

experiments include electrophysiology, molecular biology, pharmacology, and behavioral tests to learn how brain structure is altered as a function of associated changes with each of these manipulations. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs*: April 11, 2007.

*Docket Number*: 07-022. *Applicant*: Duke University, Box 90271, Durham, NC 27708-0271. *Instrument*: Electron Microscope. *Manufacturer*: FEI Company, The Netherlands. *Intended Use*: The instrument is intended to be used to discover and quantify the structure and dimension of materials and biological samples, and then gain an understanding of how this structure determines or influences the properties or behaviors of the material or biological entity. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs*: April 6, 2007.

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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. at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2104, 14th and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC.

*Docket Number*: 06-054. *Applicant*: Purdue University, 465 Northwestern Ave., West Lafayette, IN 47907-2035. *Instrument*: DBF Fiber Laser System. *Manufacturer*: Koheras A/S, Denmark. *Intended Use*: The instrument is intended to be used to study and formulate the physical description of the fundamental noise properties of optical frequency combs and their application to Optical Arbitrary Waveform Generation. An ultra-narrow

(1 kHz optical linewidth) CW laser is needed to sweep the carrier frequency and beat it with a conventional mode-locked laser based optical frequency comb. The CW laser also provides a 60 pm fast piezo tuning range and 700 pm thermal tuning with 100 mW output power. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs*: September 1, 2006.

*Docket Number*: 06-059. *Applicant*: Rutgers University, 3 Rutgers Plaza, Brunswick, NJ 08901-8559. *Instrument*: Micro-dissecting Microscope. *Manufacturer*: Singer Instruments, UK. *Intended Use*: The instrument is intended to be used to identify and categorize genes that control DNA replication and repair using a simple model organism known as baker's yeast. Strains of yeast-bearing mutations in genes that control the repair of damage in DNA and their genetic pathway will be studied. The instrument is a motorized micromanipulator specifically designed to separate single aspo-spores of yeast. It will also be used for student instruction in these areas. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs*: October 19, 2006.

*Docket Number*: 06-067. *Applicant*: The University of Illinois, 212 Tech Plaza, 616 East Green St., Champaign, IL 61820. *Instrument*: Ti: Sapphire Lasers (2), Model TIS-SF-077s. *Manufacturer*: Tekhnoscan, Russia. *Intended Use*: The lasers are intended to be used to study the application of ultra-cold atom gases to quantum simulation. They will be used to create an optical lattice, and part of a system for driving stimulated Raman transitions which will be integrated into a complex experimental apparatus requiring a CW, single-frequency, tunable Ti: sapphire ring laser with linewidth < 100 kHz, drift rate < 50 MHz/hour, locked to an external reference cavity, and completely reconfigurable for phase-locking optics and electronics with low drift rates since they will not be locked to a spectroscopic reference. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs*: November 20, 2006.

*Docket Number*: 07-005. *Applicant*: Millersville University, Physics Department, P.O. Box 1002, Millersville PA 17551. *Instrument*: HeNe Laser Cavity Educational Kit, Model CA-1200. *Manufacturer*: MICOS GmbH, Germany. *Intended Use*: The instrument is intended to be used in the lab portion of a course on optics for instruction on the physical principles and the components of a laser. Students will use the kit to build a He-Ne Laser themselves and study the role of different optical elements in the lasing

effect. Lab studies will include intensity distribution, Gaussian beam, polarization, divergence, coherence monochromatism and other properties of light. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs*: January 17, 2007.

*Docket Number*: 07-007. *Applicant*: Illinois Institute of Technology, 10 W. 33rd St., Room 224, Chicago, IL 60616. *Instrument*: High Temperature Nano Test System. *Manufacturer*: Micro Materials, Ltd., UK. *Intended Use*: The instrument is intended to be used to assess the mechanical properties of Ni-base alloys at elevated temperatures. Nano indentation tests will be conducted on the specimens at a range of temperatures from room temperature to 750 C to assess the hardness and modulus of the Ni-base alloys. These tests will permit evaluation of the characteristic mechanical properties of the constituent phases present in experimental Ni-base alloys and contribute to the development of new high temperature materials. The instrument requires a unique, horizontally-designed pendulum indenter to allow testing of specimens at temperatures in excess of 750 C. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs*: January 23, 2007.

*Docket Number*: 07-0011. *Applicant*: State University of New York, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY 11794. *Instrument*: Low-level Beta Multicounter System. *Manufacturer*: Riso National Laboratory, Denmark. *Intended Use*: The instrument is intended to be used to measure emissions from very small quantities of naturally occurring, dissolved radioactive isotopes of thorium and lead in seawater which are attached to particulate matter in very small quantities. Samples of the isotopes are taken at various depths and serve as tracers of the movement of carbon to the deep, an important process that affects the biological cycle of the ocean as well as the carbon content of the atmosphere and is important for understanding climate change. The instrument will also be used for graduate education. This is the only beta detector that meets the requirements of five simultaneous measurements with extremely low background count rates of 0.2 cpm. It is also capable of field use in harsh environments. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs*: February 23, 2007.

*Docket Number*: 07-012. *Applicant*: University of Wisconsin, 750 University Ave., Madison, WI 53706-1490. *Instrument*: Real-time 3D Motion Capture System. *Manufacturer*: Phoenix

Technologies, Inc., Canada. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to measure limb movements of monkey subjects performing reach-to-grasp tasks. Electrical signals derived from individual brain cells will be correlated with parameters of movement in order to determine how information is encoded in the signals that the brain uses to communicate with the muscles. This research is relevant to neuro-prosthetics, spinal chord injury, stroke and motor rehabilitation. The dimensions of the testing chamber require that the infra red position markers can operate at a minimum distance of 0.6 m. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* March 5, 2007.

**Faye Robinson,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Notice Announcing the Americas Competitiveness Forum and Opportunities for Sponsorship and Media Partnership**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez will host the inaugural Americas Competitiveness Forum on June 11-12, 2007, in Atlanta. This notice announces the Americas Competitiveness Forum and opportunities for sponsorship and media partnership.

**DATES:** The Americas Competitiveness Forum will be held on June 11-12, 2007. Applications for sponsorship and media partnership should be received no later than May 4, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** For sponsorship opportunities please contact Alex Feldman, International Trade Administration at 202-482-2867 or [Alex.Feldman@mail.doc.gov](mailto:Alex.Feldman@mail.doc.gov). For media partnership opportunities please contact Charles Skuba, Director of Public Affairs, International Trade Administration at 202-482-3809. Registration for the Forum can be found at <http://trade.gov/competitiveness/acf/registration.asp>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Americas Competitiveness Forum at [ACF@mail.doc.gov](mailto:ACF@mail.doc.gov) or call the International Trade Administration at 1-800-USA-Trade or 202-482-0543.

Additional information can be found at <http://trade.gov/competitiveness/acf/index.asp>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez will host the inaugural Americas Competitiveness Forum on June 11-12, 2007, in Atlanta.

The Americas Competitiveness Forum (ACF) will provide a venue for government ministers from the Western Hemisphere to come together with leaders from the private sector, academia, and non-governmental organizations, to explore cutting edge ideas and best practices in several key areas of competitiveness.

*The ACF's main tracks are:*

- Sparking and sustaining innovation;
- Creating solutions in education and workforce development;
- Designing successful global supply chain strategies; and
- Fostering small business development and growth.

The ACF intends to serve as an on-going vehicle for governments, the private sector, academia, and non-governmental organizations to explore best practices and case studies on the issue of competitiveness in the Western Hemisphere. By highlighting practical examples, the ACF intends to provide information for decision makers to take steps to strengthen competitiveness in each country and in the region, in general.

Dated: April 12, 2007.

**Alysia Wilson,**

*Director of Programs, Western Hemisphere.*

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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request—Consumer Focus Groups**

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On January 18, 2007, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) published a notice in accordance with provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) (PRA), to announce the agency's intention to seek approval for a collection of information to be conducted through Consumer Focus Groups. 72 FR 2264. The Commission now announces that it is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for

approval of that collection of information.

The Commission received two comments. Both commenters, Safe Kids Worldwide (Safe Kids) and Carol Pollack-Nelson, supported the collection of information because it would inform the Commission's plans in the areas of public education, recall effectiveness, product research and voluntary standards development. Safe Kids requested that a special emphasis be placed on children's products. Safe Kids also requested that the focus groups and any subsequent reports resulting from the focus groups be made available to the public. Staff is currently developing the format for specific focus groups and will evaluate whether making such focus groups and any resulting reports public may be useful after the program is fully operational.

The information collected from the Consumer Focus Groups will help inform the Commission's evaluation of consumer products and product use by providing insight and information into consumer perceptions and usage patterns. Such information may also assist the Commission in its efforts to support voluntary standards activities, and help the staff identify areas regarding consumer safety issues that need additional research. In addition, based on the information obtained, the staff may be able to provide safety information to the public that is easier to read and is more easily understood by a wider range of consumers. The Consumer Focus Groups also may be used to solicit consumer opinions and feedback regarding the effectiveness of product recall communications and in determining what action is being taken by consumers in response to such communications and why. This may aid in tailoring future recall activities to increase the success of those activities. If this information is not collected, the Commission may not have available certain useful information regarding consumer experiences, opinions, and perceptions related to specific product use, which the Commission uses, in part, in its ongoing efforts to improve the safety of consumer products on behalf of consumers.

**Additional Information About the Request for Approval of a Collection of Information**

*Agency address:* Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Title of information collection:* Consumer Focus Groups.

*Type of request:* Approval of collection of information.