

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Parts 249 and 252

[DFARS Case 96-D321]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Downsizing Notice

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to implement Section 825 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (Public Law 104-201). Section 825 repeals the requirements for the Secretary of Defense to notify the Secretary of Labor if a modification or termination for convenience of a major defense contract or subcontract will have a substantial impact on employment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 26, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard G. Layser, PDUSD (AT&T) DP (DAR), Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telephone (703) 602-0131; telefax (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 96-D321 in all correspondence related to this issue.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Section 825 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (Public Law 104-201) repeals Sections 4101 and 4201 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1991 (Public Law 101-510; 10 U.S.C. 2391 note). This final rule removes the DFARS language that implemented Sections 4101 and 4201.

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This final rule does not constitute a significant revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Public Law 98-577, and publication for public comment is not required. However, comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subparts will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should cite DFARS Case 96-D321 in correspondence.

D. Paperwork Reduction Act

This final rule removes the information collection requirement previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0704-0327.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 249 and 252

Government procurement.
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Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Therefore, 48 CFR Parts 249 and 252 are amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Parts 249 and 252 continues to read as follows:

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

PART 249—TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS

249.102 [Removed]

2. Section 249.102 is removed.

249.7002 [Removed and Reserved]

3. Section 249.7002 is removed and reserved.

PART 252—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

252.249-7001 [Removed and Reserved]

4. Section 252.249-7001 is removed and reserved.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

49 CFR Part 1

[OST Docket No. 1; Amdt. 1-281]

Organization and Delegation of Powers and Duties; Delegation to the Commandant; United States Coast Guard

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation is delegating to the Commandant, United States Coast Guard, the authority contained in 46 U.S.C. Chapter 33, pertaining to the delegation of authority to classification societies to review and approve commercial vessel plans and conduct commercial vessel inspections and examinations. In order that the Code of Federal Regulations reflect this delegation, a change is necessary.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 26, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LCDR George P. Cummings, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (G-MSE-1), (202) 267-2997, U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593; or Ms. Gwyneth

Radloff, Office of the General Council, C-50, (202) 366-9305, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law 104-324 is the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996, (hereafter referred to as the Act). Section 3316 of title 46, U.S. Code, was amended by the Act to allow the Secretary to delegate to the American Bureau of Shipping or another classification society the authority to approve vessel plans, conduct vessel inspections, and issue a certificate of inspection and other related documents. The Secretary of Transportation is delegating his authority under the Act to the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

This rule adds a specific delegation of authority to 49 CFR 1.46, thus amending the codification to reflect the Secretarial delegation of authority to the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

Since this amendment relates to departmental management, organization, procedure, and practice, notice and comment on it are unnecessary under 5 U.S.C. 553(b). Further, since the amendment expedites the Coast Guard's ability to meet the needs of the U.S. maritime industry, the Secretary finds good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) for the final rule to be effective on the date of publication in the Federal Register.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 1

Authority delegations (Government agencies), Organization and functions (Government agencies).

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 1 of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, is amended as follows:

PART 1—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 1 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 322; Pub. L. 101-552, 28 U.S.C. 2672, 31 U.S.C. 3711(a)(2).

2. Section 1.46 is amended by adding a new paragraph (ddd) to read as follows:

§ 1.46 Delegations to Commandant of the Coast Guard.

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(ddd) Carry out the functions and exercise the authority vested in the Secretary by 46 U.S. Code Chapter 33 pertaining to the delegation of authority to classification societies to review and approve commercial vessel plans and conduct commercial vessel inspections and examinations, as enacted by the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996, title 46, section 3316 (classification