

This rule also creates a new § 744.17, "Restrictions on certain exports and reexports of general purpose microprocessors for 'military end-uses' and to 'military end-users.'" In addition to the license requirements for AT reasons specified in ECCN 3A991.a.1 on the CCL and §§ 742.9, 742.10 and 742.18 of the EAR, no one may export or reexport an item classified under ECCN 3A991.a.1 without a license if, at the time of the export or reexport, the exporter or reexporter knows, has reason to know, or is informed by BIS, that the item will be or is intended to be used for a 'military end-use,' as defined in paragraph (d) of this section, in Country Group D:1 (see Supplement No. 1 to part 740 of the EAR); or by a 'military end-user,' as defined in paragraph (e) of this section, in Country Group D:1. The definitions of the term "know" and "knowledge" set forth in section 772.1 of the EAR apply to this license requirement. This rule also defines, for purposes of the newly created § 774.17, the terms 'military end-use' and 'military end-user.' In addition, this rule adds a new Supplement No. 1 to part 744 to give examples of military items in which this type of microprocessor could be used. This license requirement does not apply to items for the official use by personnel and agencies of the U.S. Government or agencies of a cooperating government in a Country Group D:1 country. See § 740.11(b)(3) of the EAR for definitions of "agency of the U.S. Government" and "agency of a cooperating government." The license review standard for applications to export or reexport general purpose microprocessors under section 744.17 is a presumption of denial. No license exceptions are available for this license requirement.

Although the Export Administration Act expired on August 20, 2001, the President, through Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001 (66 FR 44025, 3 CFR, 2001 Comp., p. 783)), as extended by the Notice of August 14, 2002 (67 FR 53721, August 16, 2002), has continued the Export Administration Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

Rulemaking Requirements

1. This final rule has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information, subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of

information displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget Control Number. This rule involves a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0694-0088, "Multi-Purpose Application," which carries a burden hour estimate of 45 minutes for a manual submission and 40 minutes for an electronic submission.

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

4. The provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) requiring notice of proposed rulemaking, the opportunity for public participation, and a delay in effective date, are inapplicable because this regulation involves a military and foreign affairs function of the United States (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1)). Further, no other law requires that a notice of proposed rulemaking and an opportunity for public comment be given for this interim rule. Because a notice of proposed rulemaking and an opportunity for public comment are not required to be given for this rule under the Administrative Procedure Act or by any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are not applicable. Therefore, this regulation is issued in final form. Although there is no formal comment period, public comments on this regulation are welcome on a continuing basis. Comments should be submitted to Sharron Cook, Office of Exporter Services, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 273, Washington, D.C. 20044.

List of Subjects

15 CFR Part 744

Exports, Foreign trade, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

15 CFR Part 774

Exports, Foreign trade.

Accordingly, parts 744 and 774 of the Export Administration Regulations (15 CFR parts 730-799) are amended as follows:

PART 744—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 15 CFR part 744 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 50 U.S.C. app. 2401 *et seq.*; 50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 3201 *et seq.*; 42 U.S.C. 2139a; Sec. 901-911, Publ. L. 106-387; Sec. 221, Publ. L. 107-56; E.O. 12058, 43 FR 20947, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 179; E.O. 12851, 58 FR 33181, 3 CFR, 1993 Comp., p.

608; E.O. 12938, 59 FR 59099, 3 CFR, 1994 Comp., p. 950; E.O. 12947, 60 FR 5079, 3 CFR, 1995 Comp., p. 356; E.O. 13026, 61 FR 58767, 3 CFR, 1996 Comp., p. 228; E.O. 13099, 63 FR 45167, 3 CFR, 1998 Comp., p. 208; E.O. 13222, 66 FR 44025, 3 CFR, 2001 Comp., p. 783; E.O. 13224, 66 FR 49079, 3 CFR, 2001 Comp., p. 786; Notice of November 9, 2001, 66 FR 56965, 3 CFR, 2001 Comp., p. 917; Notice of August 14, 2002, 67 FR 53721, August 16, 2002.

2. Part 744 is amended by adding a new § 744.17, and adding a new Supplement No. 1, to read as follows:

§ 744.17 Restrictions on certain exports and reexports of general purpose microprocessors for "military end-uses" and to "military end-users."

(a) *General prohibition.* In addition to the license requirements for anti-terrorism reasons set forth in part 742 of the EAR, you may not export or reexport commodities described in ECCN 3A991.a.1 on the CCL ("microprocessor microcircuits", "microcomputer microcircuits", and microcontroller microcircuits having a "composite theoretical performance" ("CTP") of 6,500 million theoretical operations per second (MTOPS) or more and an arithmetic logic unit with an access width of 32 bit or more), without a license if, at the time of the export or reexport, you know, have reason to know, or are informed by BIS that the item will be or is intended to be used for a "military end-use," as defined in paragraph (d) of this section, in Country Group D:1 (see Supplement No. 1 to part 740 of the EAR); or by a "military end-user," as defined in paragraph (e) of this section, in Country Group D:1. This license requirement does not apply to exports or reexports of items for the official use by personnel and agencies of the U.S. Government or agencies of a cooperating government. See § 740.11(b)(3) of the EAR for definitions of "agency of the U.S. Government" and "agency of a cooperating government".

(b) *Additional prohibition on exporters or reexporters informed by BIS.* BIS may inform an exporter or reexporter, either individually by specific notice or through amendment to the EAR, that a license is required for export or reexport of items described in ECCN 3A991.a.1 to specified end-users, because BIS has determined that there is an unacceptable risk of diversion to the uses or users described in paragraph (a) of this section. Specific notice is to be given only by, or at the direction of, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration. When such notice is provided orally, it will be followed by a written notice within two working days signed by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.