

VAC updates DFARS compliance

HANAU, (Feb 05, 2025) – VACUUMSCHMELZE (VAC), the leading manufacturer of rare earth permanent magnets and magnetic solutions of scale outside Asia, announces its range of permanent magnet materials schedule for DFARS 252.225-7052 compliance.



As announced in January 2020 VAC's European-based production fulfills all requirements to comply with DFARS 225.7018, 10 USC. 2533c. Compliance includes the whole family of neodymium-iron-boron (NdFeB) permanent magnets traded under VACODYM® as well as samarium-cobalt (SmCo) grades available as VACOMAX®. [Press release January 31, 2020](#)

DFARS 252.225-7052 effective January 1, 2027 expands the regulation by which a contractor shall not deliver under contract any covered material mined, refined, separated, melted, or produced in any covered country, or any end item, manufactured in any covered country, that contains a covered material (section 854, Pub. L. 118-31; 10 U.S.C. 4872). Covered country includes North Korea, The People's Republic of China, The Russian Federation, and Iran.



VAC's European production facilities, and new eVAC permanent magnet production facility coming online late 2025 in Sumter, SC USA, will be fully DFARS 252.225-7052 compliant for VACODYM (NdFeB) by mid-2026. [eVAC press release March 11, 2024](#)

VAC's European production of VACOMAX (SmCo) is targeting to be DFARS 252.225-7052 compliant by mid-2026.

“As the largest producer of rare earth permanent magnets outside Asia we are committed, and invested in ensuring complete compliance to DFAR regulations. Our intent is to work closely with OEMs and the existing current supply chain to ensure a smooth transition to compliance,” said Dr. Alexander Barcza, Vice President VAC Permanent Magnets.

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About Vacuumschmelze



VACUUMSCHMELZE (VAC) is a leading global producer of advanced magnetic solutions, rare earth permanent magnets, and inductive components. With extensive application know-how and 100 years of experience in material science and product development, VAC designs and manufactures mission critical solutions for a wide variety of industries, including renewable energy, e-mobility, automotive, industrial automation, medical, aerospace and defense. VAC's unique ability to develop and manufacture from base elements through final products enables us to provide customers optimal form factors and performance, generating best in class efficient solutions in an environmentally conscious manner. More information is available at www.vacuumschmelze.com. VAC is a portfolio company of Ara Partners, a global private equity firm that is decarbonizing the industrial economy.

About Ara Partners



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