

via the **Federal Register** on April 16, 2024 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* International Trade Administration, Commerce.

*Title:* SABIT Participant Application, Participant Surveys, Alumni Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0625–0225.

*Form Number(s):* ITA–4143P–3.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (revision of a currently approved information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 3,050.

*Average Hours per Response:* Participant application, 3 hours; participant pre-program survey, 6 minutes; participant post-program survey, 6 minutes; alumni survey, 1 hour.

*Burden Hours:* 6,655.

*Needs and Uses:* The SABIT Program of the Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA), is a key element in the U.S. Government's efforts to support the economic transition of Eurasia (the former Soviet Union) and to support economic growth in other regions of the world, including countries in Europe, South Asia, and the Middle East, et al. SABIT develops and implements two-week training programs in the United States for groups of up to 20 business and government professionals from Eurasia and other regions. These professionals meet with U.S.

government agencies, non-governmental organizations and private sector companies in order to learn about various business practices and principles. This unique private sector-U.S. Government partnership was created in order to tap into the U.S. private sector's expertise and to assist developing regions in their transition to market-based economies while simultaneously boosting trade between the United States and other countries. SABIT also develops and implements virtual events for its alumni and other participants that provide industry-specific training on best practices for business and management and fosters contacts with U.S. organizations.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* Each form is filled out once per respondent.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$120,318.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Section 632(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the "FAA"), and pursuant to the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2018 (Div. K, Pub.

L. 115–141); Foreign Aid and Transparency and Accountability Act of 2016.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0625–0225.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Harvard University et al.; Application(s) 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, as amended by Pub. L. 106–36; 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 postmarked on or before (Insert date 20 days after publication in the **Federal Register**). Address written comments to Statutory Import Programs Staff, Room 41006, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Please also email a copy of those comments to [Dianne.Hanshaw@trade.gov](mailto:Dianne.Hanshaw@trade.gov).

*Docket Number:* 24–013. Applicant: Harvard University, 17 Oxford Street, Jefferson 158, Cambridge, MA 02138. Instrument: Narrow linewidth single frequency fiber laser. Manufacturer: Shanghai Precilaser Technology, Co., Ltd., China. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used for the high power (15 W), single frequency laser system at 828.5 nm will be used in a quantum physics experiment at

Harvard for optical tweezer trapping of rubidium-87 atoms. The available laser power will allow many more of these atoms (thousands) to be controlled than previously demonstrated (hundreds). This will allow the study of larger quantum systems with properties and fidelities far exceeding smaller systems. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: May 8, 2024. *Docket Number:* 24–014. Applicant: Drexel University, Rm-MS 3701, Market Street, RM 470, Central Receiving, 34th & Ludlow Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

*Instrument:* Battery fabrication equipment. Manufacturer: Xiamen TOB New Energy. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to understand how battery electrodes are made, how to improve their processing, and how to make higher performance rechargeable batteries. The battery materials include oxides, and carbons and the phenomena is battery electrode microstructure and performance. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: April 9, 2024.

*Docket Number:* 24–015. Applicant: Harvard University, 17 Oxford Street, Jefferson 158, Cambridge, MA 02138. Instrument: Narrow Linewidth Laser. Manufacturer: Shanghai Precilaser Technology, Co., Ltd., China. Intended Use: The high power (15 W), narrow-linewidth/single frequency laser system at 852 nm will be used in a quantum physics experiment at Harvard for optical tweezer trapping of rubidium-87 atoms. Narrow-linewidth operation of the laser is critical to the method of optical tweezer generation we use to trap atoms, and we need as much power as possible to perform experiments on the largest possible quantum systems. The wavelength of 852 nm is important because it is sufficiently far detuned from the atomic transition to provide long qubit coherence time. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: April 29, 2024.

*Docket Number:* 24–016. Applicant: Cornell University, 377 Pine Tree Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.

*Instrument:* Closed-cycle cryostat sample manipulator for ultra-low

temperature angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy & electron energy loss spectroscopy. Manufacturer: Fermion Instrument, China. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to conduct two different types of experiments: angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES) and electron energy-loss spectroscopy (EELS). ARPES is a technique which allows us to measure directly the momentum-resolved single-particle electronic structure of materials. EELS is a technique which allows us to measure the energy-resolved collective excitations in materials (such as lattice vibrations, plasmons, etc.). We currently have an electron detector that is, in principle, compatible with both techniques. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: April 2, 2024.

Dated: June 20, 2024.

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*Director, Subsidies and Economic Analysis, Enforcement and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XE014]

#### Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Ferndale Refinery Dock Maintenance and Pile Replacement Activities in Ferndale, Washington

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

**ACTION:** Notice; proposed incidental harassment authorization; request for comments on proposed authorization and possible renewal.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has received a request from Phillips 66 Co. (Phillips 66) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to Ferndale Refinery Dock Maintenance and Pile Replacement Activities in Ferndale, Washington. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to incidentally take marine mammals during the specified activities. NMFS is also requesting

comments on a possible one-time, 1-year renewal that could be issued under certain circumstances and if all requirements are met, as described in Request for Public Comments at the end of this notice. NMFS will consider public comments prior to making any final decision on the issuance of the requested MMPA authorization and agency responses will be summarized in the final notice of our decision.

**DATES:** Comments and information must be received no later than July 25, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Jolie Harrison, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service and should be submitted via email to [ITP.Gatzke@noaa.gov](mailto:ITP.Gatzke@noaa.gov). Electronic copies of the application and supporting documents, as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-construction-activities>.

In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below.

**Instructions:** NMFS is not responsible for comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period. Comments, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/incidental-take-authorizations-under-marine-mammal-protection-act> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Gatzke, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

The MMPA prohibits the “take” of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are

proposed or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed IHA is provided to the public for review.

Authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for taking for subsistence uses (where relevant). Further, NMFS must prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other “means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact” on the affected species or stocks and their habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance, and on the availability of the species or stocks for taking for certain subsistence uses (referred to in shorthand as “mitigation”); and requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of the takings. The definitions of all applicable MMPA statutory terms cited above are included in the relevant sections below.

#### National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216-6A, NMFS must review our proposed action (*i.e.*, the issuance of an IHA) with respect to potential impacts on the human environment.

This action is consistent with categories of activities identified in Categorical Exclusion B4 (IHAs with no anticipated serious injury or mortality) of the Companion Manual for NAO 216-6A, which do not individually or cumulatively have the potential for significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and for which we have not identified any extraordinary circumstances that would preclude this categorical exclusion. Accordingly, NMFS has preliminarily determined that the issuance of the proposed IHA qualifies to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

We will review all comments submitted in response to this notice prior to concluding our NEPA process or making a final decision on the IHA request.

#### Summary of Request

On February 29, 2024 we received a request from Phillips 66 for an IHA to take marine mammals incidental to Ferndale Refinery Dock Maintenance and Pile Replacement Activities in Ferndale, Washington. Following NMFS’ review of the application, Phillips 66 submitted revised versions on May 16 and May 20, 2024. The