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### 3. DNAD Exception

When a program office concludes that domestically melted or produced specialty metal cannot be procured (as described in DFARS 225.7003-3(b)(5)) to support the production of a particular end item or component, the contracting officer must prepare a [DNAD D&F](https://usaf.dps.mil/sites/AFCC/KnowledgeCenter/contracting_templates/determination_and_findings_03.pdf) for specialty metals. The contracting officer must coordinate the effort through the SCO and [SAF/AQC](mailto:SAF.AQ.SAF-AQC.Workflow@us.af.mil) for submission to the SecAF for approval. The SecAF may grant a DNAD for an individual contract if a compliant specialty metal of satisfactory quality and sufficient quantity, and in the required form, cannot be procured as and when needed at a fair and reasonable price. This approval authority is not delegable. A Class DNAD requires the approval of the USD(AT&L).