

April 7, 2000, a notice of initiation of a new shipper administrative review of Atlas covering the period February 1, 1999 through January 31, 2000 (65 FR 18295). The initiation notice incorrectly stated the period of review as being February 1, 1998 through January 31, 1999. The period covered by this review is February 1, 1999 through January 31, 2000. See 351.214(g)(1)(A).

Scope of Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of stainless steel bar ("SSB"). SSB means articles of stainless steel in straight lengths that have been either hot-rolled, forged, turned, cold-drawn, cold-rolled or otherwise cold-finished, or ground, having a uniform solid cross section along their whole length in the shape of circles, segments of circles, ovals, rectangles (including squares), triangles, hexagons, octagons, or other convex polygons. SSB includes cold-finished SSBs that are turned or ground in straight lengths, whether produced from hot-rolled bar or from straightened and cut rod or wire, and reinforcing bars that have indentations, ribs, grooves, or other deformations produced during the rolling process.

Except as specified above, the term does not include stainless steel semi-finished products, cut length flat-rolled products (*i.e.*, cut length rolled products which if less than 4.75 mm in thickness have a width measuring at least 10 times the thickness, or if 4.75 mm or more in thickness having a width which exceeds 150 mm and measures at least twice the thickness), wire (*i.e.*, cold-formed products in coils, of any uniform solid cross section along their whole length, which do not conform to the definition of flat-rolled products), and angles, shapes and sections.

The SSB subject to these orders is currently classifiable under subheadings 7222.10.0005, 7222.10.0050, 7222.20.0005, 7222.20.0045, 7222.20.0075, and 7222.30.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this order is dispositive.

Treatment of Sales of Tolerated Merchandise

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.401(h) of its regulations, the Department will not consider a toller or subcontractor to be a manufacturer or producer when the toller or subcontractor does not acquire ownership of the finished products and does not control the relevant sales of the subject merchandise and the foreign like product. In determining whether a

company that uses a subcontractor in a tolling arrangement is a producer pursuant to 19 CFR 351.401(h), we examine all relevant facts surrounding a tolling agreement. Atlas claims that under the tolling arrangement with its unaffiliated subcontractor, Atlas is the producer of the subject merchandise at issue. In support of this claim, Atlas reports that it: (1) Purchases all of the inputs, (2) pays the subcontractor a processing fee, and (3) maintains ownership at all times of the inputs as well as the final product. Based on this evidence, we preliminarily determine that Atlas is the producer of the tolled merchandise, and hence the appropriate respondent.

United States Price

In calculating the price to the United States, we used export price ("EP"), in accordance with section 772(a) of the Act, because the subject merchandise was sold directly to the first unaffiliated purchaser in the United States prior to importation into the United States and the use of constructed export price was not otherwise indicated.

We calculated EP based on the CIF price to the United States. In accordance with section 772(c)(2) of the Act, we made deductions, as appropriate, for foreign inland freight, international freight, marine insurance, and brokerage and handling.

Normal Value

Atlas reported no home market sales or third country sales during the POR. Therefore, in accordance with section 773(e) of the Act, we calculated a constructed value ("CV") for Atlas based on the sum of the respondent's cost of materials, labor, overhead, general and administrative expenses ("GNA"), profit, and U.S. packing costs. With respect to G&A, we used the amounts reported by Atlas in their April 28, 2000 response. With respect to profit, we used the profit from the 1999–2000 financial statements submitted by Atlas in their September 1, 2000 response. We divided that amount by its total cost of production, also as reported in their 1999–2000 financial statements.

Preliminary Results of the Review

As a result of our comparison of EP and CV, we preliminarily determine the following weighted-average dumping margin:

Manufacturer/ exporter	Period of review	Margin (per- cent)
Atlas Stainless Corporation ...	2/1/99–1/31/00	0.00

Public Comment

Interested parties may request a hearing within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Any hearing, if requested, will be held two days after the scheduled date for submission of rebuttal briefs (*see below*). Interested parties may submit written arguments in case briefs within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be filed no later than five days after the date of filing the case briefs. Parties who submit briefs in these proceedings should provide a summary of the arguments not to exceed five pages and a table of statutes, regulations, and cases cited. Copies of case briefs and rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303(f)(3).

The Department will issue the final results of this administrative review within 120 days from the publication of these preliminary results.

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

This new shipper review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: September 27, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting 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, DC 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 A.M. and 5 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 00-030. **Applicant:** Central Institute for the Deaf, 4560 Clayton Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110. **Instrument:** Electron Microscope, Model H-7500. **Manufacturer:** Hitachi, Japan. **Intended Use:** The instrument is intended to be used for studies of the biological ultrastructure of the nervous system during research regarding the development of the olivocochlear innervation based on procedures that represent a refinement in established techniques and methods developed specifically to address issues concerning this application. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes for the training of graduate students, medical students, postdoctoral fellows and medical residents.

Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: September 13, 2000.

Docket Number: 00-031. **Applicant:** University of Georgia, The Applied Genetics Technology Resource and Business Facility (AGTEC), 111 Riverbend Road, Athens, GA 30602. **Instrument:** (Two) Plant Growth Chambers, Model GC8-2H. **Manufacturer:** Enconair Ecological Chambers, Canada. **Intended Use:** The instrument is intended to be used for studies of plants that have been recovered from cell culture for the purpose of determining gene function by expressing the genes in genetically engineered plants. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** September 13, 2000.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

[Docket No. 000724217-0217-01]

RIN 0640-ZA08

Solicitation of Applications for the Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) Program

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) published a document in the **Federal Register** of August 28, 2000, concerning solicitation of competitive applications from organizations to operate new and enhanced Minority Business Development Centers (MBDC) under its Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) Program. This document extends the closing date of the award to no later than 5 p.m., EDT on October 6, 2000.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications has been extended until October 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Applicants must submit one signed original plus two (2) copies of the application. Completed application packages must be submitted to: Minority Business Development Center Program Office, Room 5600, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

If the application is hand-delivered by the applicant or its representative, the application must be delivered to Room 1874, which is located at Entrance #10, 15th Street, NW, between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues. Applicants are encouraged to submit their proposal electronically via the World Wide Web. However, the following paper forms must be submitted with original signatures in conjunction with any electronic submissions by the closing date and time stated above: (1) SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance; (2) the SF-424B, Assurances-Non-Construction Programs; (3) the SF-LLL (Rev. 7-97) (if applicable), Disclosure of Lobbying Activities; (4) Department of Commerce Form CD-346 (if applicable), Applicant for Funding Assistance; and (5) the CD-511, Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying. MBDA's web site address to submit an application on-line is www.mbd.gov/e-grants. All required forms are located at this web address.

Failure to submit a signed, original SF-424 with the application, or separately in conjunction with submitting a proposal electronically, by the deadline will result in the application being rejected and returned to the applicant. Failure to sign and submit with the application, or separately in conjunction with submitting a proposal electronically, the forms identified above by the deadline will automatically cause an application to lose two (2) points. Failure to submit other documents or information may

adversely affect an applicant's overall score.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact the MBDA Regional Office for the geographic service area in which the project will be located.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** issue of August 28, 2000, in FR Doc. 00-21858, on page 52069, in the third column (third paragraph), change the date from September 29, 2000 to October 6, 2000. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Dated: September 22, 2000.

Edith Jett McCloud,

Associate Director for Management, Minority Business Development Agency.

Juanita E. Berry,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, Minority Business Development Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

[Docket No. 000724218-0217-01]

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Solicitation of Applications for the Native American Business Development Center (NABDC) Program

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) published a document in the **Federal Register** of August 28, 2000, concerning solicitation of competitive applications from organizations to operate new and enhanced Native American Business Development Centers (NABDC) under its Native American Business Development Center (NABDC) Program. This document extends the closing date of the award to no later than 5:00 p.m., EDT on October 6, 2000.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications has been extended until October 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Applicants must submit one signed original plus two (2) copies of the application. Completed application packages must be submitted to: Native American Business Development Center Program Office, Room 5600, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.