

microfocusing x-ray photoelectron spectroscopy and (b) determine composition heterogeneity (both in terms of included phases and surface coatings in individual microparticles and nanoparticles). The objective of these experiments is to provide standards, standard data and standard measurement methods that strengthen the U.S. economy and improve the quality of life. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: June 14, 2000.

Docket Number: 00-019. Applicant: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 207 Henry Administration Building, 506 S. Wright Street, Urbana, IL 61801. Instrument: E-beam Evaporator and Flux Controller, Model EGN4. Manufacturer: Oxford Applied Research, United Kingdom. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to carry out experiments with the following objectives: (a) Achieve in-depth understanding of the formation of epitaxial cobalt-silicide (CoSi_2) on silicon-germanium (SiGe) substrate, (b) study the interaction of cobalt atoms with silicon substrate with the presence of germanium atoms and understand the role of germanium atoms during epitaxial (CoSi_2) growth and (c) investigate the effect of cobalt flux and substrate temperature during cobalt evaporation on the properties of the final epitaxial (CoSi_2) film. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: June 1, 2000.

Docket Number: 00-022. Applicant: California Association for Research in Astronomy, 65-1120 Mamalahoa Highway, Kamuela, HI 96743. Instrument: (4) Outrigger Observatories. Manufacturer: Electro Optic Systems Pty Limited, Australia. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to form an interferometer (a system of telescopes) which will be used to search for planets outside our solar system. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: July 5, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Tulane University, et al.; Notice of Consolidated Decision on Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Electron Microscopes

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

Docket Number: 00-010. Applicant: Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118-5698. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model JEM-2010. Manufacturer: JEOL Ltd., Japan. Intended Use: See notice at 65 FR 34148, May 26, 2000. Order Date: December 6, 1999.

Docket Number: 00-015. Applicant: University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92093-0608. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model JEM-3100. Manufacturer: JEOL Ltd., Japan. Intended Use: See notice at 65 FR 37118, June 13, 2000. Order Date: January 12, 2000.

Comments: None received. Decision: Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as these instruments are intended to be used, was being manufactured in the United States at the time the instruments were ordered. Reasons: Each foreign instrument is a conventional transmission electron microscope (CTEM) and is intended for research or scientific educational uses requiring a CTEM. We know of no CTEM, or any other instrument suited to these purposes, which was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order.

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Washington University; 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 AM and 5 PM in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Docket Numbers: 00-012 and 00-014. Applicant: Washington University, St. Louis, WA 63110. Instruments: XY Shifting Tables, Model 240 with

Accessories. Manufacturer: Luigs and Neuman, Germany. Intended Use: See notice at 65 FR 37117 and 37118, June 13, 2000. Advice received from: National Institutes of Health, July 3, 2000.

Comments: None received. Decision: Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instruments, for the purposes for which the instruments are intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. Reasons: These are compatible accessories for instruments previously imported for the use of the applicant. The National Institutes of Health advises that the accessories are pertinent to the intended uses and that it knows of no comparable domestic accessories.

We know of no domestic accessories which can be readily adapted to the previously imported instruments.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Chemicals and Allied Products for Trade Policy Matters (ISAC 3); Request for Nominations

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Trade Development.
ACTION: Request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Commerce (Commerce) and the United States Trade Representative (USTR) are seeking nominations for appointment of an environmental representative to the Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Chemicals and Allied Products for Trade Policy Matters (ISAC 3). Appointment will be effective for the charter term of this Committee, which expires March 17, 2002. In order to be considered for appointment to the Committee, a nominee must be a U.S. citizen, must have an interest in and specialized knowledge of environmental issues relevant to the work of the Committee, and may not be a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

In order to receive full consideration, nominations for the current charter period should be received not later than August 25, 2000. Recruitment information is available on the International Trade Administration website at www.ita.doc.gov/icp.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Further inquiries may be directed to Dominic Bianchi, Acting Assistant USTR for Intergovernmental Affairs, Winder Building, Room 100, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20230 or Tamara Underwood, Director, Industries Consultations Program, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 2015-B, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

In section 135 of the 1974 Trade Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2155), Congress established a private-sector advisory system to ensure that U.S. trade policy and trade negotiation objectives adequately reflect U.S. commercial and economic interests. Section 135(a)(1) of the 1974 Trade Act directs the President to—"seek information and advice from representative elements of the private sector and the non-Federal governmental sector with respect to:

(A) negotiating objectives and bargaining positions before entering into a trade agreement under [title I of the 1974 Trade Act and section 1102 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988];

(B) the operation of any trade agreement once entered into; including preparation for dispute settlement panel proceedings to which the United States is a party; and

(C) other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation, and administration of the trade policy of the United States. * * *

Section 135(c)(2) of the 1974 Trade Act provides—

(2) The President shall establish such sectoral or functional advisory committees as may be appropriate. Such committees shall, insofar as is practicable, be representative of all industry, labor, agricultural, or service interests (including small business interests) in the sector or functional areas concerned. In organizing such committees, the United States Trade Representative and the Secretaries of Commerce, Labor, Agriculture, the Treasury, or other executive departments, as appropriate, shall—

(A) Consult with interested private organizations; and

(B) Take into account such factors as—

(i) Patterns of actual and potential competition between United States industry and agriculture and foreign enterprise in international trade,

(ii) The character of the nontariff barriers and other distortions affecting such competition,

(iii) The necessity for reasonable limits on the number of such advisory committees,

(iv) The necessity that each committee be reasonably limited in size, and

(v) In the case of each sectoral committee, that the product lines covered by each committee be reasonably related.

Pursuant to this provision, Commerce and USTR have established and co-chair seventeen Industry Sector Advisory Committees (ISACs) and four Industry Functional Advisory Committees (IFACs). The Committees' efforts have resulted in strengthening U.S. negotiating positions by enabling the United States to display a united front when it negotiates trade agreements with other nations. Committees meet an average of four times a year in Washington, DC. Members serve without compensation and are responsible for all expenses incurred in attending Committee meetings. For additional information regarding the functions and membership of these committees, and general qualifications for membership, *see* 64 FR 10448–10449, March 4, 1999 (Volume 64, Number 42).

On April 27, 2000, a lawsuit was brought against Commerce and USTR in the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington by a group of environmental organizations seeking environmental representation on ISAC 3. Commerce and USTR have determined not to contest this lawsuit, and now solicit nominations for qualified environmental representatives to serve on this committee.

Eligibility

Eligibility to serve as an environmental representative on ISAC 3 is limited to U.S. citizens who are not full-time employees of a governmental entity, who represent a "U.S. entity", and who are not registered with the Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. For purposes of the preceding sentence, a "U.S. entity" is an organization incorporated in the United States (or, if unincorporated, having its headquarters in the United States):

(1) That is controlled by U.S. citizens or by another U.S. entity. An entity is not a U.S. entity if more than 50 percent of its Board of Directors or membership is made up of non-U.S. citizens. If the nominee is to represent an organization more than 10 percent of whose Board of Directors or membership is made up of non-U.S. citizens, or non-U.S. entities, the nominee must demonstrate at the time of nomination that this non-U.S. interest does not constitute control and

will not adversely affect his or her ability to serve as a trade advisor to the United States; and

(2) At least 50 percent of whose annual revenue is attributable to non-governmental, U.S. sources.

Selection Criteria

USTR and Commerce will select an environmental representative eligible for appointment to ISAC 3 based upon the following:

(1) The nominee should demonstrate personal interest in and knowledge of the formulation of environmental policies in the sector relevant to the work of the Committee, and ability to work with governmental and officials and industry representatives to reach consensus on complex environmental and trade issues affecting the relevant industry sector.

(2) Preference will be accorded nominees who also demonstrate knowledge of and familiarity with the relevant industry sector, as well as with international trade matters, including trade policy development, relevant to that sector.

The environmental representative, as a member of the Committee, will be required to have a security clearance. Members serve without compensation and are responsible for all expenses incurred in attending Committee meetings.

Application Procedures

Requests for applications should be sent to the Director of the Industry Consultations Program, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 2015-B, Washington, DC 20230.

This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., app. 2) and 21 CFR part 14 relating to advisory committees.

Dated: July 27, 2000.

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Assistant Secretary for Trade Development.
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