

977, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225. *Instrument:* Mass Spectrometer, Model Optima. *Manufacturer:* Micromass, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used to study the stable isotope variations that resulted during the formation and history of rocks, minerals and gases from a variety of geologic sites and contexts. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: December 30, 1996.

Docket Number: 96-148. *Applicant:* Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Bell House, MS 39, 221 Oyster Pond Road, Woods Hole, MA 02543-1531. *Instrument:* Mass Spectrometer, Model MAT ELEMENT. *Manufacturer:* Finnigan MAT, Germany. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used for elemental and isotopic analyses of seawater, sediments, microfossils, plankton, corals and rocks. Applications will range from the study of natural and artificial radionuclides in the environment, the marine chemistry of trace metals, ecotoxicology, petrology of basaltic rocks, paleoceanographic studies, climate change studies, etc. In addition, the instrument will be used to instruct students in its use. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: December 31, 1996.

Docket Number: 96-149. *Applicant:* University of Vermont, Department of Physical Therapy, 305 Rowell Building, Burlington, VT 05405-0068. *Instrument:* Motion Analysis System and Telemg System, Model Elite Plus. *Manufacturer:* Bioengineering Technology & Systems, Italy. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used for human movement studies focusing on human gait, posture and balance and upper extremity movement. These studies are aimed at quantifying and understanding normal and disordered human movement from neurological, physiologic, biomechanical and behavioral perspectives. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* December 31, 1996.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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University of Wyoming; 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: 96-117. *Applicant:* University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY 82071-3006. *Instrument:* Electron Microprobe, Model JXA-8900/5CH. *Manufacturer:* JEOL Ltd., Japan. *Intended Use:* See notice at 61 FR 66017, December 16, 1996.

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 high accuracy elemental analysis of surface microareas with a scanning image magnification of $\times 40$ to 300 000 (WD: 11 mm) and a secondary electron image resolution to 6 nm. The National Institute of Standards and Technology advises 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.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Environmental Protection Agency

Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program: Proposed Findings Documents, Environmental Assessments, and Findings of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, and Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Proposed Findings Documents, Environmental Assessments, and Findings of No Significant Impact on Approval of Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Programs for New Hampshire, Mississippi, Alabama and Oregon.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the availability of the Proposed Findings Documents, Environmental Assessments (EA's), and Findings of No Significant Impact for New Hampshire, Mississippi, Alabama and Oregon. Coastal states and

territories were required to submit their coastal nonpoint programs to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval in July 1995. The Findings documents were prepared by NOAA and EPA to provide the rationale for the agencies' decision to approve each state and territory coastal nonpoint pollution control program. Section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA), 16 U.S.C. section 1455b, requires states and territories with coastal zone management programs that have received approval under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act to develop and implement coastal nonpoint pollution control programs. The EA's were prepared by NOAA, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. sections 4321 *et seq.*, to assess the environmental impacts associated with the approval of the coastal nonpoint pollution control programs submitted to NOAA and EPA by New Hampshire, Mississippi, Alabama and Oregon.

NOAA and EPA have proposed to approve, with conditions, the coastal nonpoint pollution control programs submitted by New Hampshire, Mississippi, Alabama and Oregon. The requirements of 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 (Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations to implement the National Environmental Policy Act) apply to the preparation of the Environmental Assessments. Specifically, 40 CFR section 1506.6 requires agencies to provide public notice of the availability of environmental documents. This notice is part of NOAA's action to comply with this requirement.

Copies of the Proposed Findings Documents, Environmental Assessments, and Findings of No Significant Impact may be obtained upon request from: Joseph P. Flanagan, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, tel. (301) 713-3121, x201.

DATES: Individuals or organizations wishing to submit comments on the proposed Findings or Environmental Assessments should do so by March 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be made to: Joseph A. Uravitch, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, tel. (301) 713-3155, x195.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419
Coast Zone Management Program
Administration)

Dated: February 6, 1997.

David L. Evans,

*Acting Deputy Assistant, Administrator for
Ocean Services and Coastal Zone
Management, National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration.*

Robert H. Wayland, III,

*Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and
Watersheds, Environmental Protection
Agency.*

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery
Management Council (Council) will
convene a public meeting of the
Standing and Special Reef Fish
Scientific and Statistical Committee
(SSC).

DATES: The meeting will be held on
March 3, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00
p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at
the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza, 333
Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA;
telephone 504-525-9444.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico
Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S.
Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa,
FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director,
Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management
Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Reef
Fish SSC will review additional
analyses of shrimp trawl bycatch of red
snapper prepared by NMFS. These
analyses may include revisions to the
data base and to the methodology based
on recommendations developed at the
Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel
(RFSAP) meeting held February 12-14,
1997.

The SSC will also consider
recommendations, if any, of the RFSAP
for phasing in over a 3-year period
levels of total allowable catch, bag
limits, and quotas for vermilion snapper
in the Gulf of Mexico. The SSC will
develop their recommendations to the
Council on these issues.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible
to people with disabilities. Requests for
sign language interpretation or other
auxiliary aids should be directed to
Anne Alford at the Council (see
ADDRESSES) by February 24, 1997.

Dated: February 5, 1997.

Bruce Morehead,

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable
Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. 970129014-7014-01]

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Interim Guidelines for the Examination of Claims Directed to Species of Chemical Compositions Based Upon a Single Prior Art Reference

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office,
Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Patent and Trademark
Office (PTO) requests comments from
any interested member of the public on
interim guidelines to be used by office
personnel in their review of patent
applications which contain claims
directed to a species or subgenus of
chemical compositions for compliance
with 35 U.S.C. 103 based upon a single
prior art reference which discloses a
genus embracing the claimed species or
subgenus but does not expressly
describe the particular claimed species
or subgenus.

DATES: The interim guidelines are
effective February 11, 1997.

Written comments on the interim
guidelines will be accepted by the PTO
until April 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should
be addressed to the attention of Linda
Moncys Isacson, Office of the Solicitor,
P.O. Box 15667, Arlington, Virginia
22215 or to Linda S. Therkorn, Box
Comments, Assistant Commissioner for
Patents, Washington, DC. 20231, or by
facsimile transmission to (703) 305-
9373 or by electronic mail to baird-
comments@uspto.gov.

Written comments will be made
available for public inspection at the
Patent Search Room, Crystal Plaza 3,
2021 South Clark Place, Arlington, VA.
In addition, comments provided in
machine-readable format will be
available through the PTO's Website at
<http://www.uspto.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Linda Moncys Isacson, Office of the

Solicitor, P.O. Box 15667, Arlington,
Virginia 22215 or Linda S. Therkorn,
Box Comments, Assistant Commissioner
for Patents, Washington, DC. 20231, or
by facsimile transmission to (703) 305-
9373 or by electronic mail to baird-
comments@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Commissioner of Patents and
Trademarks issued a Notice in the
Official Gazette (O.G.) on April 17, 1995
(1174 O.G. 68), withdrawing the Office's
March 22, 1994 O.G. Notice (1161 O.G.
314). Both notices were entitled "In re
Baird." Pursuant to the April 17, 1995
O.G. Notice, the following interim
examination guidelines are being
published for public comment. The
purpose of these guidelines is to assist
PTO personnel in the examination of
applications which contain claims
directed to a species or subgenus of
chemical compositions for compliance
with 35 U.S.C. 103 based upon a single
prior art reference which discloses a
genus embracing the claimed species or
subgenus but does not expressly
describe the particular claimed species
or subgenus. Thereof, these interim
guidelines will be referred to as "Genus-
Species Guidelines."

It has been determined that these
interim guidelines are not a significant
rule for purposes of Executive Order
12866. Because these guidelines govern
internal practices, they are exempt from
notice and comment rulemaking under
5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A).

Members of the public may present
written comments on these guidelines.
Written comments should include the
following information:

- Name and affiliation of the individual
responding;
- An indication of whether the
comments offered represent views of
the respondent's organization or are
the respondent's personal views; and
- If applicable, information on the
respondent's organization, including
the type of organization (e.g.,
business, trade group, university,
nonprofit organization).

The PTO is particularly interested in
comments relating to the accuracy of the
emphasized prior art teachings, and
comments identifying any additional
teachings that should be emphasized in
determining whether a prima facie case
of obviousness exists in the types of
cases covered by these interim
guidelines. The PTO is also interested in
comments relating to the effect these
guidelines may have on future
application submissions.