

What is DFARS?

DFARS stands for “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement” and is a well-known example of an agency supplement of the FAR, Federal Acquisition Regulations. DFARS that is used by the Department of Defense. DFARS 252.225-7014 Preference for Domestic Specialty Metals was issued under the office of the Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Logistics.

The basic requirements of DFARS include that in order for a US company to use Specialty Metals, the metals must be melted in the ***United States or a qualifying country***. When DFARS is included as part of a purchase order it invokes the Berry Amendment, (USC, Title 10, Section 2533a), requires the Department of Defense (DOD) to give preference in procurement to domestically produced or manufactured products. It also requires that the material used in the manufacture of the fasteners in the United States be melted in the United States or a qualifying country.

What are Qualifying Countries?

A qualifying country, according to DFARS, means any country listed in subsection 225.872-1 of the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement. The qualifying countries listed under DFARS are ***Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and Northern Ireland***.

What are Specialty Metals according to DFARS?

A. Steel - with a maximum alloy content exceeding one or more of the following limits: Manganese, 1.65%, Silicon, 0.60%, or Copper, 0.60%, or containing more than 0.25% of any of the following Elements: Aluminum, Chromium, Cobalt, Columbium, Molybdenum, Nickel, Titanium, Tungsten, or Vanadium.

B. Metal Alloys - consisting of Nickel, Iron-Nickel, and Cobalt base alloys containing a total of other alloying metals except Iron, in excess of ten percent, or Titanium and titanium alloys or zirconium and zirconium base alloys.

Is there a difference between Made in The USA (Domestic) and DFARS?

Yes, American made means products are made from materials melted and manufactured in the U.S.A. while DFARS compliant means products are made from materials melted in and manufactured in any country listed as a qualifying country.

What is traceability?

Traceability refers to the tracing of any raw material to where it is originally melted and manufactured. This can be as simple as one piece of paper or as complex as twenty pages.

Are all Advance Components’ products DFARS Compliant?

The majority of products manufactured and sold by Advance Components are DFARS compliant. However, on occasion a product may be manufactured using material that comes from a non-qualifying country. If you require DFAR Compliance and Certification on a specific purchase order, please let us know at the time an order is placed.