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Dear Valued Contractor,

The Berry Amendment is a critical statute that requires the purchase of domestically manufactured Clothing and Textiles end items and is implemented via DFARS 252.225-7012 – Preference for Certain Domestic Commodities. As a reminder, unless an exception in DFARS 225-7002-2 applies, for clothing items both the end item and the components of the end item are required to be manufactured domestically. A component as defined in DFARS 252.225-7012 (a) Definitions, “means any item supplied to the Government as part of an end product or of another component.” This language requires the components of components, also at times referred to as subcomponents, to be manufactured domestically. Non-textile components (and components of components) of clothing, such as those comprised of metal or plastic, are required to be manufactured domestically as well.

Recently it has come to the attention of DLA Troop Support contracting personnel of instances where some components of components for clothing were not manufactured domestically. This is a significant finding. Both DLA Troop Support and our Industry Partners have a role to play in ensuring compliance with the Berry Amendment. DLA Troop Support is in the process of increasing Berry Amendment Compliance outreach efforts, including increased communications focused on the topic plus additional site visits to supplier locations. What I am requesting of you, DLA’s industry partners, is increased vigilance with suppliers by being actively engaged throughout your supply chain with the origin of components. When possible perform site visits, request additional documentation and ask tough questions to gain a better insight into where your supplies (including all components of components) are originating

Non-compliance harms the industrial base and weakens both the Congressional and public trust in our shared responsibility to comply with this requirement and fully support American manufacturing. Non-compliance is a significant issue, which results in the rejection/return of product. Request that you share this letter with all of your suppliers and request that they in turn share it further down the supply chain.

If there are any questions related to Berry Amendment compliance or about an interpretation of this regulation, you are strongly recommended to reach out to your contracting officer for further guidance.

Respectfully,

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