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SUBJECT: Specialty Metals

SPECIAL PROVISION TEXT:

Notice of the requirements of DFARS 252.225-7014, *Preference For Domestic Specialty Metals, Alternate I* (hereinafter "specialty metals clause")

DoD's interpretation of this specialty metals clause is that it prohibits the contractor (including its suppliers at every tier) from incorporating into military parts, components, and/or end item deliverables "specialty metals" (identified in the clause, including titanium and stainless steel) which have been melted outside the United States, its possessions, or Puerto Rico, unless certain limited exceptions set forth in the clause or DFARS Subpart 225.7002-2 apply. One such exception is for specialty metals melted in a qualifying country or incorporated into an article manufactured in a qualifying country. Those countries are listed at DFARS 225.872-1(a) or (b). Since the United States is not listed as a qualifying country, DoD does not consider it to be a qualifying country. Even if a qualifying country exception applies, the source for specialty metals melted outside the United States may also have to be listed in an applicable Qualified Products List (QPL), such as that set forth in Douglas Material Specification (DMS) 2201, *Procurement from Foreign Sources - Metallic Raw Material*. Please check your purchase order carefully for any such requirement. If your purchase order contains this requirement, you must comply with its provisions unless you apply for and are granted, through The Boeing Company, one or more of the limited exemptions authorized under the specialty metals clause.

If your organization is issued a purchase order with the specialty metals clause, compliance to the following is strongly encouraged:

- a. Your Quality Assurance Personnel, particularly Receiving Inspection, (i.e. where incoming material and certifications are verified), should be made aware of specialty clause requirements, and ensure that no foreign melted specialty metals are utilized to fabricate any components for use on a product to be supplied to DoD unless they are melted in a qualifying country.
- b. If a distributor or other sub-tier supplier is the source of your material, ensure that the specialty metals clause requirements have been flowed down. Also take the necessary steps to ensure that your supplier provides only specialty metals (such as Titanium or stainless steel) that have been melted within the United States or a qualifying country and, if required, proper certifications are issued.

If your organization needs further information and/or assistance, please contact the Boeing Procurement Quality Representative assigned to your facility or identified in your purchase order.