

Producer/manufacturer/exporter	Average margin percentage
Jiangxi Native Produce Import and Export .....	*131.86
Zhejiang Native Produce & Animal By-product Import and Export .....	*131.86
All PRC .....	157.16

The asterisk indicates the rate for continuing the suspension of liquidation for those exporters found preliminarily to have negative critical circumstances.

#### ITC Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of our determination.

#### Public Comment

Since this preliminary critical circumstances determination is being made after the due date for public comment on our preliminary determination of sales at less than fair value in this case, we will accept written comments on this preliminary determination of critical circumstances until the date in which case briefs are to be filed.

This determination is published pursuant to section 733(f) of the Act.

Dated: May 30, 1995.

#### Susan G. Esserman,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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#### North Carolina State University; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

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 AM and 5:00 PM in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

**DECISION:** Denied. Applicant has failed to establish that domestic instruments of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the intended purposes are not available.

**REASONS:** Section 301.5(e)(4) of the regulations requires the denial of applications that have been denied without prejudice to resubmission if they are not resubmitted within the specified time period. This is the case for the following docket.

**Docket Number:** 94-103. **Applicant:** North Carolina State University, Campus Box 7212, Raleigh, NC 27695-7212. **Instrument:** Digital Oxygen

Electrode. **Manufacturer:** Rank Brothers Ltd., United Kingdom. **Date of Denial without Prejudice to Resubmission:** March 8, 1995.

#### Frank W. Creel

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff  
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#### 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, D.C. 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, N.W., Washington, D.C.

**Docket Number:** 95-030. **Applicant:** University of Pennsylvania, Smell and Taste Center, 3400 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104. **Instrument:** Olfactometer, Transformation Unit and Compressor-Vacuum-Unit, Model OM/4. **Manufacturer:** Heinrich Burghart, Germany. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used to provide accurate and pulsed computer-controlled presentations of an odorant stimulus to the nares of a human being to allow for the recording of electrical brain waves in response to these presentations. The objectives will be achieved through psychophysical measurement, electrophysiological measurement, and computer-controlled generation of very accurate and timed pulses of odorants for evoked potential. The instrument will also be used for educational purposes in the course Interdisciplinary 200 (ID 200). **Application Accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** April 10, 1995.

**Docket Number:** 95-032. **Applicant:** University of Wisconsin, 1300 University Ave., Madison, WI 53706. **Instrument:** Electron Microscope, Model CM120. **Manufacturer:** Philips, The Netherlands. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used for experiments related to studying biological

phenomena at the ultrastructural level at common electron microscope magnifications. In addition, the instrument will be used in the course Anatomy 660: Introduction to Electron Microscopy to teach faculty, staff and students to operate the microscope to image the specimens prepared to achieve the research goals. **Application Accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** April 10, 1995.

**Docket Number:** 95-033. **Applicant:** University of South Carolina, Department of Geological Sciences, Columbia, SC 29208. **Instrument:** Mass Spectrometer, Model Optima. **Manufacturer:** Fisons Instruments, United Kingdom. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used to study the carbon and oxygen isotopic composition of samples of calcite and aragonite, the carbon and nitrogen isotopic composition of marine organic matter, and the carbon isotopic composition of carbon dioxide dissolved in water. The particular focus of the analysis will be on the carbonate shells of foraminifera from small samples of marine and lacustrine sediments and on carbon isotopes from both seawater and freshwater samples. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes in the course Geology 715, Stable Isotope Geochemistry to introduce graduate students to different applications of stable geochemistry in the research environment. **Application Accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** April 13, 1995.

**Docket Number:** 95-034. **Applicant:** Argonne National Laboratory, 9700 S. Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439. **Instrument:** Electron Microscope, Model H-9000NAR. **Manufacturer:** Hitachi, Japan. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used for studies of pure metals, metallic alloys, semiconductors, and minerals and other ceramics in order to understand the physical origin and rules for occurrence of the phenomena under study. **Application Accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** April 13, 1995.

**Docket Number:** 95-035. **Applicant:** University of Texas Medical Branch, 301 University Blvd., Galveston, TX 77555. **Instrument:** Electron Microscope, Model CM100. **Manufacturer:** Philips, The Netherlands. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used by the faculty and staff for a variety of ongoing scientific research activities as listed below:  
(a) Analysis of Spotted Fever Rickettsial Antigens,  
(b) Mechanisms of Toxic Injury in Vascular Tissue,  
(c) Transplacental Transfer of Asbestos in Humans,

(d) Hyperthyroidism Potentiates Aging Effects in Heart,  
 (e) Bile Canaliculi Injury; Comparing Function to Structure,  
 (f) Dolphin Mortality an Indicator of Environmental Degradation and  
 (g) Splenic Toxicity of Aniline.

*Application Accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* April 19, 1995.

*Docket Number:* 95-036. *Applicant:* University of South Carolina, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, 730 S. Main Street, Columbia, SC 29208. *Instrument:* ICP Mass Spectrometer, Model ELEMENT. *Manufacturer:* Finnigan MAT GmbH, Germany. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used for studies of trace elements and their isotopes in environmental, geological and marine samples with complex background matrices. In addition, the instrument will be used as a supplement to several courses such as "Environmental and Analytical Chemistry" and seminars on instrument operation to prepare students to analyze their own samples and acquire accurate and precise data. *Application Accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* April 24, 1995.

*Docket Number:* 95-037. *Applicant:* University of Miami, Chemistry, 1301 Memorial Dr., Room 315, Coral Gables, FL 33145. *Instrument:* L-B Film Deposition Apparatus with Ellipsometric Microscope. *Manufacturer:* Nippon Laser & Electronics Lab., Japan. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used for studies of lipids, phospholipids, fatty acids, proteins, pigments and other molecules that are surfactant and may be spread at the air/water interface. The objective of these studies is to obtain better knowledge of the aggregation form of these molecules in a molecular model (monolayer) to understand phenomena like membrane rigidity, charge transport, reaction rate, etc. as they take place in living organisms. *Application Accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* April 25, 1995.

*Docket Number:* 95-039. *Applicant:* Richard L. Roubesh VA Medical Center, 1481 West Tenth Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model CM120. *Manufacturer:* Philips, The Netherlands. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used in experiments involving collection of surgical, autopsy, and cytologic specimens for evaluation at the ultrastructural level and correlation of these findings with light microscopy and clinical findings to eventually render a pathologic description and diagnosis. In addition, the instrument will be used to provide hands-on experience for pathology residents,

fellows, and medical students in visualizing ultrastructural criteria necessary for making a variety of known pathologic diagnoses. *Application Accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* April 28, 1995.

**Frank W. Creel,**

*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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### National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 950519137-5137-01]

#### Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funds.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology invites proposals from qualified organizations for funding projects to provide manufacturing extension services to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in the United States. These projects correspond to the Manufacturing Technology Centers component of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP).

Manufacturing extension centers must be affiliated with a U.S.-based not-for-profit institution or organization. Support may be provided for a period not to exceed six years. Applicants are required to provide 50% or more of the operating costs for providing these manufacturing extension services in year 1 through 3 and an increasing percentage in years 4 through 6.

**DATES:** Proposals from qualified applicants must be received at the address below by August 7, 1995. Selection of awards will be made in September 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Applicants must submit one signed original and six (6) copies of their proposal along with a Standard Form 424, 424-A, and 424-B (Rev 4-92) and Form CD-511 to the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Building 301, Room C121, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001. Plainly mark on the outside of the package that it contains a manufacturing extension center proposal.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information regarding this announcement, contact Roger Kilmer of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by calling (301) 975-5020; or by mailing information requests to

the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Building 301, Room C121, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20899-0001. Information packets, which include background materials on MEP, existing centers and the necessary application forms, should be requested via a one page fax sent to (301) 963-6556. Please include name, organization, mailing address, telephone number, and fax number on this request.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

The catalog number for the award of Manufacturing Technology Centers funds in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance is 11.611.

##### Background

In accordance with the provisions of Section 5121 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-418), codified in 15 U.S.C. § 278k, and final rule 15 CFR 290 published September 17, 1990 and amendment published May 2, 1994, NIST will provide assistance for the creation and support of manufacturing extension centers. The objective of these centers is to enhance productivity, technological performance, and strengthen the global competitiveness of small- and medium-sized U.S.-based manufacturing firms.

These manufacturing extension centers will become part of the MEP national system of extension service providers. Currently, MEP is managing 44 centers located throughout the United States. Information regarding MEP and these centers is provided in the information packet which can be obtained as explained above.

##### Funding Availability

It is anticipated that approximately \$41,000,000 will be available to support manufacturing extension centers under this program. The funding level for individual awards is not prescribed. The funding requested by the applicant should be directly related to the level of activity of the center, which is a function of the number of manufacturers in the designated service region, and to the availability of applicant-provided cash and in-kind contributions to be used as cost share.

##### Invitation for Proposals

Proposals must be received at the address listed above by August 7, 1995.

##### Award Period

The projects awarded under this program will have an initial performance period of one year. These