

## FTDI End of Life Policy

FTDI products are designed to enable developers to migrate their legacy peripherals to USB. The FTDI product strategy is aimed at providing complete USB solutions, including drivers, in order to make this transition as easy as possible for FTDI customers.

A key requirement to taking advantage of this strategy is the FTDI commitment to ensuring continued supply of compatible products over a sustained period of time. By targeting and growing substantial 'long-term' business FTDI considers this requirement a key aspect of the company strategy.

There are two main threats to the long term provision of FTDI integrated circuit solutions:-

- (1) Sales of the IC device drop to such a low volume that the device becomes unsustainable.
- (2) The silicon technology in which the IC is fabricated is made obsolete by the semiconductor foundry.

The first point depends largely on the device and the type of application. As a large part of FTDI's target market is developing long term products, FTDI considers this to be a very low threat. Many customer applications have volumes which are relatively small; however there are a large number of these applications and cumulatively they contribute to a considerably long term business.

With respect to the second point, there is no doubt that the continued advance in silicon technology will eventually obsolete the process in which these devices are currently manufactured. This problem is the same for any supplier of integrated circuits. In order to take advantage of the substantial and long term nature of the market for which these products have been designed FTDI will consider developing compatible replacements for these products. This decision will be determined by the USB market requirements.

### **Last Time buy process**

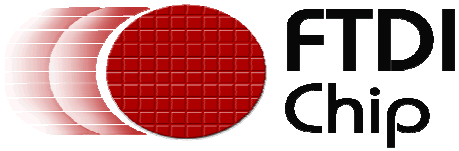
FTDI currently observes the following last time buy process as standard procedure for all products.

### **Notice of Obsolescence**

FTDI will inform its customers of the decision to obsolete any device. This notice will be sent direct to existing customers as well as added to FTDI's web page and users' mailing list.

The Notice of Obsolescence will include the following:-

- Date at which the End of Life (EOL) process begins.
- Recommendation of a replacement for the obsoleted part where applicable.
- Availability of documentation and samples for the replacement part where applicable.
- A clear statement concerning the revision markings on both the obsoleted and the replacement devices.



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**Final Order Period**

FTDI will identify the period, from the start of the last time buy process, during which further orders of the device will be accepted. Our standard Final Order Period is 120 days.

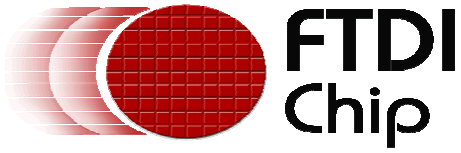
**Final Delivery Period**

FTDI will identify the period, immediately after the end of the Final Order Period, during which customers may take delivery of their final orders. This notice will include a final date after which no shipment will be made. The standard Final Delivery Period will be 120 days.

On behalf of Future Technology Devices International Ltd,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Fred Dart.' with a period at the end.

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