

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

University of Saskatchewan, et al.;
Notice of Consolidated Decision on
Applications for Duty-Free Entry of
Scientific Instruments

This is a decision consolidated 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, Franklin Court Building, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1099 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instruments described below, for such purposes as each is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

Docket Number: 02-013. *Applicant:* University of Saskatchewan. Saskatoon, SK, Canada S7N 5C9. *Instrument:* Photoelectron Emission Microscope, Model PEEM III. *Manufacturer:* ELMITEC GmbH, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 67 FR 35960, May 22, 2002. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) A lateral spatial resolution of 7 nm and (2) upgradeability for aberration corrected imaging. *Advice received from:* National Institutes of Health, June 5, 2002.

Docket Number: 02-017. *Applicant:* Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322. *Instrument:* Micromanipulator Assembly for Slice Physiology Setup. *Manufacturer:* Luigs & Neumann, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 67 FR 3776, May 30, 2002. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) Customized design for the type of electrophysiological experiments being performed and (2) computer control of microscope and manipulator positioning. *Advice received from:* National Institutes of Health, June 5, 2002.

The National Institutes of Health advises in its memoranda that (1) the capabilities of each of the foreign instruments described above are pertinent to each applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value for the intended use of each instrument.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus being manufactured in the United States which is of equivalent

scientific value to any of the foreign instruments.

Gerald A. Zerdy,

Program Manager, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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Applications for Duty-Free Entry of
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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 Suite 4100W, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 02-020. *Applicant:* Vanderbilt University. 1161 21st Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37232.

Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model Tecnai G2 F30 TWIN Helium.

Manufacturer: FEI Company, The Netherlands. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to study the three-dimensional structures of biological macromolecules and assemblies, such as viruses and protein complexes. The materials to be studied include adenovirus, a common human respiratory virus; the ribonucleoprotein vault, a cytoplasmic particle implicated in multi-drug resistance in certain cancer cell lines; the DNA-PK protein/DNA complex, which is involved in repair of DNA double-stranded breaks after exposure to ionizing radiation; the family of small heat-shock proteins, which help the cell to resist heat-induced protein aggregation; CAM kinase complexes, which are involved in regulation of synaptic function in the brain; monoamine transporters (serotonin, norepinephrine, and dopamine), which are targets for antidepressants and psychostimulants; transcription complexes isolated from yeast; and other macromolecular protein assemblies involved in DNA

transactions. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: June 6, 2002.

Docket Number: 02-021. *Applicant:*

The Regents of the University of California, Material Management, 301 Watkins Drive, Riverside, CA 92521.

Instrument: Two (2) Confocal Microscopes. Models TCS SP2/UV and TCS SPS RS-2P. *Manufacturer:* Leica Microsystems, Germany. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to study different kinds of experimental plants, animals and microorganisms, e.g., Arabidopsis leaf cells, mammalian cell lines, and budding yeast. Various fundamental cellular processes, e.g., protein trafficking, organelle dynamics, protein complex formation, signal transduction, gene expression, will be investigated. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes in the following courses: BPSC132, Plant Anatomy; BPSC135, Plant Cell Biology; BPSC237, Plant Cell Biology; BPSC230L, Cytogenetics Laboratory; BPSC232, Plant Development; Biol200A, Cell Biology. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: June 6, 2002.

Docket Number: 02-022. *Applicant:* National Institutes of Health, Office of the Director, Office of Research Services, Division of Bioengineering and Physical Science, 13 South Drive, Room 3N17, Bethesda, MD 20892-5766.

Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model Tecnai TF30T. *Manufacturer:* FEI Company, The Netherlands. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to study proteins, nucleic acids, viruses, bacteria, and eukaryotic cells. The following experiments will be conducted:

(a) Tilt series will be automatically recorded from sections of plastic embedded cells in order to perform three-dimensional tomographic reconstructions of cellular architecture at high-spatial resolution. These measurements will be performed at an accelerating voltage of 300 kV to facilitate analysis of sections that are tilted to high angle.

(b) Tomographic reconstructions will be performed on cryosectioned frozen-hydrated cells to study cellular structure in close to the living state.

(c) Suspensions of supramolecular assemblies will be rapidly frozen, cryotransferred into the electron microscope, and imaged at low electron dose either on film or directly on a cooled CCD camera.

(d) Images will be recorded under well defined electron optical conditions with highly coherent illumination facilitated by the instrument's field-emission source. Images will be

processed to determine the three-dimensional structure of the supramolecular assemblies.

(e) To determine the masses of the macromolecules, a finely focused nanometer-diameter probe of electrons will be digitally scanned across a thin specimen on which macromolecules are adsorbed: high-angle elastic scattering will be measured. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: June 6, 2002.

Docket Number: 02-023. *Applicant:* University of California, Los Alamos National Laboratory, BUS-6 Customs Office, P.O. Box 1663, MS C308, Los Alamos, NM 87545. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model Tecna G2 F30 TWIN. *Manufacturer:* FEI Company, The Netherlands. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to investigate biological tissue samples, polymeric materials (including high explosives), polymeric films containing semiconductor quantum dots, steels and other metals (especially Be and U alloys), superconducting tapes on metal substrates, other superconducting materials, ceramic oxides and nitrides, ion beam damaged ceramics, and other materials. Some typical experiments are: (a) To determine which phases are present in a material and their morphology, distribution, and relative fractions; (b) determining material deformation behavior by studying the dislocation, stacking fault, and twin types, densities, and distributions; (c) determining interfacial structures, misfits, chemical reactions (cross-diffusion and new phase formation) at near-atomic resolution; (d) examining ion beam damage to materials through imaging, mapping for chemistry, and diffraction analysis for crystallinity. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: June 6, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Reopening of nomination period for expert panels.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Commerce is required by the Dolphin Protection Consumer Information Act to conduct specified scientific research under of the Marine Mammal Protection Act and, by December 31, 2002, to make a finding based on the results of that research, on information obtained under the International Dolphin Conservation Program, and on any other relevant information as to whether the intentional deployment on or the encirclement of dolphins with purse seine nets is having a "significant adverse impact" on any depleted dolphin stock in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.

This notice reopens the nomination period for scientists to serve on two expert panels referenced in the proposed organized decision process published in the **Federal Register** on Feb. 15, 2002: the Ecosystem Expert Panel and the Indirect Effects Expert Panel. Each expert panel will assess peer-reviewed scientific studies and other information and individually provide scientific advice to address specific issues the Secretary will be considering in making the final finding. The expert panels are scheduled to meet September 4-6, 2002, in La Jolla, CA.

DATES: The nomination period will be open from June 25, 2002, to July 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to the Director, NMFS Office of Science and Technology, F/ST, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910. Nominations may also be sent via facsimile at 301-713-1875. Nominations will not be accepted if submitted via electronic mail or the Internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nicole R. Le Boeuf, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 301-713-2322.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 9, 2002, NMFS published a request for nominations for the two expert panels. The **Federal Register** notice at 67 FR 31279 provides instructions on the questions and charge of each expert panel, the nomination process, panel member qualifications, the selection process, and the determination of cost reimbursement. It also describes the process NMFS will carry out to solicit nominations, select five qualified scientists for each panel, and recommend them for appointment by the Secretary. The expert panels are scheduled to meet September 4-6, 2002, in La Jolla, CA. Each expert panel will assess peer-reviewed scientific studies and other information and individually

provide scientific advice to address specific issues the Secretary will be considering in making the final finding.

Deadline for Submission of Nominations

NMFS is soliciting nominations by July 10, 2002. See **ADDRESSES** above.

Dated: June 26, 2002.

Phil Williams

Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Re-Initiation of Public Scoping Period on the Review of the Gerry E. Studds Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Management Plan; Notice of Availability of the "State of the Sanctuary Report"

AGENCY: National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC). **SUMMARY:** The Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary (SBNMS) was designated in 1992. Encompassing an 842-square mile area off the coast of Massachusetts, SBNMS protects one of the most biologically diverse areas along the eastern seaboard. It is one of the primary feeding grounds of the highly migratory humpback whale, the part-time home of the endangered northern right whale, and has a highly varied seafloor that supports a wide variety of demersal fish species and invertebrate species.

In accordance with section 304(e) of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, as amended, (NMSA) (16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*), the NMSP is re-initiating a review of the SBNMS management plan to evaluate substantive progress toward implementing the goals of the Sanctuary and to make revisions to the plan as necessary to fulfill the purposes and policies of the NMSA. NOAA is now seeking comments on the scope, types, and significance of issues related to the Sanctuary management plan and regulations.

Background

The current management plan for the Sanctuary was originally published in July 1993. In December 1998 and January 1999, the NMSP initiated a review of this plan by holding scoping meetings to solicit public comments on