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Dated: September 29, 1976.

ROBERT E. SHEPHERD,
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Resources and Trade Assistance.

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MANAGEMENT-LABOR TEXTILE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. I (Supp. V, 1975), notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Management-Labor Textile Advisory Committee will be held on November 4, 1976 at 1:30 pm in Room 6802, Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

The Committee, which is comprised of 36 members, was established by the Secretary of Commerce on April 23, 1962 to advise U.S. Government officials on problems and conditions in the textile and apparel industry and furnish information on world trade in textiles and apparel.

The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

1. Review of import trends.
2. Implementation of textile agreements.
3. Report on conditions in the domestic market.
4. Other business.

A limited number of seats will be available to the public on a first-come basis. The public may file written statements with the Committee before or after each meeting. Oral statements may be permitted at the end of the meeting to the extent time is available.

Copies of the minutes of the meeting will be made available on written request addressed to the DIBA Freedom of Information Officer, Freedom of Information Control Desk, Room 3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

Further information concerning the Committee may be obtained from Arthur Garel, Director, Office of Textiles, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, telephone 202-377-5078.

Dated: Sept. 29, 1976.

ROBERT E. SHEPHERD,
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Resources and Trade Assistance.

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VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY, ET AL.

Consolidated Decision on Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Articles

The following is a consolidated decision on applications for duty-free entry of scientific articles pursuant to section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897) and the regulations issued thereunder as amended (15 CFR Part 301).

A copy of the record pertaining to each of the applications in this consolidated decision is available for public review during ordinary business hours of the Department of Commerce, at the Special Import Programs Division, Office of Import Programs, Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

Decision: Applications denied. Applicants have failed to establish that instruments or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign articles, for such purposes as the foreign articles are intended to be used, are not being manufactured in the United States.

Reasons: Subsection 301.8 of the Regulations provides in pertinent part:

The applicant shall on or before the 20th day following the date of such notice, inform the Deputy Assistant Secretary whether it intends to resubmit another application for the same article for the same intended purposes to which the denied application relates. The applicant shall then resubmit the new application on or before the 90th day following the date of the notice of denial without prejudice to resubmission, unless an extension of time is granted by the Deputy Assistant Secretary in writing prior to the expiration of the 90 day period * * *. If the applicant fails, within the applicable time periods specified above, to either (a) inform the Deputy Assistant Secretary whether it intends to resubmit another application for the same article to which the denial without prejudice to resubmission relates, or (b) resubmit the new application, the prior denial without prejudice to resubmission shall have the effect of a final decision by the Deputy Assistant Secretary on the application within the context of § 301.11.

The meaning of the subsection is that should an applicant either fail to notify the Deputy Assistant Secretary of its intent to resubmit another application for the same article to which the denial without prejudice relates within the 20 day period, or fails to resubmit a new application within the 90 day period, the prior denial without prejudice to resubmission will have the effect of a final denial of the application.

None of the applicants to which this consolidated decision relates has satisfied the requirements set forth above, therefore, the prior denials without prejudice have the effect of a final decision denying their respective applications.

Subsection 301.8 further provides:

* * * the Deputy Assistant Secretary shall transmit a summary of the prior denial without prejudice to resubmission to the FEDERAL REGISTER for publication, to the Commissioner of Customs, and to the applicant.

Each of the prior denials without prejudice to resubmission to which this consolidated decision relates was based on the failure of the respective applicants to submit the required documentation, including a completely executed application form, in sufficient detail to allow the issue of "scientific equivalency" to be determined by the Deputy Assistant Secretary.

Docket Number: 74-00450-33-46070.
Applicant: Virginia Commonwealth University, Medical Health Sciences Center, Medical College of Virginia, 1200 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Article: Scanning Electron Microscope, Model JSM-S1. Date of denial without prejudice to resubmission: April 16, 1976.

Docket Number: 75-00501-01-11000.
Applicant: Indiana State Department of Mental Health, 3989 Meadows Drive, Suite 1, Indianapolis, IN 46205. **Article:** Gas Chromatograph-Mass Spectrometer, Model LKB 9000S. Date of denial without prejudice to resubmission: May 6, 1976.

Docket Number: 76-00289. **Applicant:** The University of Tennessee, Purchasing Department, 2200 Andy Holt Ave., Knoxville, TN 37916. **Article:** Automatic Milko-Tester, Model F3120 and accessories. Date of denial without prejudice to resubmission: May 7, 1976.

Docket Number: 76-00313. **Applicant:** University of California, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, East End of Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, California 94720. **Article:** UV Photon Source, Model 22-101, Model 22-101A UV Lamp, Power Supply, and Cable. Date of denial without prejudice to resubmission: May 7, 1976.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 11.105, Importation of Duty-Free Educational and Scientific Materials)

RICHARD M. SEPPA,
Director, Special Import Programs Division.

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WAKE FOREST UNIV. ET AL. Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Articles

The following are notices of the receipt of applications for duty-free entry of scientific articles pursuant to § 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651; 80 Stat. 897). Interested persons may present their views with respect to the question of whether an instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value for the purposes for which the article is intended to be used is being manufactured in the United States. Such comments must be filed in triplicate with the Director, Special Import Programs Division, Office of Import Programs, Washington, D.C. 20230, on or before October 26, 1976.

Amended regulations issued under cited Act, (15 CFR Part 301) prescribe the requirements applicable to comments.

A copy of each application is on file, and may be examined during ordinary Commerce Department business hours at the Special Import Programs Division, Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

Docket Number: 76-00537. **Applicant:** Sandia Laboratories, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87115. **Article:** Scanning Electron Microscope, Model S-500 and accessories. **Manufacturer:** Hitachi, Ltd., Japan. **Intended use of article:** The article is intended to be used for the examination of a broad range of materials including: weapons devices and components, alloys, semi-conductor materials, glasses and

ceramics, plastics, foams, and epoxies, and composites. Typical objectives of the experiments to be conducted are: (1) To determine cause of failures of devices or components, (2) To identify corrosion products or contaminants, (3) To evaluate bond strengths, (4) To relate topography to fabrication parameters, (5) To establish the effects of radiation on structure, and (6) To determine fracture mechanisms. Application received by Commissioner of Customs: September 14, 1976.

Docket Number: 76-00538. Applicant: Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University, 300 S. Hawthorne Road, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103. Article: Electron Microscope, Model EM 400 HTG and accessories. Manufacturer: Philips Electronics Instruments NVD, The Netherlands. Intended use of article: The article is intended to be used in the departments of Comparative Medicine and Pathology for research projects of a varied nature which include the following:

(1) Department of Comparative Medicine—Ultrastructural characteristics, distribution and biosynthesis of arterial proteoglycans. Permeability changes of arterial endothelium in early atherosclerosis. Biosynthesis of connective tissue components by cultured smooth muscle cells and its metabolic implications in health and disease. Lysosomal changes in smooth muscle cells *in vivo* and *in vitro* under various experimental conditions. Morphogenesis and evolution of early lesion in experimental atherosclerosis. Morphogenesis and evolution of lesion-regression in experimental atherosclerosis. Production of animal models of human diseases principally cardiovascular diseases.

(2) Department of Pathology—Characterization of arterial lesions in human renovascular hypertension. Structural and angiochemical studies in human aortic medionecrosis. Correlative clinical and ultrastructural studies in human glomerular diseases. Ultrastructural characteristics and differentiating features of human malignant neoplasms.

The article is also intended to be used for educational purposes in the following courses for graduate and postgraduates:

(1) 301. Introduction to Animal experimentation—A course designed to provide the student with a knowledge of the biology and care of laboratory animals.

(2) 404. Animal Models in Biomedical Research—A course to provide the student with the current knowledge about animal models useful in biomedical research.

(3) 409-410. Advanced Topics in Comparative Medicine—An advanced lecture and student participation course dealing with areas of new knowledge in comparative medicine.

(4) 415-416. Advanced Topics in Pathology—An advanced lecture and student participation course dealing with areas of new knowledge in pathobiology.

(5) 417. Pathobiology of Atherosclerosis—A lecture course exploring in

depth the pathogenetic mechanisms which underlie this most prevalent human disease.

In addition, all students and fellows have an introductory practical course on the techniques and use of the electron microscope. Application received by Commissioner of Customs: September 14, 1976.

Docket Number: 76-00539. Applicant: Oklahoma Children's Memorial Hospital, 940 N.E. 13th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73126. Article: Electron Microscope, Model JEM 100C with side entry goniometer and accessories. Manufacturer: JEOL Ltd., Japan. Intended use of article: The article is intended to be used for the examination and investigation of biological materials related primarily to effects of disease or experimental conditions on living systems. Experiments to be conducted will include: (1) Studies of viral infestations as possible etiological explanations for various diseases in children. (2) Studies of the role of platelets and plasma clotting proteins in the formation of clots both *in vivo* and in model systems. (3) Studies of specific labeling of membrane constituents to map topography of membranes and changes which alter when parameters are altered.

The article will also be used in a course in Electron Microscopy to train people in fields other than morphological sciences how to use electron microscopy to acquire information about the molecular structure of their experimental systems to augment their own particular expertise. Application received by Commissioner of Customs: September 14, 1976.

Docket Number: 76-00540. Applicant: Eye & Ear Hospital, 230 Lothrop Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Article: Ultramicrotome, Model LKB 8800A and accessories. Manufacturer: LKB-Produkt AB, Sweden. Intended use of article: The article is intended to be used for studies of biological tissues which range in hardness from very soft (inner ear receptor cells), to medium hardness (myelinated nerve fibers), to very hard (calcium carbonate otolithic membrane and petrous bone). The research to be conducted will involve the study of the normal and pathologic anatomy of the inner ear. This includes ultrastructural studies and analysis of both single and serial sections. In addition, the article will be used in the course Graduate Research in Anatomy which includes basic electron microscopic techniques in sample preparation, sectioning, instrument operation, dark room procedures, and techniques available for quantitative analysis of data. Application received by Commissioner of Customs: September 14, 1976.

Docket Number: 76-00541. Applicant: Medical College of Pennsylvania, 3300 Henry Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19129. Article: Electron Microscope, Model EM 10A and accessories. Manufacturer: Carl Zeiss, West Germany. Intended use of article: The article is intended to be used for cancer and pulmonary research, study clinical biopsy materials from patients, and for training pathology residents in electron

microscopy. The article will provide an essential function in several distinct programs of research, including (1) the bioassay of urinary bladder cancer, (2) the biology of pulmonary macrophages, (3) the transport and permeability characteristics of cancerous epithelium, and (4) selective aspects of diagnostic surgical pathology. Application received by Commissioner of Customs: September 14, 1976.

Docket Number: 76-00542. Applicant: Duke University Medical Center, Box 3094, Durham, N.C. 27710. Article: Centronic Quadrupole Medical Gas Analyser, MGA 200 and accessories. Manufacturer: Twentieth Century Electronics, United Kingdom. Intended use of article: The article is intended to be used to analyze up to eight individual gases simultaneously either in a breathing mixture or in blood or other tissue fluids following, on a moment-to-moment basis, changes in gas composition in a given respired gas mixture. In addition, the article will be used to identify and subsequently, to analyze a wide variety of gases in both hyperbaric and operating room environments. This not only includes gaseous contaminants but also includes all general anesthetic gases and vapors. Water vapor content in the breath will also be analyzed on a moment-to-moment basis. Application received by Commissioner of Customs: September 16, 1976.

Docket Number: 76-00544. Applicant: Bucknell University and Gelsinger Medical Center, Lewisburg, PA 17837 and Danville, PA 17821. Article: Electron Microscope, Model EM 201 and accessories. Manufacturer: Philips Electronics Instruments NVD, The Netherlands. Intended use of article: The article is intended to be used in the following research projects:

(a) The morphology of isolated membrane and organelle fractions from rat testis.

(b) Alterations in testicular ultrastructure following vitamin A depletion or administration of THC and other cannabinoids.

(c) Ultrastructural changes induced in liver and brain tissues following administration of THC or other cannabis derivatives.

(d) The distribution of ferritin labeled plant lectins and antibodies on lymphocyte plasma membranes of normal and cystic fibrosis patients.

(e) Ultrastructure of renal biopsy material.

(f) Ultrastructure of cardiac muscle obtained via biopsy prior to cardiac surgery.

(g) Submit structure of lipoamide dehydrogenase and other macromolecular complexes.

(h) Ultrastructure of *Golenkinia* and other algal cultures.

(i) Ultrastructure of the y-gland in crustaceans.

(j) Ultrastructure of *Drosophila* chromosomes.

The article will also be used for educational purposes in the following courses:

(1) Molecular Cytology (Biology 351)—emphasizes the basic structure of biological membranes and systematically surveys the various membrane systems and organelles which comprise the eucaryotic cell.

(2) Techniques in Electron Microscopy (Biology 353)—provides actual instruction in the use of the various instruments associated with electron microscopy and also provides the student with the theoretical background necessary for independent work in an electron microscopy laboratory.

(3) Independent Research (Biology 350, 360)—allows for individual student research in an area of their own interest. Application received by Commissioner of Customs: Sept. 17, 1976.

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RICHARD M. SEPPA,
Director, Special Import
Programs Division.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL FISHERY
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Meeting Place Changed

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting October 26 through October 28, 1976, 9:00 a.m. at the Ramada Inn, 225 McClellan Highway, East Boston, Massachusetts of the New England Regional Fishery Management Council which was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, September 22, 1976, Volume 41, No. 185 (41 FR 41446).

The meeting is now scheduled for October 26, 27, 28, 1976 from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; and 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. respectively at the J. B. Hynes Auditorium, 900 Boylston Street, Room 201, Boston, Massachusetts.

Dated: September 29, 1976.

JACK W. GEHRINGER,
Deputy Director, National
Marine Fisheries Service.

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Office of the Secretary

[Dept. Organization Order 10-8; Amdt. 1]

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MARITIME
AFFAIRS

Delegation of Authority

AUGUST 27, 1976.

This order effective August 27, 1976 amends the material appearing at 38 FR 19707 of July 23, 1973.

Department Organization Order 10-8, dated July 5, 1973, is hereby amended as shown below. The purpose of this amendment is to revise the delegation of authority to the Assistant Secretary for Maritime Affairs, in accordance with Executive Order 11490, as amended by Executive Order 11921, to include several emergency functions assigned to MARAD

but not specifically delegated in the current order.

SECTION 3. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Substitute the following subparagraph for subparagraph .011.

"1. Executive Order 10480, as amended, and Executive Order 11490, as amended, with respect to defense mobilization and emergency preparedness of coastwise, intercoastal and overseas shipping, ports and port facilities, ship construction, conversion and repair, and support functions related thereto;"

JOSEPH E. KASPUTYS,
Assistant Secretary for
Administration.

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[Department Organization Order 25-5B,
Amdt. 2]

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND
ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Delegate of Authority

SEPTEMBER 7, 1976.

This order effective September 7, 1976 further amends the materials appearing at 41 FR 795 of January 5, 1976 and 41 FR 36061 of August 25, 1976.

Department Organization Order 25-5B, dated December 4, 1975 is hereby further amended as shown below. The purpose of this amendment is to establish the new Office of Ocean Engineering under the NOAA Administrator by combining: the Manned Undersea Science and Technology program under the Associate Administrator for Marine Resources, the Data Buoy Office under the National Ocean Survey, and the standards development, interlaboratory collaboration and related interagency relationships and international programs of the NOS National Oceanographic Instrumentation Center.

1. SECTION 5. ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR MARINE RESOURCES. a. The first paragraph is revised by inserting the words "ocean engineering," after the word "charting," in both the third and last lines.

b. The tenth paragraph is revised by deleting the words, "the manned undersea science and technology program and other."

2.a. A new Section 9. is added to read as follows:

"SECTION 9. OFFICE OF OCEAN ENGINEERING. The Office of Ocean Engineering shall exercise functional review over, and recommend policy and plans for, all of NOAA's ocean engineering and instrumentation programs. It should conduct an integrated program of research, technology development, and services related to ocean engineering and undersea operations; and serve as a national focal point for knowledge related to civil ocean engineering, a catalyst for industrial ocean engineering development, and a

mechanism for technology transfer from military and space fields."

b. Sections 9. through 18. are renumbered as Sections 10. through 19., respectively.

3. SECTION 14. NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY. a. Paragraph .06 is revised to read as follows:

".06 The Office of Marine Technology shall act as the focus of the NOS effort for technology related to testing, evaluation, and calibration of sensing systems for ocean use; and shall enhance the quality of such systems by the dissemination of operational results and technical information to the national oceanographic community. It shall provide NOAA with marine systems technology, ocean engineering, sensor systems, buoy systems, data automation systems, and other technology functions as may be assigned; and shall assist with the design, development, and procurement in these technical areas."

b. Paragraph .08 is revised to read as follows:

".08 The Atlantic and Pacific Marine Centers shall direct the operation of ocean-going survey ships; maintain ship bases at Norfolk, Miami, and Seattle; operate shore facilities for processing oceanographic data and compiling photogrammetric survey data; and manage photogrammetric field units. The Atlantic Marine Center shall also manage hydrographic, tide, and water level field units. The Atlantic Marine Center shall provide its own administrative support except where it is determined to be more practical and advantageous to NOAA to have the services furnished by other NOAA components. The Atlantic Marine Center shall provide such services to other NOAA components as directed. The Pacific Marine Center shall obtain its administrative support from the Northwest Administrative Service Office."

4. The organization chart, Exhibit 1, attached to this amendment supersedes the organization chart dated July 1, 1976. A copy of the organization chart is on file with the original of this document with the Office of the Federal Register.

JOSEPH E. KASPUTYS,
Assistant Secretary for
Administration.

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[Department Organization Order 30-7A,
Amdt. 1]

NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION
SERVICE

Delegation of Authority

SEPTEMBER 9, 1976.

This order effective September 9, 1976 amends the material appearing at 41 FR 18538 of May 5, 1976.

Department Organization Order 30-7A of April 9, 1976 is hereby amended as shown below. The purpose of this amendment is to delegate authority for operating the Federal Software Exchange Center to NTIS.

1. SECTION 3. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY. a. In pen and ink, renumber subparagraph 3.01c. as 3.01d.

b. A new subparagraph 3.01c. is added to read as follows:

"c. Temporary Regulation E-46 of the Federal Property Management Regulations, 41 FR 16882, and the provisions of an interagency agreement between NTIS, Department of Commerce, and the Automatic Data and Telecommunications Service of the General Services Administration."

2. SECTION 4. FUNCTIONS. a. In pen and ink, remove the word "and" at the end of subparagraph 4.i.

b. In pen and ink, remove the period at the end of subparagraph 4.j. and after the word "policy" insert: "; and".

c. A new subparagraph 4.k. is added to read as follows:

"k. Operate the Federal Software Exchange Center in accordance with policies, procedures and controls prescribed in an interagency agreement between NTIS, Department of Commerce, and the Automatic Data and Telecommunications Service of the General Services Administration."

JOSEPH E. KASPUTYS,
Assistant Secretary for
Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health
Administration

MINORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix I), announcement is made of the following National Advisory body scheduled to assemble during the month of October 1976:

MINORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ADAMHA

October 20-22—Open Meeting

October 20, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room E, Parklawn Bldg., 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20852

October 21, 9:00 a.m., George Washington University, Marvin Center, Room 401, 800 21st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

October 22, 9:00 a.m., Room 873, Rockwall Bldg., 11400 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852

Contact Ernest F. Hurst, Room 13C-15, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20852, 301-443-3838

Purpose: The Minority Advisory Committee, ADAMHA, advises the Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and the Administrator, Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration, on needs, programs, and activities regarding minority alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health matters; and makes recommendations for possible solutions which meet the needs and concerns of minority groups throughout the United States. The Committee functions in an advisory capacity to the Administrator, ADAMHA, on these matters which relate to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Institute of Mental Health.

Agenda: This meeting will be open to the public. On October 20 the Committee will have a discussion with the Administrator, ADAMHA, and a panel presentation by the Institute Directors with a question-and-answer session. On October 21, there will be a Planning Session to discuss Committee FY 1977 operations, priority issues, objectives and responsibilities. On October 22, the Planning Session will continue in the morning with further orientation by Institute staff in the afternoon.

Substantive program information may be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Mr. James C. Helsing, Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs, ADAMHA, will furnish, on request, summaries of the meeting and a roster of the committee members. Mr. Helsing is located in Room 16-95, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20852, 301-443-3783.

Dated: September 28, 1976.

CAROLYN T. EVANS,
Committee Management Officer,
Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and
Mental Health Administration.

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Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 76G-0348]

DYNAMIT NOBEL OF AMERICA

Filing of Petition for Affirmation of GRAS Status

Pursuant to provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (secs. 201 (s), 409, 701(a), 52 Stat. 1055, 72 Stat. 1784-1788 (21 U.S.C. 321(s), 348, 371 (a))) and the regulations for affirmation of GRAS status (21 CFR 121.40), published in the FEDERAL REGISTER of December 2, 1972 (37 FR 25705), notice is given that a petition (GRASP 5G0057) has been filed by Dynamit Nobel of America, 105 Stonehurst Ct., Northvale, NJ 07647, and placed on public display at the office of the Hearing Clerk, Food and Drug Administration, proposing affirmation that a triglyceride mixture of caprylic and capric acids to be used as a surface finishing agent, formulation aid, lubricant and release agent, and in dietary foods is generally recognized as safe (GRAS) for use in human food.

Any petition which meets the format requirements outlined in 21 CFR 121.40 is filed by the Food and Drug Administration. There is no pre-filing review of the adequacy of data to support a GRAS conclusion. Thus the filing of a petition for GRAS affirmation should not be interpreted as a preliminary indication of suitability for affirmation.

Interested persons may, on or before December 3, 1976, review the petition and/or file comments (preferably in quintuplicate) with the Hearing Clerk, Food and Drug Administration, Rm. 4-65, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852. Comments should include any available information that would be helpful in de-

termining whether the substance is, or is not, generally recognized as safe. A copy of the petition and received comments may be seen in the office of the Hearing Clerk, address given above, during working hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: September 24, 1976.

HOWARD R. ROBERTS,
Acting Director, Bureau of Foods.

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[Docket No. 76C-0386]

ETHICON, INC.

Filing of Petition for Color Additive

Pursuant to provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 706(d), 74 Stat. 402 (21 U.S.C. 376(d))), notice is given that a petition (CAP 6C0126) has been filed by Ethicon, Inc., Route 22, Somerville, NJ 08876, proposing the issuance of a regulation (21 CFR Part 8) to provide for the safe and suitable use of D&C Green No. 5 under § 8.4069 (21 CFR 8.4069) for coloring nylon 6 nonabsorbable sutures for use in general surgery and by deleting the present requirement in § 8.4069(c)(2) that nylon (the copolymer of adipic acid and hexamethylene diamine) nonabsorbable sutures colored with D&C Green No. 5 conform in all respects to the requirements of the United States Pharmacopeia.

The environmental impact analysis report and other relevant material have been reviewed, and it has been determined that the proposed use of the additive will not have a significant environmental impact. Copies of the environmental impact analysis report may be seen in the office of the Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs, Rm. 15B-42 or the office of the Hearing Clerk, Food and Drug Administration, Rm. 4-65, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852, during working hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: September 24, 1976.

HOWARD R. ROBERTS,
Acting Director, Bureau of Foods.

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[Docket No. 76F-0392]

FOOD ADDITIVE

Cyclamate; Denial of Petition

The Commissioner of Food and Drugs is issuing an order denying a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of cyclamate in food. The order is effective October 4, 1976. Persons adversely affected by this order may file objections and request a public hearing on or before November 3, 1976.

Notice was given in the FEDERAL REGISTER of February 8, 1974 (39 FR 4935) that a petition (FAP 4A2975) had been filed by Abbott Laboratories, North Chicago, IL 60064, proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to pro-

vide for the safe use of cyclamic acid, calcium cyclamate, and sodium cyclamate as sweetening agents in food and for technological purposes in food other than for calorie reduction.

After extensive study of the petition and other information, including consideration of a report evaluating all available data relating to the carcinogenicity of cyclamate by a group of experts (The Temporary Committee for the Review of Data on Carcinogenicity of Cyclamate) empaneled by the National Cancer Institute, the Commissioner of Food and Drugs has concluded that the data submitted in support of the petition do not establish that cyclamic acid, calcium cyclamate, and sodium cyclamate are safe for their intended use.

Therefore, under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (secs. 201(s), 409(c)(1)(B), 701(a), 52 Stat. 1055, 72 Stat. 1784 as amended, 1786 (21 U.S.C. 321(s), 348(c)(1)(B), 371(a))) and under authority delegated to the Commissioner (21 CFR 5.1) (recodification published in the FEDERAL REGISTER of June 15, 1976 (41 FR 24262)): *It is ordered*, That the petition be denied and that no food additive regulations authorizing the use of cyclamates, including cyclamic acid, calcium cyclamate, and sodium cyclamate be issued.

Any person who will be adversely affected by the foregoing order may at any time on or before November 3, 1976, file with the Hearing Clerk, Food and Drug Administration, Rm. 4-65, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852, written objections thereto. Objections shall show wherein the person filing will be adversely affected by the order, specify with particularity the provisions of the order deemed objectionable, and state the grounds for the objections. If a hearing is requested, the objections shall state the issues for the hearing, shall be supported by grounds factually and legally sufficient to justify the relief sought, and shall include a detailed description and analysis of the factual information intended to be presented in support of the objections in the event that a hearing is held. Six copies of all documents shall be filed and should be identified with the Hearing Clerk docket number found in brackets in the heading of this order. Received objections may be seen in the above office during working hours, Monday through Friday.

This order shall be effective October 4, 1976.

Dated: September 28, 1976.

A. M. SCHMIDT,
Commissioner of Food and Drugs.

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Health Resources Administration
FEDERAL HOSPITAL COUNCIL
Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), announcement is made of the following National Advisory

body scheduled to assemble during the month of October 1976:

Name: Federal Hospital Council.

Date and Time: October 27, 1976, 9 a.m.-----
Place: Room 6C-09, Federal Building, 7550 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

Open for entire meeting.

Purpose: The Council advises the Secretary and Administrator, Health Resources Administration, on matters relating to the administration of the Hospital and Medical Facilities Survey and Construction Program and also advises and assists the Secretary in the preparation of general regulations to carry out the purposes of section 1122 of the Social Security Act.

Agenda: Agenda items include orientation of new Council members as to the Council's functions; discussion of responsibilities under section 1122 of the Social Security Act; discussion of the provisions of Public Law 93-641 and operations necessary for implementation; update on the progress of the Health Resources Administration in the implementation of P.L. 93-641; and other appropriate business as may be necessary.

The meeting is open to the public for observation and participation. Anyone wishing to participate, obtain a roster of members, minutes of meetings, or other relevant information should contact Mr. Henry S. Desjarlais, Room 420, Federal Building, Health Resources Administration, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014, Telephone (301) 496-9181.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: September 27, 1976.

JAMES A. WALSH,
Associate Administrator
for Operations and Management.

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HEALTH SERVICES DEVELOPMENTAL
GRANTS STUDY SECTION
Meetings

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), announcement is made of the following National Advisory body scheduled to assemble during the month of October 1976:

Name: Health Services Developmental Grants Study Section.

Date and Time: October 25-27, 1976, 8 p.m.
Place: October 25, Delaware Room, Holiday Inn of Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20014; and October 26-27, Conference Room G, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Open October 25, 8:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., closed for remainder of meeting.

Purpose: The Study Section is charged with the initial review of grant applications for Federal assistance in the program areas administered by the National Center for Health Services Research.

Agenda: Agenda items for the open portion of the meeting will cover minutes of the previous meeting; future meeting dates; and discussion of other related general matters. The remainder of the meeting will be closed to the public for the review of grant applications which relate to the development, utilization, quality, organization, and financing of services, facilities,

and resources of hospital care, and other medical facilities, in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552(b)(5) and (6), Title 5, U.S. Code and the Determination by the Administrator, Health Resources Administration, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members, minutes of the meetings, or other relevant information should contact Mr. David McFall, Room 15-29, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 443-2930.

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Social Security Administration

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES, ET AL.

Additional Redlegation of Authority Concerning the Disclosure to the Public of Performance Review Reports and Other Formal Evaluations Regarding the Performance of Medicare Contractors

Section 249C of Pub. L. 92-603 (the Social Security Amendments of 1972) added subsections (d) and (e) to section 1106 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306 (d) and (e)). Paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (d) authorize the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare to make available to each State agency operating a Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act, as amended (the Act) and, subject to the limitations contained in subsection (e) of section 1106, to make available for public inspection in readily accessible form and fashion, the following official reports dealing with the operation of those health programs established by titles XVIII and XIX of the Act, except that such reports are not to include references to any internal tolerance rules and practices, working papers or other informal memoranda:

I. Under paragraph (1), individual contractor performance reviews and other formal evaluations of the performance of carriers, intermediaries and State agencies, including reports of follow-up reviews; and

II. Under paragraph (2), comparative evaluations of the performance of such contractors, including comparisons of either overall performance or of any particular aspects of contractor operations.

Subsection (e) of section 1106 specifies that no report described in subsection (d) of that section shall be made public by the Secretary, or by a State agency performing functions on behalf of the Secretary under title XIX of the Act, until the contractor or provider of services whose performance is being evaluated has had a reasonable opportunity to review the report and to offer comments on it. This period for review and comment is not to exceed 60 days. Pertinent comments thus obtained may be incorporated in the public report.