

manufacture within the United States of products resulting from that technology;

c) agrees to procure parts and materials for such products from competitive United States suppliers; and

d) either --

i) is a United States-owned company; or

ii) is a company incorporated in the United States with a parent company incorporated in a country which the Secretary finds--

(I) affords to United States-owned companies opportunities comparable to those afforded to any other company to participate in programs and to have access to resources and information equivalent to the opportunities authorized under this Act or the National Competitiveness Act of 1993 to foreign-owned entities engaged in commerce in the United States;

(II) has a standards development and conformity assessment process that is open and transparent, and that results in standards that are fair and reasonable and do not discriminate against United States products and production processes;

(III) affords to United States-owned companies local investment opportunities comparable to those afforded any other company; and

(IV) affords adequate and effective protection for the intellectual property rights of United States-owned companies.

According to U.S. legal advice, this wording is more restrictive in its impact on a firm's participation in technology initiatives than previous legislation and may even make some U.S.-owned and incorporated firms ineligible for assistance from federal technology support programs.

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