

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD certifies that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, because the only known U.S. manufacturer of para-aramid fibers and yarns is DuPont, which is a large business concern.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the rule does not contain any information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 225 and 252

Government procurement.

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Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Interim Rule Adopted as Final With Changes

Accordingly, the interim rule amending 48 CFR Parts 225 and 252, which was published at 64 FR 2599 on January 15, 1999, is adopted as a final rule with the following changes:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Parts 225 and 252 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

PART 225—FOREIGN ACQUISITION

2. Section 225.7002-2 is amended by revising paragraph (j) and removing paragraph (k). The revised text reads as follows:

§ 225.7002-2 Exceptions.

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(j) Purchases of fibers and yarns that are for use in synthetic fabric or coated synthetic fabric (but not the purchase of the synthetic or coated synthetic fabric itself), if—

(1) The fabric is to be used as a component of an end item that is not a textile product. Examples of textile products, made in whole or in part of fabric, include—

(i) Draperies, floor coverings, furnishings, and bedding (Federal Supply Group 72, Household and Commercial Furnishings and Appliances);

(ii) Items made in whole or in part of fabric in Federal Supply Group 83, Textile/leather/furs/apparel/findings/tents/flags, or Federal Supply Group 84, Clothing, Individual Equipment and Insignia;

(iii) Upholstered seats (whether for household, office, or other use); and
(iv) Parachutes (Federal Supply Class 1670); or

(2) The fibers and yarns are para-aramid fibers and yarns manufactured in—

(i) The Netherlands; or
(ii) Another qualifying country (see 225.872) if the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology) makes a determination in accordance with section 807 of Pub. L. 105-261 that—

(A) Procuring articles that contain only para-aramid fibers and yarns manufactured from suppliers within the United States or its possessions would result in sole source contracts or subcontracts for the supply of such para-aramid fibers and yarns;

(B) Such sole source contracts or subcontracts would not be in the best interest of the Government or consistent with the objectives of the Competition in Contracting Act (10 U.S.C. 2304); and

(C) The qualifying country permits U.S. firms that manufacture para-aramid fibers and yarns to compete with foreign firms for the sale of para-aramid fibers and yarns in that country.

PART 252—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

3. Section 252.225-7012 is amended by revising the clause date and paragraphs (b)(3) and (b)(4), and by removing paragraph (b)(5). The revised text reads as follows:

252.225-7012 Preference for Certain Domestic Commodities.

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(b) * * *

(3) To chemical warfare protective clothing produced in the countries listed in subsection 225.872-1 of the Defense FAR Supplement; or

(4) To fibers and yarns that are for use in synthetic fabric or coated synthetic fabric (but does apply to the synthetic or coated synthetic fabric itself), if—

(i) The fabric is to be used as a component of an end item that is not a textile product. Examples of textile products, made in whole or in part of fabric, include—

(a) Draperies, floor coverings, furnishings, and bedding (Federal Supply Group 72, Household and Commercial Furnishings and Appliances);

(B) Items made in whole or in part of fabric in Federal Supply Group 83, Textile/leather/furs/apparel/findings/tents/flags, or Federal Supply Group 84, Clothing, Individual Equipment and Insignia;

(C) Upholstered seats (whether for household, office, or other use); and

(D) Parachutes (Federal Supply Class 1670); or

(ii) The fibers and yarns are para-aramid fibers and yarns manufactured in the Netherlands.

(End of clause)

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**48 CFR Parts 225 and 252**

[DFARS Case 96-D016]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Antiterrorism Training

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement is adopting as final, without change, the interim rule published in the **Federal Register** on June 11, 1998, that amended the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to add guidance pertaining to DoD antiterrorism/force protection policy. The rule requires DoD contractors and their subcontractors to take appropriate security precautions when performing or traveling outside the United States.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 7, 1999.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

An interim rule with request for comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 63 FR 31963 on June 11, 1998. The rule added a new DFARS subpart and a new contract clause pertaining to antiterrorism/force protection policy for DoD contracts that require performance or travel outside the United States. No comments were received in response to the interim rule. The interim rule is converted to a final rule without change.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD certifies that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory

Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, because the rule applies only to contracts that require performance or travel outside the United States, and any costs related to compliance with the rule should be included in the contract price.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the rule does not contain any information collection

requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 225 and 252

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Interim Rule Adopted as Final Without Change.

PART 225—FOREIGN ACQUISITION, AND PART 252—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

Accordingly, the interim rule amending 48 CFR Parts 225 and 252, which was published at 63 FR 31936 on June 11, 1998, is adopted as a final rule without change.

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