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country of a defense article jointly developed; or

(iii) Acquisition by the United States of a defense article or defense service from another member country.

(b) *Other participant* means a cooperative project participant other than the United States.

225.871-3 General.

(a) Cooperative project authority. (1) Departments or agencies, that have authority to do so, may enter into a cooperative project agreement with NATO or with one or more member countries of that organization under DoD Directive 5530.3, International Agreements.

(2) Under laws and regulations governing the negotiation and implementation of cooperative project agreements, departments and agencies may enter into contracts, or incur other obligations, on behalf of other participants without charge to any appropriation or contract authorization.

(3) Agency heads have authority to solicit and award contracts to implement cooperative projects.

(b) Contracts implementing cooperative projects shall comply with all applicable laws relating to Government acquisition, unless a waiver is granted under 225.871-4. A waiver of certain laws and regulations may be obtained if—

(1) Required by the terms of a written cooperative project agreement;

(2) It will significantly further NATO standardization, rationalization, and interoperability; and

(3) It is approved by the appropriate DoD official.

225.871-4 Statutory waivers.

(a) The Deputy Secretary of Defense may waive for contracts or subcontracts placed outside the United States any provision of law that specifically prescribes—

(1) Procedures for the formation of contracts;

(2) Terms and conditions for inclusion in contracts;

(3) Requirements for, or preferences to be given—

(i) To goods grown, produced, or manufactured in the United States or in U.S. Government-owned facilities; or

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(ii) For services to be performed in the United States; or

(4) Requirements regulating the performance of contracts.

(b) There is no authority for waiver of—

(1) Any provision of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751);

(2) Any provision of 10 U.S.C. 2304;

(3) The cargo preference laws of the United States, including the Military Cargo Preference Act of 1904 (10 U.S.C. 2631) and the Cargo Preference Act of 1954 (46 U.S.C. 1241(b)); or

(4) Any of the financial management responsibilities administered by the Secretary of the Treasury.

(c) If a waiver is contemplated under the terms of a cooperative project agreement, forward a request for the waiver to the Deputy Secretary of Defense, through the Director of Defense Procurement. The waiver request must include a draft Determination and Findings for signature by the Deputy Secretary of Defense establishing that the waiver is necessary to significantly further NATO standardization, rationalization, and interoperability.

(d) The approval of the Deputy Secretary of Defense must be obtained before committing to make waivers in an agreement or an amendment to an agreement or contract.

225.871-5 Directed subcontracting.

(a) The Director of Defense Procurement may authorize the direct placement of subcontracts with particular subcontractors. Directed subcontracting is not authorized unless specifically addressed in the cooperative project agreement.

(b) In some instances, it may not be feasible to name specific subcontractors at the time the agreement is concluded. The general provisions for work sharing at the prime and subcontractor level, however, must be clearly delineated in the agreement. This will provide the authority necessary to implement such arrangements during the acquisition phase.

(c) The agreement is the authority necessary for including a contractual provision requiring the prime contractor to place certain subcontracts