PRODUCT SHELF LIFE EXTENSION TO 36 MONTHS

Change Description

This is an update to ADV0908; please see the revision history table for information specific to this update.

Altera will be extending the maximum storage shelf life for all products from 18 months to 36 months. Shelf-life information is contained on the Moisture Barrier Bag label, see Appendix I.

Recommended Action

No customer action is recommended. There is no change in the packing method. The current amount of desiccant used has been validated to meet the 36 months shelf life per JEDEC J-STD-033B.1. This change does not affect the form, fit or function of Altera devices.

Reason for Change

The 36 month shelf life allows for a more environmentally friendly solution by reducing the occurrence of unnecessary repacking of devices and, consequently, consumes fewer materials.

Products Affected

This change will be implemented for all Altera products.

Product Traceability and Transition Dates

This change will be implemented in October 2009. Lots shipped from Altera beginning October or later will carry a shelf life of 36 months as indicated in the Moisture Barrier Bag label (See Figure 1 in Appendix 1).
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Appendix I: Example of the Moisture Barrier Bag label.

Figure 1. Shelf life label changed from 18 to 36 months