

margins for the two mandatory respondents.

### Currency Conversions

We made currency conversions into U.S. dollars in accordance with section 773A of the Act based on exchange rates in effect on the dates of the U.S. sales, as obtained from the Federal Reserve Bank (the Department's preferred source for exchange rates).

### Verification

In accordance with section 782(i) of the Act, we intend to verify all information relied upon in making our final determinations.

### Suspension of Liquidation

Because of our preliminary affirmative critical circumstances findings in the cases involving India and the PRC, we are directing the Customs Service to suspend liquidation of any unliquidated entries of steel wire rope from India and the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date which is 90 days prior to the date on which this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. We are instructing the Customs Service to require a cash deposit or the posting of a bond equal to the weighted-average amount by which the NV exceeds the EP or CEP, as indicated in the chart below for imports from India and the PRC. These instructions suspending liquidation will remain in effect until further notice.

Because we preliminarily determined that steel wire rope from Malaysia is not being sold at LTFV, we are not suspending liquidation of such merchandise at this time.

The weighted-average dumping margins are provided below:

Manufacturer/exporter	Margin (percent)
India:	
Usha Martin Industries, Ltd	21.14
All Others .....	21.14
Malaysia:	
Kiswire SDN.BHD .....	0.18
All Others .....	0.18
People's Republic of China:	
Fasten Group Import and Export Co., Ltd .....	24.22
Haicheng Greatx Industry Co. Ltd.* .....	56.54
Henan Baoi Wire Rope Factory* .....	56.54
Jiangsu COFCO* .....	56.54
Jiangsu Guo Tai* .....	56.54
Liaoning Metals & Minerals Import & Export Corp.* ..	56.54
Nantong Wire Rope Company* .....	56.54
Nantong Zhongde .....	118.78

Manufacturer/exporter	Margin (percent)
PRC-Wide Rate .....	118.78

### \*All Others

The PRC-wide rate applies to all entries of the subject merchandise except for entries from exporters/factories that are identified individually above.

### Disclosure

The Department will disclose calculations performed within five days of the date of publication of this notice to the parties of the proceedings in these investigations in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

### International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of our sales at less than fair value and critical circumstances preliminary determinations. If any of our final antidumping determinations is affirmative, the ITC will determine whether the imports covered by that (those) determination(s) are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry. The deadline for that ITC determination would be the later of 120 days after the date of these preliminary determinations or 45 days after the date of our final determinations.

### Public Comment

Case briefs for this investigation must be submitted no later than one week after the issuance of the verification reports. Rebuttal briefs must be filed within five days after the deadline for submission of case briefs. A list of authorities used, a table of contents, and an executive summary of issues should accompany any briefs submitted to the Department. Executive summaries should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. Further, we would appreciate it if parties submitting written comments would provide the Department with an additional copy of the public version of any such comments on diskette.

Section 774 of the Act provides that the Department will hold a hearing to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on arguments raised in case or rebuttal briefs, provided that such a hearing is requested by any interested party. If a request for a hearing is made in an investigation, the hearing will tentatively be held two days after the deadline for submission of the rebuttal briefs, at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution

Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. In the event that the Department receives requests for hearings from parties to more than one steel wire rope case, the Department may schedule a single hearing to encompass all those cases. Parties should confirm by telephone the time, date, and place of the hearing 48 hours before the scheduled time.

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, must submit a written request within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Requests should specify the number of participants and provide a list of the issues to be discussed. Oral presentations will be limited to issues raised in the briefs.

If this investigation proceeds normally for the Malaysian and PRC cases, we will make our final determinations no later than 75 days after the date of the preliminary determinations. As noted above, the final determination for the Indian case will be issued 135 days after the date of the publication of the preliminary determination.

These determinations are issued and published pursuant to sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: September 25, 2000.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### The Art Institute of Chicago; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made 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 Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C.

*Docket Number:* 00-025. *Applicant:* The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL 60603-6110. *Instrument:* Low Pressure Conservation Table with Accessories. *Manufacturer:* Willard Fine Art Conservation Equipment, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 65 FR 51797, August 25, 2000.

*Comments:* None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign

instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

**Reasons:** The foreign instrument provides heating, precise control of relative humidity, dehumidification, vacuum, circulation and a transparent dome for "clean room" conditions for preservation and restoration of paintings and fabrics. The Smithsonian Institution advised on September 19, 2000 that (1) these capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

**Gerald A. Zerdy,**

*Program Manager, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### University of Washington; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made 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, N.W., Washington, D.C.

**Docket Number:** 00-024. **Applicant:** University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-6100. **Instrument:** Laser Microdissection System. **Manufacturer:** P.A.L.M. Mikrolaser Technologie, Germany. **Intended Use:** See notice at 65 FR 51797, August 25, 2000.

**Comments:** None received. **Decision:** Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. **Reasons:** The foreign instrument provides: (1) Dissection and catapulting of live cells directly into microcentrifuge tubes for analysis without contamination, (2) high quality microscope optics, (3) selective destruction of unwanted cellular material and (4) microdissection of any shape cell or tissue area. The National Institutes of Health advises in its

memorandum of August 10, 2000 that (1) these capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

**Gerald A. Zerdy,**

*Program Manager, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, October 17, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee is composed of eight members appointed by the Director of NIST, who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, education, and management consulting. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Advanced Technology Program (ATP), its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include an Update on ATP, Discussion of the Streamlined/Revamped Proposal Process; ATP 2000 Awardee Demographics; Economic Assessment Office Update; Discussion of Outreach Efforts; Leveraging States and Future ATP Strategic Initiatives; and an open discussion. Discussions scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and to end at 9:30 a.m. and to begin at 3:00 p.m. and to end at 4:30 p.m. on October 17, 2000, on the ATP budget issues and staffing of positions will be closed.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene October 17, 2000, at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 4:30 p.m. on October 17, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Employees Lounge, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet R. Russell, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1004, telephone number (301) 975-2107.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 30, 2000, that portions of the meeting of the Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee which involve discussion of proposed funding of the Advanced Technology Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meetings will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of meetings which involve discussion of staffing of positions in ATP may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: September 26, 2000.

**Karen H. Brown,**

*Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Coral, Golden Crab, Shrimp, Spiny Lobster, Red Drum, Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources, and Snapper-Grouper Fisheries of the South Atlantic

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) from Mr. Chris Ivers, Project Manager, on behalf of the