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The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 16, 1996, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public. A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. For further information, call Lee Ann Carpenter at (202) 482-2583.

Dated: November 3, 1997.

Lee Ann Carpenter,
Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 78-97]

Foreign-Trade Zone 75—Phoenix, Arizona Application For Foreign-Trade Subzone Status; Microchip Technology Inc. (Semiconductors) Chandler and Tempe, Arizona

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Phoenix, Arizona, grantee of FTZ 75, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the semiconductor manufacturing facilities of Microchip Technology Inc. (Microchip), located at sites in Chandler and Tempe, Arizona. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on October 30, 1997.

The Microchip facilities are located at two sites in the Phoenix area (Maricopa

County): *Site 1*—(242,000 sq. ft. plus 475,000 sq. ft. planned on 80 acres) 2355 West Chandler Boulevard, Chandler, and *Site 2*—(200,000 sq. ft. on 6 acres) 1200 South 52nd Street, Tempe. The facilities (1,100 employees) are used for the manufacture of a range of semiconductor devices and related products, including field programmable microcontrollers, application-specific processors, related memory products, and application development tools. Foreign-sourced materials (some 10% of total) include halides, adhesives, resins, chemical preparations for photographic uses, molybdenum, transformers, convertors and inductors, insulated wire, instruments for measuring or checking electrical quantities, plastic sheets, plastic and paper packaging materials. Other materials that may also be purchased from abroad include glues and adhesives, transformers, resistors, diodes, transistors, integrated circuits, printed circuits, switches, fasteners, recorded media, and other electrical and automatic data processing equipment and components.

Zone procedures would exempt Microchip from Customs duty payments on foreign components used in export production (some 65% of shipments). On its domestic sales, Microchip would be able to choose the lower duty rate that applies to the finished products (duty-free—3%). The duty rates that apply on foreign-sourced items range from duty-free to 12.5 percent (with most in the 2.1%–7.3% range). FTZ procedures would also allow the deferral of duty payments on foreign capital equipment and parts until fully assembled and ready for production. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is January 6, 1998. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to January 21, 1998.

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

U.S. Department of Commerce, Export Assistance Center, Phoenix Plaza, 2901 North Central Avenue, Suite 970, Phoenix, Arizona.

Dated: October 31, 1997.

John J. DaPonte, Jr.,
Executive Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Opportunity to Request Administrative Review of Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation.

Background

Each year during the anniversary month of the publication of an antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspension of investigation, an interested party, as defined in section 771(9) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, may request, in accordance with section 351.213 of the Department of Commerce (the Department) Regulations (19 CFR 351.213 (1997)), that the Department conduct an administrative review of that antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspended investigation.

Opportunity To Request A Review: Not later than the last day of November 1997, interested parties may request administrative review of the following orders, findings, or suspended investigations, with anniversary dates in November for the following periods:

Antidumping duty proceedings	Period
Argentina: Barbed Wire & Barbless Fencing Wire A-357-405	11/1/96-10/31/97