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Subsection 106-10 "DOMESTIC MATERIALS" has been deleted from the Department's Standard Specifications. This action has the effect of permitting the use of materials and products manufactured or produced anywhere in the world provided:

1. All quality requirements of the Specifications are met.
2. All requirements of Subsection 106-02 "SAMPLES, TESTS AND CITED SPECIFICATIONS" as contained in Addendum 4 (pg. 8) are complied with.

Deletion of the "Domestic Materials" clause was accomplished in the following manner:

Letting of November 18, 1976 - By Amendment  
 Letting of December 16, 1976 - By Special Note  
 Letting of January, 1977 and thereafter - By Addendum 4

The following guidelines are designed to assist project and plant personnel relative to this subject.

- A. For products accorded shop inspection at the point of manufacture or fabrication satisfaction of the "Evidence of Acceptability" requirements as outlined in the Department's Materials Inspection Manual (MIM) dated 5/24/76 is ample proof that our quality assurance provisions have been compiled with even though the material originated outside of this country. Some examples include structural steel, cement, elastomeric bridge bearings, concrete pipe, bridge railing, paint, epoxies, preformed elastic joint sealer.
- B. Most other products have either "Approved Lists" or "Certification" as their Evidence of Acceptability. Products of foreign manufacture fitting the Approved List category will, by definition of that category, have been reviewed and acted upon by the Materials Bureau prior to arrival at the project site.

However, products which, by MIM, belong to the "Certification" category, may initially escape the attention of the Materials Bureau. As it is our intention to sample and test all materials of foreign origin, the Materials Bureau Product Control Unit (518/457-5642) is to be contacted

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immediately should such materials arrive on the project site with no documents or authorization other than a certification.

- C. It would be beneficial to all concerned and most desirable if, at pre-construction conferences, the contractor be informed that any of his suppliers who contemplate furnishing materials or products of non-domestic origin contact the Materials Bureau first.
- D. In the case of concrete batch plants and bituminous mix plants it is important to note that non-domestic materials (i.e. cement, asphalt, and aggregates) may be used only for projects containing the revised specification provisions.
- E. Please note that our Specifications provide that all labels, tags, certification, etc. shall be in the English Language and all numerical data is to be in the foot-pound-second system of units of measurement.