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REPORTING AND VERIFICATION OF DOMESTIC PRODUCT COMPLIANCE AS RELATED TO TEXTILE PRODUCTS

The following commercial standard has been developed to provide a standardized method of reporting and verifying compliance with the requirements established by public law Title 10 Section 2533a of the U.S. Code, popularly known as “the Berry Amendment” and related Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations associated with implementing the Berry Amendment. This standard is provided free of charge and an electronic copy may be obtained from <http://www.pia.com/PIAPUBS.htm>.

1. SCOPE

1.1 Scope. This document establishes general and specific (Sections 4 and 5) standard practice requirements for reporting and verification of domestic product compliance as related to textile products.

1.2 Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to ensure that sub-contractors provide domestic products as defined in Section 3 of this standard and establish documented procedures and record retention policies for verification purposes.

1.3 Application. It is the prime contractor’s discretion when to apply this standard. When this standard is referenced in whole or in part in a contract or purchase order, it shall be a binding term and condition of the contract or purchase order. When the contract or purchase order is accepted the sub-contractor will have been deemed to agree to and shall meet the requirements of this standard.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

2.1 General. The documents listed in this section are referenced in Section 5 of this standard. This section does not include documents cited in other sections of this standard nor is it recommended for additional information or as examples. While every effort has been made to ensure the completeness of this list, document users are cautioned that they must meet all specified requirements of the documents cited in Section 5 of this standard, whether or not they are listed.

2.2 Government publications.

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2.2.1 Government publications. The following Government publications, provisions of law and regulation form a part of this document (see 2.4).

U.S. CODE

Title 10 USC Section 2533a (Berry Amendment)

(Copies are available online at: <http://uscode.house.gov/> or from the U.S. Government Printing Office, 732 N. Capitol Street, NW · Washington, DC 20401.)

REGULATIONS

DFAR 225.7000
DFAR 225.7001
DFAR 225.7002
DFAR 252.225- 7012

(Unless otherwise indicated, copies of the above specifications and standards are available from the Standardization Documents Order Desk, 700 Robbins Avenue, Building 4D, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094. Electronic copies of military and federal standards and specifications may be obtained from <https://assist.daps.dla.mil/quicksearch/>.)

2.3 Non-government publications. None.

2.4 Revision levels of subsidiary documents. The documents listed in Section 2 shall be defined as subsidiary documents, other Government publications and non-government publications. Unless otherwise specified by the procuring activity, the revision level of subsidiary documents shall be the latest revision level as listed in the Acquisition and Standardization Information (ASSIST) database located at: <https://assist.daps.dla.mil/quicksearch/>.

2.5 Order of precedence. In the event of a conflict between the text of this document and the references cited herein, the text of this document takes precedence. Nothing in this document, however, supersedes applicable laws and regulations unless a specific exemption has been obtained.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 Domestic product(s). Products that have had all manufacturing steps and/or processes in the supply chain conducted within the United States, including the manufacture and processing of all raw materials used in the product to the extent as defined in 3.2.

3.2 Raw materials. Raw materials have been defined for the purposes of compliance as follows (see 3.3.1-3.2.3).

3.2.1 Natural fiber products. Natural fiber products, such as cotton and wool, must be grown and processed into a thread, weaveable yarn and/or cloth within the U.S.

3.2.2 Synthetic fiber products. Synthetic fiber products, such as nylon and polyester, must be extruded or spun into filament form and further processed into thread, weave or knitable yarn and/or cloth within the U.S.

3.2.2.1 Synthetic fiber raw material. The base raw material, such as resin, pellets or chips, from which synthetic yarn is extruded or spun are not required to be a domestic product.

3.2.3 Chemical compounds and dyes. Chemical compounds and dyes used in the manufacture, finishing or treatment of fibers to finished products are not required to be a domestic product.

3.3 Processes. The following is not a exhaustive list of examples of processes but is provided for clarification purposes only; grown, reprocessed, reused, reclaimed, extruded, spun, carded, twisted, beamed, knitted, woven, braided, washed, dyed, finished, and tested.

3.4 Prime contractor. Any company or individual the United States Department of Defense has contracted for supply of end-items or materials.

3.5 Sub-contractor. The term sub-contractor applies to any company or individual who performs any process or manufacturing step to raw materials, or end-items, and their sub-assemblies, under contract to a prime contractor, directly or indirectly, at any level in the supply chain.

4. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Responsibility. Sub-contractors shall ensure that their processes and raw materials meet the definition of domestic product and are compliant to the requirements of this standard. Sub-contractors shall flow down this standard to their sub-contractors to ensure compliance to the requirements of this standard at all levels of the supply chain.

5. DETAIL REQUIREMENTS

5.1 Compliance processes. Processes shall be documented and implemented at all levels of the supply chain for each material procured in support of contracts or purchase orders that reference this standard. No one process is prescribed by this standard but rather it is the responsibility of the sub-contractor to ensure their processes produce compliancy. Processes shall be documented sufficiently to ensure systematic and consistent application.

5.2 Compliance records. Sub-contractors shall maintain records of their Compliance Processes and Acceptance Criteria as described in Sections 5.1 and 5.4 herein demonstrating compliance of all raw materials, components of assemblies and/or outsourced operations utilized in producing materials for a contract or purchase order that reference this standard. Records shall be maintained for a period of time sufficient to support verification in 5.3. Records demonstrating compliance shall be provided, within a reasonable amount of time, to prime contractors and/or Government quality assurance representatives upon request.

5.3 Compliance verification. Proof of compliance must be available for audit by the prime contractor, sub-contractor or their representative, during a period of time that is otherwise required for the maintenance of other documents typical for procurement of items, to fulfill Government or contract requirements. Sub-contractors shall allow entry and make reasonable accommodation for auditing to verify compliance to this standard.

5.4 Acceptance criteria. A Certificate of Domestic Origin shall be provided by the subcontractor with each shipment stating that all textile products, raw materials and processes used in the manufacture of the products are domestic products and processes. This compliance statement may read as follows (or equivalent):

“I CERTIFY THAT ALL TEXTILE PRODUCTS, RAW MATERIALS AND PROCESSES USED TO MANUFACTURE THE PRODUCTS AND RAW MATERIALS ARE OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTS AND PROCESSES AS DEFINED IN PIA-STD-500 AND OTHERWISE COMPLY WITH THE BERRY AMENDMENT TITLE 10 SECTION 2533A OF THE U.S. CODE AND THE PROVISIONS OF DFAR 225.7000, 225.7001, 225.7002, AND 252.225-7012, PREFERENCE FOR CERTAIN DOMESTIC COMMODITIES. COMPLIANCE RECORDS ARE ON FILE AND AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.”

Followed by...

“ITEMS IN THIS SHIPMENT WERE MANUFACTURED FROM THE FOLLOWING YARN MERGE NUMBERS:

Further documentation may be required to verify compliance and shall be provided upon request. This may include such things as merge numbers, plant of origin information, or raw material source. Examples of compliance records are as follows:

- a. A certificate of origin provided by the yarn producer to the sub-contractor with each shipment. The certificate shall specify the merge/s in the shipment. This document would then be forwarded on to be included with the material test and certification documents;
- b. A broad certification issued at least annually by the yarn manufacturer listing the origin (US or IMPORT) for multiple merges of multiple yarn types. This certification shall be available to all who require it for verification of lot compliance. The Certificate of Domestic Origin from the sub-contractor shall include the merge number/s used so they can be verified against the yarn certification;
- c. The origin data shall be part of, or included with, a Certificate of Domestic Origin.
- d. Certificates of Domestic Origin of all sub-contractors in the supply chain.

5.5 Government Quality Assurance Representative. In addition to certification by the prime contractor that the product manufactured and presented for delivery to the Government is of domestic origin, the Government Quality Assurance Representative may request to review documentation that reflects the compliance of sub-contractors.

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