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NAESB Copyright Procedure Regarding Member and Purchaser Self-Executing Waiver

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6. Any questions concerning the NAESB Copyright Procedure Regarding Member and Purchaser Self-Executing Waiver process should be directed to the NAESB office (naesb@naesb.org; (713) 356-0060).