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Date Code Policy - Extended Shelf Life

As of July 1st 2017 iC-Haus's standard policy is to ship products with assembly date codes of 5 years or less. This is a change to the previous policy of shipping semiconductor products with assembly date codes of 2 years or less. The iC-Haus responsibilities remain the same.

Background:

iC-Haus frequently receives inquiries regarding our date code policy and there are often requests for quote/orders with restriction to the age of the devices for sale.

In our experience date code restrictions have grown obsolete as industry experience shows that these restrictions are unnecessary nowadays. We recommend customers to avoid general date code restrictions when ordering products from iC-Haus. Products inventoried by iC-Haus using industry guidelines for packing and handling are guaranteed to meet the iC-Haus specifications including solderability regardless of the date code of the material at the time of shipment. Packing materials designed for long term storage are effective for more than 5 years for moisture sensitive components.

This change will have no negative impact to quality and is consistent with standard industry practice and other IC component suppliers.

iC-Haus is committed to serve our customers with the best possible quality and product availability.

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