

Question #1: Regarding article 9 of the Synopsis - "Geographic Code", which states that DPI may only procure goods and services from the following countries which fall under the authorized geographic code for the contract - Code 937, please clarify that this refers to the origin of goods (ie. where they were manufactured), and how to demonstrate that the goods adhere to this Code.

Answer #1: Geographic Code 937 authorizes DPI to purchase goods and services from the United States, the recipient country (i.e. Serbia) or other developing countries, but excludes advanced developing countries and prohibited source countries. Please see the attached list of excluded countries under USAID Geographic Code 937. The requirements relate not only to the source of the goods and services, e.g. the place from where the goods and services can be purchased, but also the nationality of the manufacturer. Additionally, please also refer to Federal Acquisition Regulation 52.204-25: Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. Proof of nationality of the manufacturer will presumably be in the technical specifications being provided as part of the bid.