§ 73.202 [Amended]
2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Iowa, is amended by adding Pacific Junction, Channel 299A.

Federal Communications Commission.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Parts 501, 511, 512, 525, 532, 537, and 552

RIN 3090–AH22

Payment Information and Clarification of Provisions and Clauses Applicable to Contract Actions Under the Javits-Wagner-O’Day Act

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The General Services Administration (GSA) is issuing a final rule to rewrite the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR), Foreign Acquisition, for consistency with the recent Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) rewrite. This final rule also deletes a provision for brand name or equal purchase descriptions now covered by a FAR provision, adds a clause to notify contractors of payment information available electronically, and clarifies that certain provisions and clauses for building services contracts do not apply because the changes to the FAR published a final rule on use of brand name or equal purchase descriptions for some component parts of an end item, you may limit the application of the provision at FAR 52.211–6 to the specified components.

PART 511—DESCRIPTING AGENCY NEEDS

2. Amend section 511.104 as follows: Delete the GSAR Reference to 511.170–3(a) and OMB Control No. 3090–0203, delete the GSAR Reference to 511.170–3(c) and OMB control No. 3090–0203, delete the GSAR Reference to 511.140–70 and OMB Control No. 3090–0203, and add a GSAR Reference to 511.140–70 and OMB Control N. 3090–0203.

3. Redesignate section 511.170 as 511.104 and revise the section title to read as follows:

511.104 Use of brand name or equal purchase descriptions.

D. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the GSAR do not impose recordkeeping or information collection requirements, or otherwise collect information from offerors, contractors, or members of the public that require approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.
Statutes or Executive Orders Applicable to GSA Acquisitions of Commercial Items, when listed clauses apply. The clause provides for the incorporation by reference of terms and conditions required to implement provisions of law or executive orders that apply to commercial item acquisitions.

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PART 525—FOREIGN ACQUISITION

525.105, 525.105–70, 525.109 and Subpart 525.4 [Removed]

6. Remove sections 525.105, 525.105–70, 525.109, and Subpart 525.4. Add Subparts 525.5 and 525.11 to read as follows:

Subpart 525.5—Evaluating Foreign Officers—Supply Contracts

525.570 Procurement of hand or measuring tools or stainless steel flatware for DOD.

(a) Stainless steel flatware means special order and stock items of stainless steel flatware purchased for DOD, including, but not limited to, the following National Stock Numbers (NSN):

7340–00–060–6057
7340–00–205–3340
7340–00–241–8171
7340–00–559–8357
7340–00–205–3341
7340–00–241–8169
7340–00–241–8170
7340–00–688–1055
7340–00–721–6316
7340–00–721–6971

(b) Purchases of hand or measuring tools or stainless steel flatware exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold by DOD must be domestic end products. In the case of stainless steel flatware, the Secretary of the Department concerned can make an exception. The individual must determine that a satisfactory quality and sufficient quantity produced in the United States or its possessions are not available when needed at domestic market prices.

(c) If GSA solicitations of hand or measuring tools or stainless steel flatware include DOD requirements, GSA will apply the DOD restrictions. The bases for applying the DOD restriction to GSA acquisitions are:

(1) DOD’s restrictions apply to requisitions of such items from the GSA stock program.

(2) The impracticality of establishing a dual supply system to satisfy the requirements of civilian and military agencies.

(3) GSA may reject any offer when it is considered necessary for reasons of national interest.

Subpart 525.11—Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses

525.1101 Acquisition of supplies.

If you include DOD requirements for hand or measuring tools or stainless steel flatware in the solicitation for an acquisition estimated to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, insert 525.225–70, Notice of Procurement Restriction—Hand or Measuring Tools or Stainless Steel Flatware, in the solicitation and resulting contract(s).

PART 532—CONTRACT FINANCING

7. Amend section 532.908 to add paragraph (c) to read as follows:

532.908 Contract clauses.

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(c) Solicitations, purchase orders, contracts, and leases over the micropurchasethreshold. Insert 552.232–78, Payment information: (1) In all solicitations, purchase orders, and contracts, including acquisitions of leasehold interests in real property.

(2) In task and delivery orders if the contract that the order is placed against does not include the clause.

PART 537—SERVICE CONTRACTING

8. Revise section 537.110 to read as follows:

537.110 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

The following provision and clauses apply to contracts for building services:

(a) If the contract is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold and it is not initiated under the Javits-Wagner-O’Day Act:

(1) Insert 552.237–70, Qualifications of Offerors, in the solicitation.

(2) Insert 552.237–71, Qualifications of Employees, in the solicitation and contract. If needed, use supplemental provisions or clauses to describe specific requirements for employees performing work on the contract.

(b) Insert 552.237–72, Prohibition Regarding “Quasi-Military Armed Forces,” in solicitations and contracts for guard service.

PART 552—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

552.211–70 [Removed and Reserved]

9. Remove and reserve section 552.211–70.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622
[I.D. 050500G]

Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Texas Closure

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Adjustment of the ending date of the Texas closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces an adjustment to the ending date of the annual closure of the shrimp fishery in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) off Texas. The closure is normally from May 15 to July 15 each year. For 2000, the closure began on May 11, and will end at 30 minutes after sunset on July 5. The Texas closure is intended to prohibit the harvest of brown shrimp during their major emigration from Texas estuaries to the Gulf of Mexico so that brown shrimp in Texas bays and estuaries will reach a mean size of 90 mm, and begin strong emigrations out of the bays and estuaries during maximum duration ebb tides. The waters off of Texas are re-opened to shrimpming based on projections indicating that brown shrimp will reach a mean size of 112 mm, in concurrence with maximum duration ebb tides. Biological data collected by TPDW indicates that the criteria to end the Texas closure will be met on July 5, 2000. Accordingly, the time and date for ending the Texas closure is changed from 30 minutes after sunset on July 15, 2000, to 30 minutes after sunset on July 5, 2000.

Classification
This action is authorized by 50 CFR 622.34(h)(2) and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

Dated: June 29, 2000.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico shrimp fishery is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico (FMP). The FMP was prepared by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and is implemented by regulations at 50 CFR part 622 under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The EEZ off Texas is normally closed to all trawling each year from 30 minutes after sunset on May 15 to 30 minutes after sunset on July 15. The regulations at 50 CFR 622.34(h) describe the area of the Texas closure and provide for adjustments to the beginning and ending dates by the Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, under procedures and restrictions specified in the FMP.

The beginning and ending dates of the Texas closure are based on biological sampling by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). The closure date is established based on projected times that brown shrimp in Texas bays and estuaries will reach a mean size of 90 mm, and begin strong emigrations out of the bays and estuaries during maximum duration ebb tides. The waters off of Texas are re-opened to shrimpming based on projections indicating that brown shrimp will reach a mean size of 112 mm, in concurrence with maximum duration ebb tides. Biological data collected by TPDW indicates that the criteria to end the Texas closure will be met on July 5, 2000. Accordingly, the time and date for ending the Texas closure is changed from 30 minutes after sunset on July 15, 2000, to 30 minutes after sunset on July 5, 2000.

§ 679.5 [Corrected]
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(i) Inspection. The operator of a catcher vessel or catcher/processor or mothership or the manager of a shoreside processor or the operator of a buying station must make all logbooks, reports, forms, and mothership-issued fish tickets required under this section available for inspection upon the request of an authorized officer for the time periods indicated in paragraph (a)(13)(ii) of this section.

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Dated: June 29, 2000.

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