

capabilities, financial strength, staff, representation of complementary lines, etc.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for profit, not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit, voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-7340.

Copies of the above information collection can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Department Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

Dated: November 12, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Department Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

*Bureau:* International Trade Administration.

*Title:* Product Characteristics-Design Check-Off List.

*Agency Form Number:* ITA-426P.

*OMB Number:* 0625-0035.

*Type of Request:* Regular Submission.

*Burden:* 1,000 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,000.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The International Trade Administration (ITA) sponsors up to 120 overseas trade fair events each fiscal year. In addition, there is a Matchmaker Program of approximately 20 events annually, which is a combination of multi-stop trade missions and small equipment presentations. Trade fairs involve U.S. firms exhibiting their goods and services at American pavilions at internationally recognized events worldwide. In the case of Matchmakers, ITA organizes U.S. Company missions, traveling to 2 or 3 foreign locations. Matchmakers combine exhibit booth/product

presentation orientation and by-appointment only meetings in facilities capable of accommodating 20-40 U.S. firms.

The Product Characteristics-Design Check off list seeks from participating U.S. firms information on the physical nature, power (utility) and graphic requirements of the products and services to be displayed, and to ensure the availability of utilities active product demonstrations. This form also allows U.S. firms to identify special installation instructions that can be critical to the proper placement and hookup of their equipment and/or graphics. Without the timely and accurate submission of form ITA-426P, Product Characteristics-Design Check Off List, ITA would be unable to provide a pavilion facility that would effectively support the sales/marketing and presentation objectives of U.S. participants. The anticipated result would be diminished program productivity, then declining participation by U.S. firms. A second possible result would be reduced private sector funds and possibly the discontinuation of this type of U.S. international trade event program.

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*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit, voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-7340.

Copies of the above information collection can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Department Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington D.C. 20503 within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: November 12, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Department Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for

clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 USC Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

*Title:* Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program Structured Reporting System.

*Agency Form Number(s):* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* None.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Burden:* 7,498 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 46 (multiple responses).

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* Ranges between 8 and 40 hours depending on the requirement.

*Needs and Uses:* The purpose of the Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program is to promote the widespread and efficient use of advanced telecommunications in the public and nonprofit sectors to serve communities nationwide. It does this by providing matching funds to public and nonprofit sector organizations to use "information infrastructure" to provide community-wide information, health, life-long learning, public safety and other public services. In order to monitor and assess the impacts of the funded projects, certain reports are required. These reports are used to ensure that grant recipients are effectively promoting the efficient and widespread use of advanced telecommunications services to serve American communities and to comply with the Government Performance and Results Act.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions, federal government, state, local or tribal government.

*Frequency:* Quarterly, annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Tim Fain, (202) 395-3561.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Tim Fain, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 10, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-583-832]

#### Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Dynamic Random Access Memory Semiconductors From Taiwan

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

**ACTION:** Initiation of antidumping investigation.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 18, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alexander Amdur at (202) 482-5346, John Conniff at (202) 482-1009 or Ron Trentham at (202) 482-6320, Import Administration—Room B099, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

#### Initiation of Investigation

##### *The Applicable Statute and Regulations*

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act") by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA"). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are references to the provisions codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (1998).

##### *The Petition*

On October 22, 1998, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") received a petition filed in proper form by Micron Technology, Inc. ("petitioner"). The Department received supplemental information to the petition on November 5, 1998. In accordance with section 732(b) of the Act, petitioner alleges that imports of dynamic random access memory semiconductors of one megabit and above ("DRAMs") from Taiwan are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 731 of the Act, and that such imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, an industry in the United States. The Department finds

that petitioner filed the petition on behalf of the domestic industry because it is an interested party as defined in section 771(9)(C) of the Act, and has demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to the antidumping investigation it is requesting the Department to initiate. See Determination of Industry Support for the Petition below.

##### *Scope of Investigation*

The products covered by this investigation are DRAMs from Taiwan, whether assembled or unassembled. Assembled DRAMs include all package types. Unassembled DRAMs include processed wafers, uncut die, and cut die. Processed wafers fabricated in Taiwan, but packaged or assembled into finished semiconductors in a third country are included in the scope. Wafers fabricated in a third country and assembled or packaged in Taiwan are not included in the scope.

The scope of this investigation includes memory modules. A memory module is a collection of DRAMs, the sole function of which is memory. Modules include single in-line processing modules ("SIPS"), single in-line memory modules ("SIMMs"), dual in-line memory modules ("DIMMs"), memory cards or other collections of DRAMs whether mounted or unmounted on a circuit board. Modules that contain other parts that are needed to support the function of memory are covered. Only those modules that contain additional items that alter the function of the module to something other than memory, such as video graphics adapter ("VGA") boards and cards, are not included in the scope. Modules containing DRAMs made from wafers fabricated in Taiwan, but either assembled or packaged into finished semiconductors in a third country, are also included in the scope.

The scope includes, but is not limited to, video RAM ("VRAM"), Windows RAM ("WRAM"), synchronous graphics RAM ("SGRAM"), as well as various types of DRAM, including fast page-mode ("FPM"), extended data-out ("EDO"), burst extended data-out ("BEDO"), synchronous dynamic RAM ("SDRAM"), and "Rambus" DRAM ("RDRAM"). The scope of this investigation also includes any future density, packaging or assembling of DRAMs. The scope of this investigation does not include DRAMs or memory modules that are reimported for repair or replacement.

The DRAMS subject to this investigation are currently classifiable under subheadings 8542.13.80.05, 8542.13.80.24 through 8542.13.80.34 of

the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). Also included in the scope are Taiwanese DRAM modules, described above, entered into the United States under subheading and 8473.30.10.90 of the HTSUS or possibly other HTSUS numbers. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

As we discussed in the preamble to the Department's regulations (62 FR 27323), we are setting aside a period for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage. The Department encourages all parties to submit such comments by December 2, 1998. Comments should be addressed to Import Administration's Central Records Unit at Room 1874, U.S. Department of Commerce, Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20230. This period of scope consultation is intended to provide the Department with ample opportunity to consider all comments and to consult with parties prior to the issuance of the preliminary determination.

##### *Determination of Industry Support for the Petition*

Section 732(b)(1) of the Act requires that petitions be filed on behalf of a domestic industry. Section 732(c)(4)(A) of the Act provides that a petition meets this requirement if the domestic producers or workers who support the petition account for: (i) at least 25 percent of the total production of the domestic like product; and (ii) more than 50 percent of the production of the domestic like product produced by that portion of the industry expressing support for, or opposition to, the petition.

Section 771(4)(A) of the Act defines the "industry" as the producers of a domestic like product. Thus, to determine whether the petition has the requisite industry support, the Act directs the Department to look to producers and workers who account for production of the domestic like product. The International Trade Commission ("ITC"), which is responsible for determining whether "the domestic industry" has been injured, must also determine what constitutes a domestic like product to define the industry. However, while both the Department and the ITC must apply the same statutory definition of domestic like product, they do so for different purposes and pursuant to separate and distinct authority. In addition, the Department's determination is subject to limitations of time and information.