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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 5:00 p.m. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 99-025. Applicant: University of North Carolina, School of Pharmacy, CB #7360, Beard Hall, S. Colombia Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27599. *Instrument:* Nose Only Inhalation System. *Manufacturer:* ADG Developments Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to evaluate novel therapies for the treatment of tuberculosis in animal models by delivering aerosols of drug by nose only exposure to Mycobacterium infected guinea pigs. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* October 28, 1999.

Docket Number: 99-026. Applicant: Boston University, Department of Biology, 44 Cummington Street, Boston, MA 02215. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model JEM-2010. *Manufacturer:* JEOL Ltd., Japan. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used in the study of the ultrastructure of biological specimens, especially neurons in the brain during experiments conducted to determine whether the structure of neurons is altered under a variety of experimental conditions, such as different levels of activity or molecular signaling. In addition, the instrument will be used to investigate the development and

maturation of brain neurons and their synapses to determine how structure and ultrastructure change with growth and maturation of the organism.

Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: October 28, 1999.

Docket Number: 99-027. Applicant: University of Hawaii, School of Ocean, Earth Science and Technology, Department of Oceanography, 1000 Pope Road, MSB 610, Honolulu, HI 96822. *Instrument:* Low-Level Beta Counter, Model GM-25-5. *Manufacturer:* Riso National Laboratory, Denmark. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used for the measurement of naturally occurring radionuclides in seawater. Various marine regimes will be sampled at a variety of oceanic depths in order to estimate the spatial and temporal distribution of radioactive elements. The instrument will be used during the graduate level course Ocean 633, Chemical Oceanography Lab Methods to teach oceanographic laboratory and field analytical techniques. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* November 4, 1999.

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Business Development Mission to Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of business development mission to Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile.

SUMMARY: This notice serves to inform the public of a Secretarial Business Development Mission to Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile, February 13-21, 2000, and of the opportunity to apply for participation in the mission; sets forth objectives, procedures and participation criteria for the mission; and requests applications.

DATES: Applications should be submitted to Lucie Naphin by December 27, 1999, in order to ensure sufficient time to obtain in-country appointments for applicants selected to participate in the mission. Applications received after that date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit. Recruitment and selection of private sector participants will be conducted according to the Statement of

Policy Governing Department of Commerce Overseas Trade Missions announced by Secretary Daley on March 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Request for and submission of applications—Applications are available from Lucie Naphin, Director, Office of Business Liaison, at (202) 482-1360 or via facsimile at (202) 482-4054. Numbers listed in this notice are not toll-free. An original and two copies of the required application materials should be sent to Ms. Naphin. Applications sent by facsimile must be immediately followed by submission of the original application to Ms. Naphin at the following address: Office of Business Liaison, Room 5062, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lucie Naphin, Director of the Office of Business Liaison, or Jennifer Andberg at (202) 482-1360. Information is also available via the International Trade Administration's (ITA) website at: <http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of the Mission

Secretary of Commerce William M. Daley will travel to Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile as head of a senior-level business development mission focused on three key growth sectors—information and communications technology, environment and energy. Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina, together with Paraguay, form Mercosur, the acronym in Spanish for the Southern Common Market, the world's fourth largest economic area, a customs union with a population in excess of 200 million people and a combined GDP of approximately \$1 trillion. Chile, along with Bolivia, is an associate member of Mercosur.

The mission will visit Brasilia, Sao Paulo, Montevideo, Buenos Aires and Santiago. The overall focus of the trip will be commercial opportunities for U.S. companies, including joint ventures, presented by the continuing market liberalization and privatizations within Mercosur. In each country, briefings and matchmaking business appointments will be arranged for members of the business delegation in order that they may take full advantage of the commercial opportunities available to firms in these key South American markets. Individual country briefings will include local public and private sector officials to discuss developments in the country that affect the commercial environment.