

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION****48 CFR Chapter 1**

[Docket No. FAR–2019–0001, Sequence No. 5]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;  
Federal Acquisition Circular 2019–06;  
Introduction**AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD),  
General Services Administration (GSA),and National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration (NASA).**ACTION:** Summary presentation of final  
rules.**SUMMARY:** This document summarizes  
the Federal Acquisition Regulation  
(FAR) rules agreed to by the Civilian  
Agency Acquisition Council and the  
Defense Acquisition Regulations  
Council (Councils) in this Federal  
Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2019–06. A  
companion document, the *Small Entity  
Compliance Guide* (SECG), follows this  
FAC. The FAC, including the SECG, is  
available via the internet at [http://  
www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).**DATES:** For effective date see the  
separate documents, which follow.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The  
analyst whose name appears in the table  
below in relation to the FAR case. For  
information pertaining to status or  
publication schedules, contact the  
Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202–  
501–4755.**RULES LISTED IN FAC 2019–06**

Item	Subject	FAR case	Analyst
I .....	Use of Products and Services Of Kaspersky Lab .....	2018–010	Francis.
II .....	Update of “Affiliates” and Section 8(a) Clauses .....	2019–006	Chambers.
III .....	Update to Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) .....	2019–005	Glover.
IV .....	New World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement Country-Australia .....	2019–011	Davis.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Summaries for each FAR rule follow.  
For the actual revisions and/or  
amendments made by these FAR rules,  
refer to the specific item numbers and  
subjects set forth in the documents  
following these item summaries. FAC  
2019–06 amends the FAR as follows:**Item I—Use of Products and Services of  
Kaspersky Lab (FAR Case 2018–010)**This final rule adopts an interim rule  
published on June 15, 2018, without  
changes. The interim rule implemented  
section 1634 of Division A of the  
National Defense Authorization Act for  
Fiscal Year 2018 (Pub. L. 115–91),  
which prohibited the use of hardware,  
software, and services developed or  
provided, in whole or in part, by  
Kaspersky Lab or related entities by the  
Federal Government, on or after October  
1, 2018. The interim rule also required  
contractors to report any such hardware,  
software, or services discovered during  
contract performance. This rule is being  
implemented as a national security  
measure to protect Government  
information and information systems.**Item II—Update of “Affiliates” and  
Section 8(a) Clauses (FAR Case 2019–  
006)**This final rule amends the FAR to  
revise the definition of “affiliates” at  
FAR 19.101 and 2.101. This rule  
amends the clauses at FAR 52.219–12,  
Special 8(a) Subcontract Conditions,  
and 52.219–17, Section 8(a) Award, to  
remove an obsolete requirement for 8(a)contractors to obtain written approval  
from the Small Business Administration  
and the contracting officer before  
subcontracting the performance of any  
contract requirements. This final rule is  
expected to result in savings for Federal  
contractors who are participants in the  
8(a) Program.**Item III—Update to Contractor  
Performance Assessment Reporting  
System (CPARS) (FAR Case 2019–005)**This final rule amends the FAR at  
FAR 42.1501 and 42.1503 to establish  
the Contractor Performance Assessment  
Reporting System (CPARS) as the  
official system for past performance  
information. The rule makes conforming  
changes in FAR parts 9, 13, 15, and 25  
to remove all references to Past  
Performance Information Retrieval  
System (PPIRS) and adds CPARS for  
past performance information. The final  
rule is not expected to have a significant  
economic impact on small entities,  
because the rule merely designates an  
existing system, CPARS, as the single  
official repository for recording and  
maintaining contractor performance  
information.**Item IV—New World Trade  
Organization Government Procurement  
Agreement Country—Australia (FAR  
Case 2019–011)**DoD, GSA, and NASA are issuing a  
final rule amending the FAR to add  
Australia as a new World Trade  
Organization Government Procurement  
Agreement (WTO GPA) country.Australia is already a designated  
country, because it is a Free Trade  
Agreement country.This final rule has no significant  
impact on the Government and  
contractors, including small business  
entities.**William F. Clark,***Director, Office of Government-wide  
Acquisition Policy, Office of Acquisition  
Policy, Office of Government-wide Policy.*Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2019–  
06 is issued under the authority of the  
Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of  
General Services, and the Administrator of  
National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration.Unless otherwise specified, all Federal  
Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and other  
directive material contained in FAC 2019–06  
is effective September 10, 2019 except for  
Items II, III, and IV, which are effective  
October 10, 2019.Linda W. Neilson,  
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