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Dear ,

I am writing about your email of 3 October 2022, further to my response to FOI2022/10088 requesting clarification. You originally requested:

'I would like to make a Freedom of Information request for the documents in reference to Nato Recovery Shackles NSN 4030-99-930-5251 & NSN 4030-99-300-2678 They may include and be referenced in 1. Operation manuals 2. Maintenance manuals 3. Parts manuals

We are a UK manufacturer of the Nato Recovery Shackles NSN 4030-99-930-5251 & NSN 4030-99-300-2678.

Hoping to learn more regarding the components, what vehicles use them as standard equipment, etc.'

You refined your request as follows:

Can I request information regarding the last procurement and the purchasing authority for the specific items in question?

**To confirm, the items are NSN 4030-99-930-5251 & NSN 4030-99-300-2678.
Also known as FV2140599 & FV2140598.**

We would also like clarification as to which platform is used to issue tenders for such items when required for replacement.

Your request has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

A search has been carried out of Ministry of Defence (MOD) records and it is confirmed that the most recent procurement of these items was conducted by Babcock, acting as agent, under the SPTC contract.

All procurement activity relating to these contracts was published in the Defence Contract Bulletin. Any replacement Contracts including these NSNs will be conducted in accordance with the procurement regulations. All contract notices are now published on the Defence Sourcing Portal which has now replaced the Defence Contracts Bulletin.

Under S16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act I can confirm that the two NSNs are included in the following contracts:-

Contract Number IRM18/5958 – Supply of GMC Miscellaneous Spares – Supplier – Carwood Motor Units Ltd
Contract Number IRM18/5956 – Supply of GMC Tools and Accessories – Supplier – Carwood Motor Units Ltd

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Yours sincerely,

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