SPEC 2000M	REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION	1. Request No. RC/01/IP/09 Date: 26.02.2009

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3. SPEC 2000M REFERENCE :

Volume 4 - Appendix 1 - Data Dictionary: Data Element Definition for “PART NUMBER”:

CODE

The PART NUMBER allocated by the Manufacturer holding the design rights must be given as the prime PART NUMBER unless the item is a standard part.

4. Description Of Request for Clarification:

During several EF2000 IP Workshops, it was discussed the request of the Customer to replace a Part Number listed in a Supplier’s IPPN with a standard part, on the basis of the Codification results.

Within the NSN Concept, the Part Number listed by the Supplier is Secondary Coded (e.g. RNCC 5 and RNCV 2) and a standard Part Number exists with Primary Codes (e.g. RNCC 2 and RNCV 2).

The Industry position is that the use and confirmation of the better codified item require a technical validation by the Engineering Dept. of the Supplier. If the Supplier confirms that its own Part Number has to be installed, a new Nato Stock Number is to be assigned.

The Customer quote as a reference the sentence of the ASD S2000M above mentioned.

The IPET is asked to give an opinion about this matter.

5. Answer Provided

The Customer interprets the sentence “unless the item is a standard part” out of context. Only the design authority / engineering authority determine the item to be used in the weapon system / component. If this is indeed a standard part then the part number of the standard part should be used. If however subject design authority / engineering authority determines that a specific part number must be used then this specific part number will be listed; it is then no longer a standard part.

The return from the NCB does not and cannot change this; the NCB is neither an engineering authority nor a design authority.