

NNS Supplier Quality Alert

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Dear Valued Supplier,

This alert is being forwarded to you because you supply or have supplied weld wire or rod used on material supplied to Newport News Shipbuilding. During a recent audit of a Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program supplier, a Bechtel Marine Propulsion Corporation auditor identified weld rod packaging that listed China as the country of origin. China and India are not on the list of qualifying countries cited in DFARS 225.872.1 or DFARs 252.225-7002. The material test reports did not list the country of origin and the material test report letterhead was for a known US-based welding material company, which caused the supplier to conclude the weld rods were of domestic origin. Recipients of this Quality Alert who provide material to Newport News Shipbuilding and have Appendix A - DoD Contracts included in their requirements should be aware that section 50 of Appendix A-DoD Contracts includes DFARS 252.225-7002, Qualifying Country Sources as Subcontractors. You should be aware that other suppliers might assume that materials have been correctly sourced from a US-based source, but are, in fact, acting as a distributor of foreign material whose country of origin does not appear on the material test report. All suppliers should review their procurement requirements and quality assurance oversight in regard to the purchase of materials from domestic and foreign sources to ensure proper compliance to all requirements.

If you have any questions or concerns with regards to this Alert, please contact Marian Morrow, NNS Supplier Quality, email LettersofAdvisement@hii-nns.com or phone 757-688-0208.

Sincerely,



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