

may ultimately be evaluated and viewed as irrelevant and unnecessary to investigation. In addition, the OIG may obtain information concerning the violation of laws other than those within the scope of its jurisdiction. In the interest of effective law enforcement, the OIG could retain this information because it may aid in establishing patterns of unlawful activity and provide leads for other law enforcement agencies. Further, in obtaining evidence during an investigation, information may be provided to the OIG which relates to matters incidental to the main purpose of the investigation but which may be pertinent to the investigative jurisdiction of another agency. Such information cannot readily be identified.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 17

RIN 2900-AD48

Operation of Child Care Centers at VA Facilities

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Withdrawal of proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs published a proposed rule to amend its regulations regarding the Operation of Child Care Centers at VA Facilities. The proposed rule and the comments we received have been superseded by events. Accordingly, this document hereby withdraws the proposed rule.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Renee Bruce, National Child Care Program Manager, telephone number 410-605-7388, VA Maryland Health Care System, 10 N. Greene Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a proposed rule published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 1989 (54 FR 53078), VA proposed to amend its regulations regarding the Operation of Child Care Centers at VA Facilities. The proposed rule and comments VA received have been superseded by events.

The child care needs of VA employees are being met through the provision of child care services by non-VA entities, at, or near VA facilities. While VA does not have any authority other than Veterans' Canteen Service (VCS) statute, to provide child care services directly,

VA facilities can provide, free-of-charge, space and services to privately operated child care centers pursuant to the Tribble Amendment and VA leasing authority. See 38 U.S.C. 7809, 8122(a), 40 U.S.C. 490b. Use of the Tribble Amendment and VA leasing authority has resulted in the existence of dozens of child care centers serving VA employees.

Further, we understand that VCS does not, nor does it intend to, operate any child care centers, directly or by contract. Thus, VA is withdrawing the proposed rule.

List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 17

Administrative practice and procedure, Alcohol abuse, Alcoholism, Claims, Day care, Dental health, Drug abuse, Foreign relations, Government contacts, Grants program-health, Health care, Health facilities, Health professions, Health records, Homeless, Medical and dental schools, Medical devices, Medical research, Mental health programs, Nursing homes, Philippines, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Scholarships and fellowships, Travel and Transportation expenses, Veterans.

Approved: July 5, 2002.

Anthony J. Principi,
Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Parts 225 and 252

[DFARS Case 2002-D008]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Trade Agreements Act—Exception for U.S.-Made End Products

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: DoD is proposing to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to implement the determination of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) that, for procurements subject to the Trade Agreements Act, it would be inconsistent with the public interest to apply the Buy American Act to U.S.-made end products that are substantially transformed in the United States.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before

September 30, 2002, to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Respondents may submit comments directly on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. As an alternative, respondents may e-mail comments to: dfars@acq.osd.mil. Please cite DFARS Case 2002-D008 in the subject line of e-mailed comments.

Respondents that cannot submit comments using either of the above methods may submit comments to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Amy Williams, OUSD(AT&L)DP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 2002-D008.

At the end of the comment period, interested parties may view public comments on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Williams, (703) 602-0328.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

On March 14, 2002, the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) (USD(AT&L)) determined that, for procurements subject to the Trade Agreements Act, it would be inconsistent with the public interest to apply the Buy American Act to U.S.-made end products that are substantially transformed in the United States. This determination expands the May 16, 1997, USD(AT&L) determination (presently implemented in DFARS Part 225) that it would be inconsistent with the public interest to apply the Buy American Act to U.S.-made information technology products in Federal Supply Group 70 or 74. The March 14, 2002, determination is consistent with Federal Acquisition Regulation policy applicable to civilian agencies with regard to the treatment of U.S.-made end products.

This proposed DFARS rule implements the March 14, 2002, USD(AT&L) determination. The rule will simplify evaluation of offers in acquisitions subject to the Trade Agreements Act, because it will no longer be necessary to determine if a U.S.-made end product is also a domestic end product, *i.e.*, the cost of domestic components exceeds the cost of all components by more than 50 percent. Additionally, the provision at DFARS 252.225-7006, Buy American Act—Trade Agreements—Balance of Payments Program Certificate, and the clause at DFARS 252.225-7007, Buy