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DOMESTIC MATERIAL COMPLIANCE – CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

NCDOT has released Domestic Material Compliance Guidance for NCDOT Construction Projects. The guidance provides NCDOT's framework for administering domestic material requirements, including Buy America, Build America, Buy America (BABA), and North Carolina's domestic iron and steel requirements. Project teams should use the guidance with the contract special provisions, the Standard Specifications, and Materials & Tests procedures.

Contract Requirements Govern

- The domestic material requirements applicable to a project are governed by the contract documents, including the project special provisions and the version of Article 106-1 included in the contract.
- The guidance is an operational reference and does not supersede federal or state law, approved waivers, or project-specific contract requirements.

Contractor Affirmation Before Work Begins

- Before construction begins, the Contractor must submit a complete and notarized Domestic Material Compliance Affirmation to the Resident Engineer.
- The affirmation is contract-level only and does not replace shipment-specific manufacturer or supplier certifications.
- The Contractor's notarized Domestic Material Compliance Affirmation, related correspondence, records of escalated issues, and any applicable waiver documentation must be maintained in the project's **Domestic Material Folder**.

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Certification Before Incorporation or Payment

- Materials subject to domestic content requirements must be supported by a manufacturer or supplier certification before they are incorporated into the work or included for payment, whichever occurs first.
- Each certification must be traceable to the material delivered through a bill of lading, invoice, packing list, lot number, heat number, batch number, or other traceable identifier.
- If required certification is missing, incomplete, unclear, or inconsistent with the delivered material, the associated material must not be included in a pay estimate until the issue is resolved.

MRR Documentation

- Domestic material certifications are reviewed and tracked through the Materials Received Report (MRR) workflow.

New MRR fields include:

1. Permanent Material? — Yes / No
2. Material Classification — Iron & Steel / Manufactured Product / Construction Material / Not Subject per Article 106-1
3. Domestic Cert Attached — Yes / No / Not Required

Materials Received Report (MRR)

Items on this list require content approval. Your submission will not appear in public views until approved by someone with proper rights. [More information on content approval.](#)

Line Item

DB WI

MRR *

Date Received

Permanent Material

Material Classification

Domestic Material Certification

Material Info

UoM

☐ Specify your own value:

****NEW FIELDS****

- Certifications must be filed with the corresponding MRR so that the certification, delivered material, pay item, quantity, and payment record remain traceable.

Questions and Escalation

- Material classification guidance is addressed in the Materials & Tests Bulletin and in Chapter 3, Appendix B, and Appendix C of the NCDOT Domestic Material Compliance Guidance.
- When domestic material documentation cannot be verified through normal review of certifications, MRRs, or delivery records, the Resident Engineer should elevate the issue through the Area Construction Engineer. The ACE will coordinate with the Materials & Tests Unit or Central Construction Unit, as appropriate.

Guidance Document Location

The full Domestic Material Compliance Guidance for NCDOT Construction Projects is available on Connect NCDOT (<https://connect.ncdot.gov>).

- Connect NCDOT > Projects > Construction > Domestic Materials > NCDOT Domestic Material Guidance
- Direct access: [Domestic Material Compliance Guidance](#)

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