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FSG Category/Description
56 Construction and building materials
61 Electric wire, and power and distribution equipment
62 Lighting fixtures and lamps
63 Alarm and signal systems
65 Medical, dental, and veterinary equipment and supplies
66 Instruments and laboratory equipment (except aircraft clocks under 6645)—See FAR 25.003 exclusion of certain watches and watch parts for certain Caribbean Basin countries
67 Photographic equipment
68 Chemicals and chemical products
69 Training aids and devices
70 General purpose ADPE, software, supplies, and support equipment
71 Furniture
72 Household and commercial furnishings and appliances
73 Food preparation and serving equipment
74 Office machines, visible record equipment and ADP equipment
75 Office supplies and devices
76 Books, maps, and other publications
77 Musical instruments, phonographs, and home type radios
78 Recreational and athletic equipment
79 Cleaning equipment and supplies
80 Brushes, paints, sealers, and adhesives
81 Containers, packaging and packing supplies (except 8140)
83 Pins, needles, and sewing kits (only part of 8315) and flag staffs, flagpoles, and flagstaff trucks (only part of 8345)
84 Luggage (only 8460)—See FAR 25.003 for exclusion of luggage for Caribbean Basin countries
85 Toiletries
87 Agricultural supplies
88 Live animals equipment
89 Tobacco products (only 8975)
91 Fuels, oils, and waxes
93 Nonmetallic fabricated materials
94 Nonmetallic crude materials
96 Ores, minerals, and their primary products
99 Miscellaneous


225.401–71 Products or services in support of operations in Iraq or Afghanistan.

When acquiring products or services, other than small arms, in support of operations in Iraq or Afghanistan—

(a) If using the procedure specified in 225.7703–1(a)(1), the purchase restriction at FAR 25.403(c) does not apply with regard to products or services from Iraq.

(b) If using a procedure specified in 225.7703–1(a)(2) or (3), the procedures of subpart 25.4 are not applicable.

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225.402 General.

To estimate the value of the acquisition, use the total estimated value of end products covered by trade agreements (see 225.401–70).

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225.403 World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement and Free Trade Agreements.

(c) For acquisitions of supplies covered by the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement, acquire only U.S.-made, qualifying country, or designated country end products unless—

(i) The contracting officer determines that offers of U.S.-made, qualifying country, or designated country end products from responsive, responsible offerors are either—

(A) Not received; or

(B) Insufficient to fill the Government’s requirements. In this case, accept all responsive, responsible offers of U.S.-made, qualifying country, and eligible products before accepting any other offers;

(ii) A national interest waiver under 19 U.S.C. 2512(b)(2) is granted on a case-by-case basis. Except as delegated in paragraphs (c)(1)(A) and (B) of this section, submit any request for a national interest waiver to the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy in accordance with department or agency procedures. Include supporting rationale with the request.

(A) The head of the contracting activity may approve a national interest waiver for a purchase by an overseas purchasing activity, if the waiver is supported by a written statement from the requiring activity that the products being acquired are critical for the support of U.S. forces stationed abroad.
(B) The Commander or Director, Defense Energy Support Center, may approve national interest waivers for purchases of fuel for use by U.S. forces overseas; or

(iii) The acquisition is in support of operations in Afghanistan (see 225.7704–1).


225.408 Procedures.

(a)(4) The requirements of FAR 25.408(a)(4), on submission of offers in U.S. dollars, do not apply to overseas acquisitions or to Defense Energy Support Center post, camp, or station overseas requirements.

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Subpart 225.5—Evaluating Foreign Offers—Supply Contracts

SOURCE: 68 FR 15620, Mar. 31, 2003, unless otherwise noted.

225.502 Application.

(a) Whenever the acquisition is in support of operations in Afghanistan, treat the offers of end products from South Caucasus or Central and South Asian states listed in 225.401–70 the same as qualifying country offers.

(b) Use the following procedures instead of the procedures in FAR 25.502(b) for acquisitions subject to the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement:

(i) Consider only offers of U.S.-made, qualifying country, or designated country end products, except as permitted by 225.703 or 225.703–1.

(ii) If price is the determining factor, award on the low offer.

(c) Use the following procedures instead of those in FAR 25.502(c) for acquisitions subject to the Buy American statute or the Balance of Payments Program:

(i)(A) If the acquisition is subject only to the Buy American or Balance of Payments Program, then only qualifying country end products are exempt from application of the Buy American or Balance of Payments Program evaluation factor.

(B) If the acquisition is also subject to a Free Trade Agreement, then eligible products of the applicable Free Trade Agreement country are also exempt from application of the Buy American or Balance of Payments Program evaluation factor.

(ii) If price is the determining factor, use the following procedures:

(A) If the low offer is a domestic offer, award on that offer.

(B) If there are no domestic offers, award on the low offer (see example in 225.504(1)).

(C) If the low offer is a foreign offer that is exempt from application of the Buy American or Balance of Payments Program evaluation factor, award on that offer. (If the low offer is a qualifying country offer from a country listed at 225.702–1(b), execute a determination in accordance with 225.702–4.)

(D) If the low offer is a foreign offer that is not exempt from application of the Buy American or Balance of Payments Program evaluation factor, and there is another foreign offer that is exempt and is lower than the lowest domestic offer, award on the low foreign offer (see example in 225.504(2)).

(E) Otherwise, apply the 50 percent evaluation factor to the low foreign offer.

(i) If the price of the low domestic offer is less than the evaluated price of the low foreign offer, award on the low domestic offer (see example in 225.504(3)).

(ii) If the evaluated price of the low foreign offer remains less than the low domestic offer, award on the low foreign offer (see example in 225.504(4)).

(iii) If price is not the determining factor, use the following procedures:

(A) If there are domestic offers, apply the 50 percent Buy American or Balance of Payments Program evaluation factor to all foreign offers unless an exemption applies.

(B) Evaluate in accordance with the criteria of the solicitation.

(C) If these procedures will not result in award on a domestic offer, reevaluate offers without the 50 percent factor. If this will result in award on an offer to which the Buy American statute or Balance of Payments Program applies, but evaluation in accordance with paragraph (c)(ii) of this section