



Tip_6 – You can make the declaration when the part materials are fully specified.

When the material are fully specified for your part, consider generating the declaration in house, not requesting it from your supplier. For example you can obtain the material specification for 303 Stainless Steel and Black oxide finish, and generate a Class D (FMD) in less time than is needed for a request to a supplier. There must be a statements on the PO and contracts that prevents the supplier from changing materials without written permission. Also update your team practices to add this as an acceptable practice for the Class D declaration. Be care not to make guesses at what the substances are. Also, many times your suppliers have certificates for the metals they purchase that have the needed data, ask them to send you a copy.

If it has been sometime since you have looked at applications or benchmarked yourself against others, this would be a good time to find out how you are doing. The regulations are not going away, that is clear.

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