

evidence including U.S. Customs import data, lost sales, and pricing information. We have assessed the allegations and supporting evidence regarding material injury and causation, and have determined that these allegations are properly supported by accurate and adequate evidence, and meet the statutory requirements for initiation (see Initiation Checklist).

Initiation of Antidumping Investigations

Based upon our examination of the petitions on stainless steel bar, we have found that they meet the requirements of section 732 of the Act. Therefore, we are initiating antidumping duty investigations to determine whether imports of stainless steel bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, Taiwan and the United Kingdom are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless this deadline is extended pursuant to section 733(b)(1)(A), we will make our preliminary determinations no later than 140 days after the date of this initiation.

Distribution of Copies of the Petitions

In accordance with section 732(b)(3)(A) of the Act, a copy of the public version of each petition has been provided to the representatives of the governments of France, Germany, Italy, Korea, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom. We will attempt to provide a copy of the public version of each petition to each exporter named in the petitions, as provided for under section 351.203(c)(2) of the Department's regulations.

ITC Notification

We have notified the ITC of our initiations, as required by section 732(d) of the Act.

Preliminary Determinations by the ITC

The ITC will determine no later than February 12, 2001 whether there is a reasonable indication that imports of stainless steel bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom are causing material injury, or threatening to cause material injury, to a U.S. industry. A negative ITC determination for any country will result in the investigation being terminated with respect to that country; otherwise, these investigations will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: January 7, 2001.

Troy H. Cribb,

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: 00-039. **Applicant:** Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 110 Eighth Street, Troy, NY 12180-3590. **Instrument:** Electron Microscope, Model JEM-2010. **Manufacturer:** JEOL Ltd., Japan. **Intended Use:** The instrument is intended to be used to determine the morphology, elemental composition, crystal structure, long/short range ordering and microcrystalline structures during studies of the physics-chemical properties of inorganic and polymer materials including minerals, ceramics or other particulates, semiconductors, composites, alloys and polymers. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** December 15, 2000.

Docket Number: 00-040. **Applicant:** The University of Chicago, Operator of Argonne National Laboratory, 9700 S. Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439. **Instrument:** UHV Scanning Tunneling Microscope/Atomic Force Microscope. **Manufacturer:** Omicron Vakuumphysik GmbH, Germany. **Intended Use:** The instrument is intended to be coupled to an existing molecular beam epitaxy chamber in ultra-high vacuum and used to characterize magnetic surfaces and self-assembled metallic and insulating nanostructures. The studies will include investigation of growth morphology in a large area of micron size and detailed

structure with atomic resolution in a small area. The goal of these studies is to understand the formation of nanostructures during growth, and to gain fundamental understanding of the novel magnetic phenomena in nanoscale systems. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** December 15, 2000.

Docket Number: 00-041. **Applicant:** Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Room 8-309, Cambridge, MA 02139. **Instrument:** Nanoindenter. **Manufacturer:** Micro Materials Ltd., United Kingdom. **Intended Use:** The instrument is intended to be used for studies of the mechanical properties such as strength and stiffness of industrial metals—aluminum, various steels, ceramics and super alloys. In addition, the instrument will be used to illustrate state of the art testing procedures of advanced materials on the undergraduate and graduate levels in the course Mechanical Behavior of Materials. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** December 20, 2000.

Docket Number: 00-042. **Applicant:** Argonne National Laboratory, 9700 S. Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4874. **Instrument:** Track Mounted Cone Penetrometer Vehicle and Associated Equipment, Model COSON 200. **Manufacturer:** A. P. Van Den Berg, Inc., The Netherlands. **Intended Use:** The instrument is intended to be used for research concentrated on the development of instrumentation to expand the knowledge and understanding of geotechnical properties of subsurface sediments and to better recover this data through improved electronic software and sampling systems. Experiments will involve the geotechnical properties of soils, metallurgy of the rods used to push the electronic cones, and the development of improved electronic and sampling equipment based upon experience gained and subsurface environmental conditions encountered during the normal course of site characterization studies. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** December 22, 2000.

Docket Number: 00-043. **Applicant:** Harvard University, 16 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138. **Instrument:** Picking and Gridding QBot with Accessories. **Manufacturer:** Genetix Ltd., United Kingdom. **Intended Use:** The instrument is intended to be used for studies of bacterial cultures, bacterial colonies and DNA fragments performing amplification, arraying and selection applications while optimizing the following characteristics: (1) Speed

and throughput, (2) cost-effectiveness, (3) accuracy, (4) user safety, (5) robustness, (6) reduction error, (7) flexibility and (8) automation of otherwise tedious procedures.
Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: December 29, 2000.

Gerald A. Zerdy,

Program Manager, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-533-063]

Certain Iron-metal Castings From India: Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: On November 30, 2000, in response to a request from Howrah Ferrous Limited, the Department of Commerce initiated an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain iron-metal castings from India. The administrative review covers the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Department is now rescinding this review because the company has withdrawn its request for the review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 24, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Copyak, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement VI, Group II, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4012, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-2786.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA), effective January 1, 1995. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations reference 19 CFR part 351 (2000).

Background

On October 31, 1999, the Department received a request for an administrative review of the countervailing duty order

on certain iron-metal castings from India from Howrah Ferrous Limited, for the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999. On November 30, 2000, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 71299) a notice of "Initiation of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review," initiating the administrative review. On December 26, 2000, the company withdrew its request for the review.

Rescission of Review

The applicable regulation, 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), states that if a party that requested an administrative review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review, the Secretary will rescind the review. In this case, respondents have withdrawn their request within the 90-day period. No other interested party requested a review, and we have received no other submissions regarding the withdrawal of the request for review. Therefore, we are rescinding this review of the countervailing duty order on certain iron-metal castings from India covering the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999. We will issue appropriate appraisal instructions to the U.S. Customs Service.

This notice is in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4) and section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: January 16, 2001.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No.: 000911256-0256-01]

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Small Grant Programs

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) published a document in the **Federal Register** on January 11, 2001, announcing the availability of 2001 Funds for: (1) Precision Measurements Grants—Availability of Funds; (2) Physics Laboratory (PL) 2001 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF); (3) Materials Science and Engineering Laboratory (MSEL) 2001

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF); (4) Manufacturing Engineering Laboratory (MEL) 2001 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF); (5) Information Technology Laboratory (ITL) 2001 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF); (6) Building and Fire Research Laboratory (BFRL) 2001 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF); (7) Electronics and Electrical Engineering Laboratory (EEEL) 2001 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF); (8) Materials Science and Engineering Laboratory (MSEL) Grants Program—Availability of Funds; (9) Fire Research Grants Program—Availability of Funds; (10) Physics Laboratory (PL) Grants Program—Availability of Funds; (11) Chemical Science and Technology Laboratory (CSTL) Grants Program—Availability of Funds; (12) Manufacturing Engineering Laboratory (MEL) Grants Program—Availability of Funds; and (13) Electronics and Electrical Engineering Laboratory (EEEL) Grants Program—Availability of Funds. This document contains corrected dates for the Precision Measurement Grants Program and corrected contact information for the Materials Science and Engineering Laboratory Grants Programs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For the Precision Measurement Grants Program, technical questions should be submitted to: Dr. Peter J. Mohr, Chairman, NIST Precision Measurement Grants Committee, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Bldg. 225, Rm. B161, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8401, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8401, Tel: (301) 975-3217, E-mail: mohr@nist.gov. Website: <http://physics.nist.gov/pmg>.

For the MSEL Grants Program, contact Ms. Marlene Taylor, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8501, Building 223, Room A305, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8501, Tel: (301) 975-5653, E-mail marlene.taylor@nist.gov.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** issue of January 11, 2001, in FR Doc. 01-836, on page 2399, in the third column, correct the **DATES** caption to read:

DATES: Applicants for the Precision Measurement Grants Program must submit an abbreviated proposal for preliminary screening. Based on the merit of the abbreviated proposal, applicants will be advised whether a full proposal should be submitted. The abbreviated proposals must be received at the address listed below no later than the close of business February 15, 2001.