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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

15 CFR Part 748

[Docket No. 150825776-5776-01]

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Amendments to Existing Validated End-User Authorizations in the People's Republic of China

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this rule, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) amends the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) to revise the existing authorizations for Validated End Users Advanced Micro-Fabrication Equipment, Inc., China (AMEC) and Applied Materials (China), Inc. (AMC) in the People's Republic of China (PRC). Specifically, BIS amends Supplement No. 7 to Part 748 of the EAR to add one item to AMEC's list of eligible items that may be exported, reexported or transferred (in country) to the company's eligible facility in the PRC, and to add a facility and an item to Validated End User AMC's list of eligible destinations and eligible items.

DATES: This rule is effective October 28, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: End-User Review Committee, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and

Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, Phone: 202-482-5991; Fax: 202-482-3911; Email: ERC@bis.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Authorization Validated End-User

Validated End-Users (VEUs) are designated entities located in eligible destinations to which eligible items may be exported, reexported, or transferred (in-country) under a general authorization instead of a license. The names of the VEUs, as well as the dates they were so designated, and their respective eligible destinations and items are identified in Supplement No. 7 to part 748 of the EAR. Under the terms described in that supplement, VEUs may obtain eligible items without an export license from BIS, in conformity with Section 748.15 of the EAR. Eligible items vary between VEUs and may include commodities, software, and technology, except those controlled for missile technology or crime control reasons on the Commerce Control List (CCL) (part 774 of the EAR).

VEUs are reviewed and approved by the U.S. Government in accordance with the provisions of Section 748.15 and Supplement Nos. 8 and 9 to part 748 of the EAR. The End-User Review Committee (ERC), composed of representatives from the Departments of State, Defense, Energy, and Commerce, and other agencies, as appropriate, is responsible for administering the VEU program. BIS amended the EAR in a final rule published on June 19, 2007 (72 FR 33646), to create Authorization VEU.

Amendments to Existing VEU Authorization for Advanced Micro-Fabrication Equipment Inc. China (AMEC) and Applied Materials (China) Inc. (AMC) in the People's Republic of China

Revision to the List of "Eligible Items (by ECCN)" for AMEC

In this final rule, BIS amends Supplement No. 7 to Part 748 to add one Export Control Classification Number (ECCN), 3B001.a.2, to the list of items that may be exported, reexported or transferred (in country) to AMEC's facility in the PRC under Authorization VEU. This amendment is made in response to a request from AMEC and upon the ERC's determination that adding the additional ECCN is authorized under Section 748.15 of the EAR. The revised list of eligible items for AMEC is as follows:

Eligible Items (by ECCN) That May Be Exported, Reexported or Transferred (In Country) to the Eligible Destination Identified Under AMEC's Validated End-User Authorization

2B230, 3B001.a.2, 3B001.c and 3B001.e (items classified under ECCNs 3B001.a.2, 3B001.c, and 3B001.e are limited to components and accessories).

Revision to the List of "Eligible Items (by ECCN)" and List of "Eligible Destinations" for AMC

In this rule, BIS also amends Supplement No. 7 to Part 748 to add an eligible facility, Applied Materials (China), Inc.—Headquarters, to AMC's authorized list of "Eligible Destinations." Further, BIS authorizes one ECCN, 3E001 (limited to "technology" according to the General Technology Note for the "development," or "production" of items controlled by ECCN 3B001), for the list of items which may be exported, reexported or transferred (in country) to that facility in the PRC under AMC's Authorization VEU. These amendments are made in response to a request from AMC and upon the ERC's determination that adding the additional facility and additional ECCN is authorized under Section 748.15 of the EAR. The new eligible facility and related eligible items, identified by three asterisks in Supplement No. 7 to Part 748, for AMC are as follows:

New Eligible Destination, Applied Materials (China), Inc.—Headquarters, 1388 Zhangdong Road, Bldg. 22, Zhangjiang Hi-Tech Park, Pudong, Shanghai, 201203, China

Eligible Item (by ECCN) That May Be Exported, Reexported or Transferred (In Country) to the Applied Materials (China), Inc.—Headquarters Eligible Destination Identified Under AMCs Validated End-User Authorization, 3E001 (limited to "technology" according to the General Technology Note for the "development" or "production" of items controlled by ECCN 3B001)

Export Administration Act

Although the Export Administration Act expired on August 20, 2001, the President, through Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001, 3 CFR, 2001 Comp., p. 783 (2002), as amended by Executive Order 13637 of March 8, 2013, 78 FR 16129 (March 13, 2013) and as extended by the Notice of August 7, 2015, 80 FR 48233 (August 11, 2015), has continued the Export Administration Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act. BIS continues to

carry out the provisions of the Export Administration Act, as appropriate and to the extent permitted by law, pursuant to Executive Order 13222 as amended by Executive Order 13637.

Rulemaking Requirements

1. Executive Orders 13563 and 12866 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). Executive Order 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, reducing costs, harmonizing rules, and promoting flexibility. This rule has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

2. This rule involves collections previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Control Number 0694-0088, "Multi-Purpose Application," which carries a burden hour estimate of 43.8 minutes to prepare and submit form BIS-748; and for recordkeeping, reporting and review requirements in connection with Authorization VEU, which carries an estimated burden of 30 minutes per submission. This rule is expected to result in a decrease in license applications submitted to BIS. Total burden hours associated with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) (PRA) and OMB Control Number 0694-0088 are not expected to increase significantly as a result of this rule. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person is required to respond to, nor be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

3. This rule does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined under Executive Order 13132.

4. Pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), BIS finds good cause to waive requirements that this rule be subject to notice and the opportunity for public comment because they are unnecessary. In determining whether to grant VEU designations, a committee of U.S. Government agencies evaluates information about and commitments made by candidate companies, the nature and terms of which are set forth in 15 CFR part 748, Supplement No. 8.

The criteria for evaluation by the committee are set forth in 15 CFR 748.15(a)(2). The information, commitments, and criteria for this extensive review were all established through the notice of proposed rulemaking and public comment process (71 FR 38313 (July 6, 2006) (proposed rule), and 72 FR 33646 (June 19, 2007) (final rule)). Given the similarities between the authorizations provided under the VEU program and export licenses (as discussed further below), the publication of this information does not establish new policy. In publishing this final rule, BIS adds eligible destinations and items to two existing eligible VEUs. These changes have been made within the established regulatory framework of the VEU program. Further, this rule does not abridge the rights of the public or eliminate the public's option to export under any of the forms of authorization set forth in the EAR.

Publication of this rule in other than final form is unnecessary because the authorizations granted in the rule are consistent with the authorizations granted to exporters for individual licenses (and amendments or revisions thereof), which do not undergo public review. In addition, as with license applications, VEU authorization applications contain confidential business information, which is necessary for the extensive review conducted by the U.S. Government in assessing such applications. This information is extensively reviewed according to the criteria for VEU authorizations, as set out in 15 CFR 748.15(a)(2). Additionally, just as the interagency reviews license applications, the authorizations granted under the VEU program involve interagency deliberation and result from review of public and non-public sources, including licensing data, and the measurement of such information against the VEU authorization criteria. Given the nature of the review, and in light of the parallels between the VEU application review process and the review of license applications, public comment on this authorization and subsequent amendments prior to publication is unnecessary. Moreover, because, as noted above, the criteria and process for authorizing and administering VEUs were developed with public comments, allowing additional public comment on this amendment to individual VEU authorizations, which was determined

according to those criteria, is unnecessary.

Section 553(d) of the APA generally provides that rules may not take effect earlier than thirty (30) days after they are published in the **Federal Register**. However, BIS finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in effectiveness for this rule pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) because the delay would be contrary to the public interest. BIS is simply amending the authorization of two existing VEUs by adding an ECCN and a facility for one and an ECCN for the other to the list of eligible items that may be sent to them, consistent with established objectives and parameters administered and enforced by the responsible designated departmental representatives to the End-User Review Committee. Delaying this action's effectiveness would likely cause confusion regarding which items are authorized by the U.S. Government and in turn stifle the purpose of the VEU Program. Accordingly, it is contrary to the public interest to delay this rule's effectiveness.

No other law requires that a notice of proposed rulemaking and an opportunity for public comment be given for this final rule. Because a notice of proposed rulemaking and an opportunity for public comment are not required under the APA or by any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are not applicable. As a result, no final regulatory flexibility analysis is required and none has been prepared.

List of Subjects in 15 CFR Part 748

Administrative practice and procedure, Exports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, part 748 of the EAR (15 CFR parts 730-774) is amended as follows:

PART 748—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for Part 748 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 50 U.S.C. app. 2401 *et seq.*; 50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*; E.O. 13026, 61 FR 58767, 3 CFR, 1996 Comp., p. 228; E.O. 13222, 66 FR 44025, 3 CFR, 2001 Comp., p. 783; Notice of August 7, 2015, 80 FR 48233 (August 11, 2015).

■ 2. Amend Supplement No. 7 to part 748, under "China (People's Republic of)," by revising the entries for "Advanced Micro-Fabrication Equipment, Inc., China" and "Applied Materials (China), Inc." to read as follows:

SUPPLEMENT NO. 7 TO PART 748—AUTHORIZATION VALIDATED END-USER (VEU): LIST OF VALIDATED END-USERS, RESPECTIVE ITEMS ELIGIBLE FOR EXPORT, REEXPORT AND TRANSFER, AND ELIGIBLE DESTINATIONS—Continued

Country	Validated end-user	Eligible items (by ECCN)	Eligible destination	Federal Register citation
		<i>This item is authorized for those Applied Materials Destination Identified by three asterisks (***)</i> : 3E001 (limited to “technology” according to the General Technology Note for the “development” or “production” of items controlled by ECCN 3B001).	*** Applied Materials (China), Inc.—Headquarters, 1388 Zhangdong Road, Bldg. 22, Zhangjiang Hi-Tech Park, Pudong, Shanghai, 201203, China.	
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Dated: October 21, 2015.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

32 CFR Part 197

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Historical Research in the Files of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD)

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule updates and clarifies procedures regarding the review and accessibility to records and information in the custody of the Secretary of Defense and the OSD Components. The purpose of this rule is to provide such guidance to former Cabinet level officials and former Presidential appointees (FPAs), including their personnel, aides, and official researchers.

DATES: This rule is effective November 27, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ronald R. McCully, 571–372–0473.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Executive Summary

A. Purpose of the Regulatory Action

a. The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) is issuing a final rule that would update Part 197.5 of Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations. This final rule updates and clarifies procedures regarding the review and accessibility to records and information in the custody

of the Secretary of Defense and the OSD Components. The purpose of this rule is to provide such guidance to former Cabinet level officials and former Presidential appointees (FPAs), including their personnel, aides, and official researchers.

b. In accordance with Title 5 of the United States Code, “Government Organization and Employees,” this rule updates procedures for the programs that permit authorized personnel to perform historical research in records created by or in the custody of Office of the Secretary of Defense and its components consistent with federal regulations.

B. Summary of the Major Provisions of the Regulatory Action In Question

This final rule updates and clarifies procedures regarding the review and accessibility to records and information in the custody of the Secretary of Defense and the OSD Components. The purpose of this rule is to provide such guidance to former Cabinet level officials and former Presidential appointees (FPAs), including their personnel, aides, and official researchers.

1. *Explanation of FOIA Exemptions and Classification Categories:* Explanation of restrictions applicable to the public’s request for information within OSD files.

2. *Responsibilities:* Outlines the responsibilities of Director of Administration and Management (D&AM); OSD Records Administrator, and the OSD Components.

3. *Procedures for Historical Researchers Permanently Assigned Within the Executive Branch Working on Official Projects:* Updates and outlines procedures for access to information held within OSD files for historical research.

4. *Procedures for the Department of State (DoS) Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) Series:* Updates

and outlines for official researchers of the DOS to access information within OSD Files.

5. *Procedures for Historical Researchers Not Permanently Assigned to the Executive Branch:* Updates and outlines procedures for Non DoD and executive branch personnel to access information within OSD files for historical research.

6. *Procedures for Document Review for the FRUS Series:* Updates and outlines procedures for reviewing FRUS information within OSD files for historical research.

7. *Procedures for Copying Documents:* Updates and outlines procedures for copying information within OSD files for historical research.

8. *General Guidelines for Researching OSD Records:* Updates and outlines procedures for researching information within OSD files for historical research.

9. *General Guidelines for Researching OSD Records:* Updates and outlines guidelines applicable to researchers while reviewing OSD files.

C. Costs and Benefits

Annual yearly cost vary and are dependent on the number of researchers requesting access to DoD owned information, the volume of information requiring review and/or declassification and other operational constraints within a given FY.

Cost: Cost estimates use actual data for 2012 per hour. Cost is aggregated based on average rank (military), grade (civilian) and time in service for personnel qualified for oversight of researchers within the Washington-Baltimore-Northern Virginia, DC-MD-VA-WV-PA area.

Military = Rank 05 with 10+ years of time in service

Civilian = Grade GS–13, Step 5+ with minimum 5 years of time in service

Military = \$39.77 per hour

Civilian = \$48.51 per hour