and apparel articles from quota, Guaranteed Access Levels (GALs), visa and GAL certification requirements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 2, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and

Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** Section 211 of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (19 U.S.C. 2703); Presidential Proclamation 7351 of October 2, 2000; Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

Section 211 of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 provides duty and quota-free treatment for certain textile and apparel articles imported from designated Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA) beneficiary countries. On October 2, 2000, the President designated Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica and Panama, among others, as CBTPA beneficiary countries (Proclamation 7351, 65 FR 59329, published on October 4, 2000).

Effective October 2, 2000, the U.S. Trade Representative determined that these countries, among others, have implemented and follow, or are making substantial progress towards implementing and following, the customs procedures required by the CBTPA, and the U.S. Trade Representative amended the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) to provide the tariff treatment authorized under the CBTPA for goods from these countries (65 FR 60236, published on October 10, 2000).

The CBTPA provides that textile and apparel articles that qualify for CBTPA benefits shall enter the United States free of duty and free of any quantitative restriction, limitation, or consultation level. Therefore, CITA directs the U.S. Customs Service no longer to impose specific limits on textile and apparel articles from Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica and Panama that qualify for preferential treatment under Section 211 of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, and no longer to impose Guaranteed Access Levels (GALs), visa and GAL certification requirements for these articles.

Benefits under Section 211 for certain knit apparel from all beneficiary countries are limited in each of the one-year periods, beginning on October 1, 2000 and ending on September 30, 2008 (19 U.S.C. 2703(b)(2)(A)(iii)(I, II). Similarly, benefits under this provision for t-shirts are also limited during this period (19 U.S.C. 2703(b)(2)(A)(iii)(III, IV). Applicable quota and visa