June 15, 2011

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Re: Reminder Regarding Restrictions on Acquisition of Certain Articles Containing Specialty Metals

Dear [Supplier]:

We wish to take this opportunity to remind you, as a valued Oshkosh supplier, of your obligation under Oshkosh supply agreements and purchase orders to provide items containing only domestically-produced specialty metals.1

Oshkosh’s Supplier Standards Guide, which is incorporated into all Oshkosh supply agreements and purchase orders, contains a clause entitled “Restrictions on Acquisition of Certain Articles Containing Specialty Metals (DFAR 252.225-7009)”, which requires that, to the extent any part you deliver to Oshkosh contains a specialty metal, the specialty metal must have been melted or produced in the United States or a qualifying country,2 or explicitly fall under an exception contained in that clause. The Specialty Metals clause in Oshkosh’s Supplier Standards Guide is a flow-down from similar provisions in Oshkosh’s prime contracts, implementing what is generally referred to as the “Berry Amendment.” See DFARS Subpart 225.7000. This clause

1 Specialty metals include steel with a maximum alloy content exceeding one or more of the following limits: 1.65% manganese; 0.6% silicon; 0.6% copper; 0.25% aluminum; 0.25% chromium, 0.25% cobalt; 0.25% columbium; 0.25% molybdenum; 0.25% nickel; 0.25% titanium; 0.25% tungsten, or 0.25% vanadium.

2 The “qualifying countries” are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Greece, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
requires you, with limited exceptions,\(^3\) to use only specialty metals melted or produced in the United States (or a qualifying country) as part of the end items you deliver to Oshkosh. If you have provided or intend to provide Oshkosh with items containing specialty metals melted or produced elsewhere, please inform Oshkosh immediately.

Thank you for your support of Oshkosh on this important matter. Oshkosh takes its obligations to its customers seriously, and greatly values your support in achieving its goal of 100 percent compliance with the Specialty Metals clause. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Gosling
Vice President, Purchasing
Oshkosh Corporation

\(^3\) Exceptions to this clause include: exemptions for certain specialty metals in electronic components, specialty metals in certain COTS items, and items that certain de minimis amounts of specialty metals. Inform Oshkosh if you believe your product falls under an exception.

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