

PART 721—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 721 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2604, 2607, and 2625(c).

§§ 721.1710, 721.4200, 721.4240, and 721.4466 [Removed]

■ 2. By removing §§ 721.1710, 721.4200, 721.4240, and 721.4466.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**48 CFR Parts 202, 232, and 252****Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Technical Amendments**

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD is making technical amendments to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement to update activity names and Internet addresses.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 13, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Michele Peterson, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telephone (703) 602-0311; facsimile (703) 602-0350.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 202, 232, and 252

Government procurement.

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■ Therefore, 48 CFR Parts 202, 232, and 252 are amended as follows:

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Parts 202, 232, and 252 continues to read as follows:

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

PART 202—DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND TERMS**§ 202.101 [Amended]**

■ 2. Section 202.101 is amended in the definition of “Contracting activity”, under the heading “DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY”, by removing “Office of the Executive Director, Logistics Policy and Acquisition Management” and adding in its place “Office of the Deputy Director, Logistics Operations”.

PART 232—CONTRACT FINANCING**232.7003 [Amended]**

■ 3. Section 232.7003 is amended in paragraph (a)(1), in the parenthetical, by removing “<https://rmb.ogden.disa.mil>” and adding in its place “<https://wawf.eb.mil>”.

PART 252—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES**252.232-7003 [Amended]**

■ 4. Section 252.232-7003 is amended as follows:

■ a. By revising the clause date to read “(JAN 2004)”;

■ b. In paragraph (b)(1) by removing “<https://rmb.ogden.disa.mil>” and adding in its place “<https://wawf.eb.mil>”.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**48 CFR Parts 212, 213, 225, and 252**

[DFARS Case 2003-D088]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Free Trade Agreements—Chile and Singapore

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Interim rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: DoD has issued an interim rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement to implement new Free Trade Agreements with Chile and Singapore, as approved by Congress in the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act and the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act. The new Free Trade Agreements waive the applicability of the Buy American Act for some foreign supplies and construction materials from Chile and Singapore, and specify procurement procedures designed to ensure fairness.

DATES: *Effective date:* January 13, 2004.

Comment date: Comments on the interim rule should be submitted to the address shown below on or before March 15, 2004, to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Respondents may submit comments via the Internet at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcom>. As an alternative, respondents may e-mail comments to: dfars@osd.mil. Please cite DFARS Case 2003-D088 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)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 2003-D088.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

This rule amends DFARS 212.301, 213.302-5, part 225, and associated clauses to implement new Free Trade Agreements with Chile and Singapore, as approved by Congress in the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 108-77) and the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 108-78). Applicable changes to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) were published in Federal Acquisition Circular 2001-19 on January 7, 2004 (69 FR 1051).

The threshold for applicability of the new Free Trade Agreements with Chile and Singapore is \$58,550 for supplies and services, and \$6,725,000 for construction. Singapore was already a signatory to the Agreement on Government Procurement, and therefore was already included as a designated country under the Trade Agreements Act (FAR 25.003), with thresholds of \$175,000 for supplies or services and \$6,725,000 for construction.

The trade agreements clauses at DFARS 252.225-7021, 252.225-7036, and 252.225-7045 are amended to include definitions of “Free Trade Agreement country” and “Free Trade Agreement country end product” or “Free Trade Agreement country construction material” instead of “NAFTA country” and “NAFTA country end product” or “NAFTA country construction material.” The Free Trade Agreement countries are Canada, Chile, Mexico, and Singapore.

Section 106 of Pub. L. 108-77 and section 106 of Pub. L. 108-78 provide for arbitration of certain claims. The United States is authorized to resolve any claim against the United States covered by the section of the applicable Free Trade Agreement relating to Investor-State Disputes Settlement, pursuant to the investor-state dispute settlement procedures set forth in the applicable section (section B of chapter 10 for Chile; section C of chapter 15 for Singapore). DoD invites comment on