

whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission’s internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2019-089 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2019-089. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission’s internet website (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2019-089, and should be submitted on or before January 7, 2020.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,
Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Class Waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of intent to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for commercially available off-the-shelf laptop and tablet computers under NAICS code 334111/ PSC 7435.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is considering granting a request for a class waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule (NMR) for commercially available off-the-shelf laptop and tablet computers under North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code 334111 and Product Service Code (PSC 7435). This U.S. industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing commercially available off-the-shelf laptop and tablet computers. According to the request, no small business manufacturers supply this product to the Federal government. If granted, the class waiver would allow otherwise qualified regular dealers to supply the waived item(s), regardless of the business size of the manufacturer, on a Federal contract set aside for small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB), women-owned small business (WOSB), economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB), historically underutilized business zones (HUBZone), or participants in the SBA’s 8(a) Business Development (BD) program.

DATES: Comments and source information must be submitted by January 16, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments and source information via the Federal Rulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. If you wish to submit confidential business information (CBI) as defined in the User Notice at <https://www.regulations.gov>, please submit the information to Carol Hulme, Program Analyst, Office of Government Contracting, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC

20416. Highlight the information that you consider to be CBI, and explain why you believe this information should be held confidential. SBA will review the information and make a final determination as to whether the information will be published.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Hulme, Program Analyst, by telephone at 202-205-6347; or by email at Carol-Ann.Hulme@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sections 8(a)(17) and 46 of the Small Business Act (Act), 15 U.S.C. 637(a)(17) and 657s, and SBA’s implementing regulations require that recipients of Federal supply contracts (except those valued between \$3,500 and \$250,000) set aside for small business, SDVOSB, WOSB, EDWOSB, HUBZone, or BD program participants, provide the product of a small business manufacturer or processor if the recipient is not the actual manufacturer or processor of the product. This requirement is commonly referred to as the Nonmanufacturer Rule (NMR). 13 CFR 121.406(b). Sections 8(a)(17)(B)(iv)(II) and 46(a)(4)(B) of the Act authorize SBA to waive the NMR for a “class of products” for which there are no small business manufacturers or processors available to participate in the Federal market.

As implemented in SBA’s regulations at 13 CFR 121.1202(c), in order to be considered available to participate in the Federal market for a class of products, a small business manufacturer must have submitted a proposal for a contract solicitation or been awarded a contract to supply the class of products within the last 24 months.

The SBA defines “class of products” based on a combination of (1) the six-digit NAICS code, (2) the four-digit PSC, and (3) a description of the class of products.

The SBA is currently processing a request to waive the NMR for commercially available off-the-shelf laptop and tablet computers under NAICS code 334111 and PSC 7435. Table 1 below identifies manufacturers of these products that SBA is aware of:

TABLE 1

Manufacturer	Product
Acer America Corp	Laptops.
American Sunrex Corp	Laptops.
Apple, Inc	Laptops.
Asus USA	Laptops.
Clevo	Laptops.
Compal Electronics	Laptops.
Dell Technologies Inc	Laptops.
Elitegroup Computer Systems.	Laptops.
Eurocom Corporation	Laptops.

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

TABLE 1—Continued

Manufacturer	Product
Flextronics Corporation d/b/a Flex.	Laptops.
Fujitsu America Inc	Laptops.
Gigabyte Technology	Laptops.
Google, LLC	Laptops.
Hasee Computer Co., Ltd	Laptops.
Hewlett-Packard Enterprise Co.	Laptops.
Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd. d/b/a Foxconn Technology Group.	Laptops.
International Business Machines d/b/a IBM.	Laptops.
Inventec Corp	Laptops.
Lenovo Group Ltd	Laptops.
LG Electronics, Inc	Laptops.
Microsoft Corp	Laptops.
NEC Corporation of America	Laptops.
Panasonic Corp	Laptops.
Pegatron Corp	Laptops.
Positivo Tecnologia SA fka Positivo Informatica SA.	Laptops.
Quanta Computer Inc	Laptops.
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd	Laptops.
Shenzhen Daystar Connect Technology Co. Ltd.	Laptops.
Sony Corp	Laptops.
Toshiba International Corporation.	Laptops.
TriGem Computer Inc	Laptops.
Wistron Corp	Laptops.
Apple Inc	Tablets.
Asus USA	Tablets.
Dell Technologies Inc	Tablets.
Fujitsu America Inc	Tablets.
Google LLC	Tablets.
Hewlett-Packard Enterprise Co.	Tablets.
HTC Corp	Tablets.
Huawei Investment & Holding Co. Ltd.	Tablets.
Lenovo Group Ltd	Tablets.
LG Electronics Inc	Tablets.
Microsoft Corp	Tablets.
Motorola Solutions Inc	Tablets.
Micro-Star International Co. Ltd.	Tablets.
NEC Corporation of America	Tablets.
Nokia Oyj	Tablets.
Nvidia Corporation	Tablets.
Panasonic Corporation	Tablets.
Pegatron Corp	Tablets.
Quanta Computer Inc	Tablets.
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd	Tablets.
Sony Corp	Tablets.
Toshiba International Corp ...	Tablets.
Trimble, Inc	Tablets.
Xiaomi United States	Tablets

The SBA invites the public to comment on this pending request to waive the NMR for commercially available off-the-shelf laptop and tablet computers under NAICS code 334111 and PSC 7435. For purposes of this waiver SBA will be using the Federal Acquisition Regulation definition for COTS. (FAR) 2.101 (48 U.S.C. 2.101). SBA has already adopted the FAR definition for COTS for purposes of the government contracting programs. 13.

CFR 125.1. The FAR definition for COTS states the following:

(1) Means any item or supply (including construction material) that is—(i) A commercial item (as defined in paragraph (1) of the definition in this section); (ii) Sold in substantial quantities in the commercial marketplace; and (iii) Offered to the Government, under a contract or subcontract at any tier, without modification, in the same form in which it is sold in the commercial marketplace; and (2) Does not include bulk cargo, as defined in 46 U.S.C. 40102(4), such as agricultural products and petroleum products.

Under the proposed language of this waiver SBA would be granting a class waiver only for laptops and computers procured by the government that meet that definition. Specialty laptops and computers that are modified to meet demands of the Federal Government would not be included in the waiver. SBA is requesting comment on the specific nature of this waiver, specifically the SBA’s use of the COTS language in a class waiver and whether the proposed language of the waiver is appropriate given the commercial and Government markets for computers and laptops. The public may comment or provide source information on any small business manufacturers of this class of products that are available to participate in the Federal market. The public comment period will run for 30 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

More information on the NMR and class waivers can be found at <https://www.sba.gov/contracting/contracting-officials/non-manufacturer-rule/non-manufacturer-waivers>.

David Loines,
Director, Office of Government Contracting.
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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Product Exclusions: China’s Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of amendments.

SUMMARY: Effective August 23, 2018, the U.S. Trade Representative imposed additional duties on goods of China with an annual trade value of approximately \$16 billion as part of the action in the Section 301 investigation of China’s acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer,

intellectual property, and innovation. The U.S. Trade Representative’s determination included a decision to establish a product exclusion process. The U.S. Trade Representative initiated the exclusion process in September 2018, and stakeholders have submitted requests for the exclusion of specific products. In July, September and October 2019, the U.S. Trade Representative granted exclusion requests. This notice makes amendments to certain notes in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The U.S. Trade Representative will continue to issue decisions as necessary.

DATES: The amendments announced in this notice are retroactive to the date the original exclusions were published and do not extend the period for the original exclusions. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will issue instructions on entry guidance and implementation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions about this notice, contact Assistant General Counsel Philip Butler or Director of Industrial Goods Justin Hoffmann at (202) 395–5725. For specific questions on customs classification or implementation of the product exclusions identified in the Annex to this notice, contact traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

For background on the proceedings in this investigation, please see the prior notices issued in the investigation, including 82 FR 40213 (August 23, 2017), 83 FR 14906 (April 6, 2018), 83 FR 28710 (June 20, 2018), 83 FR 33608 (July 17, 2018), 83 FR 38760 (August 7, 2018), 83 FR 40823 (August 16, 2018), 83 FR 47236 (September 18, 2018), 83 FR 47974 (September 21, 2018), 83 FR 65198 (December 19, 2018), 84 FR 7966 (March 5, 2019), 84 FR 20459 (May 9, 2019), 84 FR 29576 (June 24, 2019), 84 FR 37381 (July 31, 2019), 84 FR 49600 (September 20, 2019), and 84 FR 52553 (October 2, 2019).

Effective August 23, 2018, the U.S. Trade Representative imposed additional 25 percent duties on goods of China classified in 279 8-digit subheadings of the HTSUS, with an approximate annual trade value of \$16 billion. See 83 FR 40823. The U.S. Trade Representative’s determination included a decision to establish a process by which U.S. stakeholders can request exclusion of particular products classified within an 8-digit HTSUS subheading covered by the \$16 billion action from the additional duties. The U.S. Trade Representative issued a