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No. IFA/148

Dated :- 12.07.2016

To

The IFA (SWC)
Jaipur

Sub:- Seeking clarification regarding use of components of Chinese origin for various Security related Equipments.

Ref: Your letter No. IFA/58//AN/I/Estt dated 05.05.2016.

The issues referred in the above cited letter have been examined and it is mentioned that the issue under reference being of non-financial nature is to be taken by executive authorities with their higher authorities for guidance.

2. However, Army HQrs. confidential letter No. A/46206/A/MI-13 dated 18.05.2015 is more than sufficient to deal with the issues raised by your office.

This issues with the approval of Addl. CGDA (Fin)


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Ref: HQ(SWC) GS(INT) Branch letter no 17017/Allot/SRE/GSI dated 05.04.2016 & 07.04.2016 (copy enclosed)

Statement of Case:

With ref to HQ(SWC) GS(Int) Branch above cited letter , it is submitted that Security related equipments (as per list of items given at Annexure 1 to IHQ, MoD letter No 88896/SOP/MH110K/GS/FP-2 dated 21.05.2014, copy enclosed) are being procured under Schedule -13 of DFPDS-2015.

During last financial year, HQ SWC GS(Int) Branch has submitted DGMI, GS Branch , IHQ of MOD(Army) letter dated 13.04.2010 and 18.05.2015 (copy enclosed) regarding directive and advisory on use of components /items of Chinese origin. As per this letter, hardware /software of system /sub system which are sensitive and critical must not be from a Chinese origin due to security implications. Further, as per para 6 of ibid IHQ, MoD letter dated 18.05.2015, even for non-critical items a) the OEM should supply components of non-Chinese origin, if the OEM has production facilities outside China b) Components of Chinese origin must be tested for absence of embedded malware (within or outside the country) and certificate to this effect to be given by the supplier.

View of our office

Above stated DGMI letters are regarding directive against use of components /items of Chinese origins & IT Hardware and many of security related equipments such as CCTV Camera System, Baggage Scanner etc consist of the methodologies of coding / programming, data communication, data conversion, storage and retrieval of data, so security related equipments should not be of Chinese origin due to security constraint, sensitiveness & critical nature of items.

Points of doubt:

- 1) Whether above directive i.e IT hardware of non Chinese origin should be applicable for all Security Related Equipments irrespective of nature of items i.e critical /non-critical.
- 2) As per para 3 of DGMI letter dated 13.04.2010, " items not of Chinese Origin" can not explicitly be mentioned in RFP/QRs, then how such vendors providing items of Chinese origin can be refrained from the tendering process.

Keeping in view of the above, it is requested to issue necessary guidelines against use of components of Chinese origin & Chinese IT hardware for procurement of various Security Related Equipments.

This issues with the approval of IFA(SWC)

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