

Ministry of Defence

Design Rights and Patents (Sub-Contractor's Agreement)

Notes for Guidance

1. This note has been devised as an aid to the completion of DEFFORM 177.
2. This top sheet is to be detached before inclusion of the Agreement in a Contract or before submission to a sub-contractor.
3. In a draft for typing it will normally only be necessary to give instructions as follows: (although, if the Typing Pool is not one which is dedicated to Contracts work under the "Glasgow System" it will be necessary to attach a copy of DEFFORM 177).

Use a DEFFORM 177 and insert:

- a.* the date of the Agreement;
 - b.* the sub-contractor's full name;
 - c.* the sub-contractor's registered address;
 - d. paragraph 1 - the full name of the main Contractor;
 - e. paragraph 1 - the Contract number of the main contract;
 - f. paragraph 1 - the description of the equipment being designed and developed under the main contract as shown on the Schedule of the Contract;
 - g.* First Schedule - List of items appropriate to the sub-contract in question (the sub-contractor may insert these themselves if necessary);
 - h. Second Schedule - List of the relevant Intellectual Property Rights conditions applicable to the Contract (i.e. DEFCONs 14, 15, 15A, 90, 91 and 126 etc.).
4. It will also be necessary to amend the references to "design and development" should the subject Contract be a Feasibility Study, Project Definition etc.
 5. Similarly, as DEFFORM 177 is a drafting form, no references to the DEFFORM should appear in the Contract. This will require:
 - a. the deletion of the legend "DEFFORM 177 (Edn /)";
 - b. that any references required in the Contract should refer to "the Agreement in the form set out in Annex to the Contract".
 6. Two copies of the DEFFORM should be signed by a responsible officer on behalf of the sub-contractor and both of these should be returned for signature by the MOD representative. One copy is for the sub-contractor to retain, and the other is for retention by the Contracts Branch.

*N.B. This information will not necessarily be available at the drafting stage.

2. No extension alteration or variation in the terms of the sub-contract between the main contractor and the sub-contractor and no other agreement between the main contractor and the sub-contractor relating to the work to be done under the sub-contract or any modification now or hereafter made thereto shall prejudice the operation of this Agreement which shall in all respects apply to the sub-contract as so extended altered varied supplemented or modified as if such extension alteration variation supplementation or modification had been originally provided for in the sub-contract and the expression "the sub-contract items" shall have effect accordingly.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have set their hands the day and years first before written

Signed on behalf of
the Sub-Contractor

(in capacity of)

Signed on behalf of
The Secretary of
State for Defence

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

The Sub-Contract Items are:-

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

The Clauses which apply to this Agreement are:-

To be
inserted as
appropriate

except that:

- (i) Where "the Contractor" is stated "the Sub-Contractor" shall be substituted.
- (ii) Where "the Authority" is stated "the Secretary of State" shall be substituted.
- (iii) Where "Contract" is stated "sub-contract" shall be substituted.
- (iv) Where "sub-contractor" is stated "further sub-contractor" shall be substituted.
- (v) Where "sub-contract" is stated "further sub-contract" shall be substituted.