Co., Ltd., Japan. *Intended Use:* See notice at 63 FR 12452, March 13, 1998. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides simulation of fabric wear conditions using a cantilever method which calculates the bending movement over a variable arc of constant curvature. *Advice received from:* A domestic manufacturer of similar equipment and a university laboratory textile laboratory, May 8, 1998.

Argonne National Laboratory, a domestic manufacturer of similar equipment and a university textile laboratory advise that (1) the capabilities of each of the foreign instruments described above are pertinent to each applicant's intended purpose and (2) they know 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 either of the foreign instruments.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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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: 98–026. *Applicant:* University of California, Davis, Center for Neuroscience, 1544 Newton Court, Davis, CA 95616. *Instrument:* Optical Imaging System, Model ORA 2001. *Manufacturer:* Optical Imaging, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used to study the activity patterns of neurons in the primary visual cortex of laboratory animals to determine how the environment and patterns of neural activity influence the development of the brain. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes in the research courses Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior 199 and Neuroscience 299. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* May 8, 1998.

Docket Number: 98–027. *Applicant:* Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, University Procurement & Contracting, 56 Bevier Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854–8010. *Instrument:* (10 ea.) Specimen Micromanipulator, Model A–3–S. *Manufacturer:* Narishige Scientific, Japan. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used in spinal cord injury research assessing a variety of neuroprotective, regenerative and remyelinative therapies. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* May 15, 1998.

Docket Number: 98–028. *Applicant:* Cornell University, Cornell Center for Materials Research, SB56 Bard Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853–1501. *Instrument:* Electron Microprobe, Model JXA–8900R. *Manufacturer:* Narishige Scientific, Japan. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used in experiments consisting of focusing a high voltage electron beam on a solid sample, generating characteristic x-rays and measuring these x-rays quantitatively with wavelength and energy dispersive spectrometers. The objectives of these investigations are the quantitative microchemical analysis of geological, chemical and materials science samples and qualitative identification and mapping of elemental distributions. In addition, the instrument will be used for training postdoctoral fellows, graduate and undergraduate students in the operation of the instrument through demonstration and hands-on instruction. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* May 15, 1998.

Docket Number: 98–029. *Applicant:* University of California, San Diego, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, 7835 Trade Street, San Diego, CA 92121. *Instrument:* Wave Measurement Equipment. *Manufacturer:* Datawell bv, The Netherlands. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used in support of ongoing and proposed research on the evolution of directional wave spectra across the continental shelf and near complex bathymetric features. The instrument will significantly expand Department of Defense wave data measurement capabilities on the shelf and will be used over the next 5 years by a consortium of Office of Naval Research principal investigators studying wave propagation processes in a wide range of geographic settings. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* May 20, 1998.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–560–804]

Notice of Postponement of Time Limit for Countervailing Duty Investigation: Extruded Rubber Thread From Indonesia

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Moore or Maria MacKay at (202) 482–2876, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Postponement

On April 28, 1998, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated a countervailing duty investigation of extruded rubber thread from Indonesia. On May 29, 1998, in accordance with section 351.205(e) of the Department's regulations (19 CFR 351.205(e), published at 62 FR 27295, May 19, 1997), the petitioner made a timely request that the Department postpone its preliminary determination. As we find no compelling reasons to deny this request, we are postponing the preliminary determination in this investigation to no later than August 28, 1998, pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

This notice is published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated June 2, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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