



## **Codificationclause**

*Contract Clause relating to the supply of technical data for identifying items of supply within the NATO codification system. The Contract Clause is according to STANAG 4177 ANNEX A (Edition 5)*

## **Norwegian Defence Materiel Agency**

1. In this clause:

- a. “Codification Authority” means the National Codification Bureau (NCB) or Authorized Agency for Codification located in the country of design of the item(s) covered by this contract if the contractor is located in a NATO country or in a sponsored tier 2 country and if the contractor is not located in a NATO or sponsored tier 2 country the “Codification Authority” will be the National Codification Bureau or Authorized Agency of the country where the “Contracting Authority” is located.
  - b. “Contracting Authority” means the procurement activity of a NATO country or a NATO Management Authority/Activity.
  - c. “Technical Data” means the engineering drawings, standards, specification and/or technical documentation required to fully identify the items designated by the Contracting Authority to support the equipment covered by the contract.
  - d. “Equivalent contractual instrument” means an agreed formal contractual statement by which a contractor undertakes to furnish technical data in support of codification.
2. Technical Data (comprising drawings, specifications, catalogues or any other information describing the physical characteristics of an item) is required to enable codification to be undertaken for the identification and management of materiel as required by the NATO Codification System (NCS).

The contractor shall make available to the Codification Authority, within the timescales specified, the necessary technical data for all items supplied under this contract. This information can be provided either as “hard copy” drawings, specifications etc. or, where appropriate and available, via access by the Codification Authority to electronic data held at a specific World-Wide Web site address.

The contractor shall dispatch the data or arrange for access to the data via the web, from sub-contractors or suppliers on request from the Codification Authority within the timescales specified in the contract.

In addition to the initial provision of technical data the contractor shall also provide any updated information on all items specified in this contract resulting from agreed modifications, design or drawing changes as and when these changes are made during the life of the contract.

3. The contractor shall include the terms of this clause or an equivalent contractual instrument in any sub-contract(s) to ensure the availability of technical data to the Codification Authority. If dispatch of the data takes place from the sub-contractor or supplier, the contractor shall provide details of sub-contract numbers or similar to enable the Codification Authority to approach the sub-contractor or supplier direct for the data.
4. In the event of a sub-contract order being placed with a manufacturer in a non-NATO country, the contractor shall be responsible for obtaining the necessary technical data from the sub-contractor/supplier and furnishing it to the Codification Authority.
5. The Technical Data for codification purposes shall include the name and address of the Design Control Authority(s), the Design Control Authority’s drawing or item part number(s), standards/specifications reference number(s) and item name(s), if these elements have not been provided in the Recommended Spare Parts List (RSPL) supplied in the initial provisioning phase, such that contractors will not be misled.
6. If the contractor/sub-contractor or supplier has previously supplied Technical Data for codification purpose on any of the items covered in this contract to the requesting Codification Authority, he is to state this fact and to indicate to which NCB/Codification Agency they were supplied. He shall not under normal circumstances be required to make further supply of the data already provided.
7. The contractor, sub-contractor or supplier shall contact the Codification Authority in his country for any information concerning the NATO Codification System.