

regulations. As published, the Notice contains errors which may prove to be misleading and need to be clarified.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Mikkelsen, Warehouse and Inventory Division, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 0553, Washington, DC 20250-0553, telephone (202) 720-7433, FAX (202) 690-3123.

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, in the notice (FR Doc. 97-16248), published on June 20, 1997, page (62 FR 33583), in the second column, correct the following to read:

Tobacco and Wool

Annual fee: \$15 for each 100,000 pounds of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$575.

Inspection fee: \$15 for each 100,000 pounds of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$150 nor more than \$1,500.

Nuts

Annual fee: 13¢ for each 100 short tons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$575.

Inspection fee: \$7 for each 100 short tons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, of peanuts, and \$13 for each 1,000 hundredweight, or fraction thereof, of other nuts, but in no case less than \$150 nor more than \$1,500.

Syrup

Annual fee: \$5 for each 5,000 gallons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$575.

Inspection fee: \$5 for each 5,000 gallons, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$150 nor more than \$1,500.

Cottonseed

Annual fee: \$15 for each 1,000 short tons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$575.

Inspection fee: \$15 for each 1,000 short tons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$150 nor more than \$1,500.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on July 31, 1997.

Bruce R. Weber,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

National Commission on Small Farms; Meeting

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service

ACTION: Notice of public meeting. Request for comments and recommendations.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture by Departmental Regulation No. 1043-43 dated July 9, 1997, established the National Commission on Small Farms (Commission) and further identified NRCS to provide support to the Commission. The purpose of the Commission is to gather and analyze information regarding small farms and ranches and recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture a national policy and strategy to ensure their continued viability. This notice seeks comments on issues that the Commission should address and recommendations that the Commission could consider as part of its report. The second public meeting of the Commission will be August 21-22, 1997.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations must be received on or before September 22, 1997. These comments will be summarized and presented to the Commission for their consideration.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF MEETING: The Commission's second meeting will be at the Best Western Ramkota Inn, 2400 North Louise, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The Commission will meet from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on August 21 to conduct an organizational business meeting. This meeting is open to the public; however, the committee does not plan to hear public testimony at this session. The Commission will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on August 22. From 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. the Commission will continue to conduct an organizational business meeting. Starting at 10:15 a.m., the Commission will hear public testimony. We are seeking testimony from various sources to arrive at conclusions and recommendations that will ensure the continued viability of small farms. The Commission requests that testimony include ideas and recommendations based on the following questions. Concerns or problems of individual farms that relate to specific USDA programs should be addressed only in the context of a recommendation for the Commission to consider.

The questions are:

1. How are current USDA programs helping or hurting the viability of small farms?

2. What are the needs of small farms in terms of financing, research, extension, marketing and risk management and other areas? What recommendations would you make about these needs that could be part of a long-range strategy to ensure the continued viability of small farms?

3. Are there innovative non-governmental or state efforts to assist beginning and smaller independent farms that might be replicated or supplemented at the Federal level?

4. What changes in USDA policy or practices are needed to make USDA programs in the areas of credit, research, extension, marketing, risk management and other areas more effective in enabling small farms to survive and thrive?

5. What new programs could provide effective and affordable support for small farmers as commodity programs are phased out?

6. What can be done to assist beginning farmers and farm workers to become farmer owners?

7. What role should the Federal government play to ensure a diversified, decentralized and competitive farm structure?

8. What do small farms contribute to your community and your state?

9. What other generic issues pertaining to small farms should the Commission consider?

Interested parties wishing to testify must contact the office of the National Commission on Small Farms by August 15, 1997 in order to be placed on a list of witnesses. Oral presentations will be limited to 5 minutes. Those wishing to testify, but unable to notify the Commission office by August 15, will be able to sign up as a presenter August 22. Sign up will begin at 12:30 p.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. These presenters will testify on a first come, first served basis and comments will be limited based on the time available and the number of presenters. Written statements will be accepted at the meeting or may be mailed or faxed to the Commission office by September 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments and statements should be sent to National Commission on Small Farms, U.S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 2890, Room 5237, South Building, Washington, D.C. 20013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Yezak Molen, Director, National Commission on Small Farms, at the address above or at (202) 690-0648 or

(202) 690-0673. The fax number is (202) 720-0596.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Commission is to gather and evaluate background information, studies, and data pertinent to small farms and ranches, including limited-resource farmers. On the basis of the review, the Commission shall analyze all relevant issues and make findings, develop strategies, and make recommendations for consideration by the Secretary of Agriculture toward a national strategy on small farms. The national strategy shall include, but not be limited to: changes in existing policies, programs, regulations, training, and program delivery and outreach systems; approaches that assist beginning farmers and involve the private sectors and government, including assurances that the needs of minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are addressed; areas where new partnerships and collaborations are needed; and other approaches that it would deem advisable or which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service may request the Commission to consider.

The Secretary of Agriculture has determined that the work of the Commission is in the public interest and within the duties and responsibilities of USDA. Establishment of the Commission also implements a recommendation of the USDA Civil Rights Action Report to appoint a diverse commission to develop a national policy on small farms.

Dated: August 1, 1997.

Pearlie S. Reed,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Florida State University, et al.; 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 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instruments described below, for such purposes as each is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

Docket Number: 97-038. *Applicant:* Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32310. *Instrument:* EPR W-Band System, Model ELEXSYS.

Manufacturer: Bruker Instruments, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 62 FR 32296, June 13, 1997. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides operation at a frequency of 95 GHz for maximal sensitivity and precise control of temperature over the range of 4-300 degrees Kelvin. *Advice received from:* National Institutes of Health, June 26, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-041. *Applicant:* University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7310.

Instrument: Graphite Aerosol Generator, Model GFG-1000. *Manufacturer:* Palas GmbH, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 62 FR 32766, June 17, 1997.

Reasons: The foreign instrument provides uniform particle agglomerates that are similar to natural soot particles with a size less than 0.1 µm. *Advice received from:* National Institutes of Health, June 26, 1997.

The National Institutes of Health advises in its memoranda that (1) the capabilities of each of the foreign instruments described above are pertinent to each applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows 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

University of Oklahoma, Notice of Decision on Applications for Duty-free Entry of Scientific Instruments

This is a decision 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 5:00 PM in Room 4211, U.S. Department of

Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Decision: Denied. Applicant has failed to establish that domestic instruments of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the intended purposes are not available.

Reasons: Section 301.5(e)(4) of the regulations requires the denial of applications that have been denied without prejudice to resubmission if they are not resubmitted within the specified time period. This is the case for the following docket.

Docket Number: 96-094. *Applicant:* University of Oklahoma, Purchasing Department, 660 Parrington Oval, Room 321, Norman, OK 73019. *Instrument:* Eye Movement Measuring Device. *Manufacturer:* Dr. Bouis, Germany. *Date of Denial without Prejudice to Resubmission:* April 14, 1997.

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, D.C. 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, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 97-059. *Applicant:* University of Connecticut, School of Pharmacy, 372 Fairfield Road, Storrs, CT 06269-2092. *Instrument:* Interfacial Rheometer, Model CIR-100.

Manufacturer: Camtel Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used to investigate the interfacial rheology of proteins, surfactants and other surface active agents and determine their film strength. These investigations will be conducted in order (1) to obtain a clear understanding