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(5) Is not otherwise responsible.
(b) Additional requirements may only be imposed provided that such applicant or recipient is notified in writing as to:
(1) The nature of the additional requirements,
(2) The reason why the additional requirements are being imposed,
(3) The nature of the corrective action needed,
(4) The time allowed for completing the corrective actions, and
(5) The method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed.
(c) A copy of such notices shall be sent to the Assistant Secretary for Administration. Any special conditions shall be promptly removed once the conditions that prompted them have been corrected.

§ 19.15 Metric system of measurement.

The Metric Conversion Act, as amended by the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act (15 U.S.C. 205), declares that the metric system is the preferred measurement system for U.S. trade and commerce. The Act requires each Federal agency to establish a date or dates in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, when the metric system of measurement will be used in the agency’s procurements, grants, and other business-related activities. Metric implementation may take longer where the use of the system is initially impractical or likely to cause significant inefficiencies in the accomplishment of federally-funded activities. Federal awarding agencies shall follow the provisions of E.O. 12770, “Metric Usage in Federal Government Programs.”


Under the Act, any State agency or agency of a political subdivision of a State which is using appropriated Federal funds must comply with section 6002. Section 6002 requires that preference be given in procurement programs to the purchase of specific products containing recycled materials identified in guidelines developed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (40 CFR parts 247–254).

§ 19.17 Certifications and representations.

FINANCIAL AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Subpart C—Post-Award Requirements

§ 19.20 Purpose of financial and program management.

Sections 19.21 through 19.28 prescribe standards for financial management systems, methods for making payments and rules for: satisfying cost sharing and matching requirements, accounting for program income, budget revision approvals, making audits, determining allowability of cost, and establishing fund availability.

§ 19.21 Standards for financial management systems.

(a) Federal awarding agencies shall require recipients to relate financial data to performance data and develop unit cost information whenever practical.
(b) Recipients’ financial management systems shall provide for the following:
(1) Accurate, current and complete disclosure of the financial results of each federally-sponsored project or program in accordance with the reporting requirements set forth in §19.52. If a Federal awarding agency requires reporting on an accrual basis from a recipient that maintains its records on