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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### 48 CFR Part 208

[DFARS Case 2000-D005]

#### Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Federal Prison Industries Waiver Threshold

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).  
**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Director of Defense Procurement has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to increase, from \$25 to \$250, the threshold at which DoD must request clearance from Federal Prison Industries (FPI) before purchasing FPI Schedule items from sources other than FPI, when delivery is required within 10 days.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 16, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Melissa Rider, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, PDUSD (AT&L) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telephone (703) 602-4245; telefax (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 2000-D005.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Background

Subpart 8.6 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) requires Federal agencies to obtain clearance from FPI before purchasing FPI Schedule items from sources other than FPI. FAR 8.606(e) provides an exception to the clearance requirement for orders of Schedule items totaling \$25 or less that require delivery within 10 days. On January 24, 2000, FPI granted DoD further exception to the clearance requirement for orders totaling \$250 or less that require delivery within 10 days. This final rule amends the DFARS to reflect the \$250 threshold for DoD.

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

##### B. 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, DoD will consider comments from small entities

concerning the affected DFARS subpart in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should cite DFARS Case 2000-D005.

##### C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the rule does not impose 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 Part 208

Government procurement.

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Therefore, 48 CFR Part 208 is amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 208 continues to read as follows:

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

##### PART 208—REQUIRED SOURCES OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

2. Subpart 208.6 is added to read as follows:

##### Subpart 208.6—Acquisition from Federal Prison Industries, Inc.

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208.606 Exceptions.

##### 208.606 Exceptions.

(e) DoD activities do not need an FPI clearance for orders of listed items totaling \$250 or less than require delivery within 10 days.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### 48 CFR Parts 212, 244, 247, and 252

[DFARS Case 98-D014]

#### Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Cargo Preference—Subcontracts for Commercial Items

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).  
**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Director of Defense Procurement has issued a final rule amending Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) policy regarding the applicability of statutory requirements for use of U.S. vessels in the transportation of supplies by sea. The

rule clarifies requirements for use of U.S. vessels under subcontractors for the acquisition of commercial items.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 16, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Amy Williams, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, PDUSD (AT&L) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telephone (703) 602-0288; telefax (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 98-D014.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Background

10 U.S.C. 2631 provides a preference for the use of U.S. vessels for ocean transportation of supplies purchased under DoD contracts. DFARS Parts 212 and 247 waive the requirements of 10 U.S.C. 2631 for subcontracts for the acquisition of commercial items. This rule amends DFARS Parts 212 and 247 and corresponding clauses to limit the types of subcontracts to which the waiver of 10 U.S.C. 2631 is applicable. The rule is intended to ensure compliance with 10 U.S.C. 2631 for ocean cargoes clearly destined for DoD use, while avoiding disruption of commercial delivery systems.

DoD published a proposed rule at 64 FR 33238 on June 22, 1999. Nine sources submitted comments in response to the proposed rule. DoD considered all comments in the development of the final rule.

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 most entities that provide ocean transportation of freight are not small business concerns.

##### C. Paperwork Reduction Act

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