

AGENCY OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL (SEP 2010)

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Defense Acquisition Regulations System****48 CFR Part 204****Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Part 204, Administrative Matters**

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule; Technical amendment.

SUMMARY: DoD is issuing this technical amendment to direct contracting officers to the location of procedures relating to obtaining an account in the Electronic Document Access system. Further, current business systems across DoD have each developed methods of indexing contracts independently leading to data integrity problems between data sources. This technical amendment also provides the location of guidance on a uniform contract indexing methodology across DoD.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 27, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ynette R. Shelkin, Defense Acquisition Regulations System, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (DARS), Room 3B855, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060. Telephone 703-602-8384; facsimile 703-602-0350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Current business systems across DoD have each developed methods of indexing contracts independently leading to data integrity problems between data sources. Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy letter dated July 8, 2010, subject: Contract Indexing Standard, provides detailed guidance on mapping procurement instrument identification and supplementary procurement instrument identification

numbers stored in the Electronic Document Access system to data elements reported in the Federal Procurement Data System. This memorandum aims to eliminate this confusion by establishing a uniform contract indexing methodology across DoD. This technical amendment adds language to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation directing contracting officers to the location of this memorandum and its detailed guidance and of procedures relating to obtaining an account in the Electronic Document Access system.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 204

Government procurement.

Ynette R. Shelkin,

Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

■ Therefore 48 CFR part 204 is amended as follows:

PART 204—ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 204 continues to read as follows:

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

■ 2. Add section 204.270 to read as follows:

204.270 Electronic Document Access.

Follow the procedures at PGI 204.270 relating to obtaining an account in the Electronic Document Access system.

■ 3. Add section 204.7006 to read as follows:

204.7006 Cross reference to Federal Procurement Data System.

Detailed guidance on mapping PII and supplementary PII numbers stored in the Electronic Document Access system to data elements reported in the Federal Procurement Data System can be found in PGI 204.7006.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Defense Acquisition Regulations System****48 CFR Parts 211 and 252****Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Government-Assigned Serial Number Marking (DFARS Case 2008-D047)**

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final Rule.

SUMMARY: DoD is issuing a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to require contractors to apply Government-assigned serial numbers in human-readable format on major end items when required by law, regulation, or military operational necessity.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 27, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Mary Overstreet, 703-602-0311.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

Contractors are required to apply Government-assigned serial numbers, such as tail numbers/hull numbers and equipment registration numbers, in human-readable format on major end items when required by law, regulation, or military operational necessity. This final rule establishes a standard DoD method of specifying Government-assigned serial numbers contractually and requires the contractor to associate these serial numbers with the Unique Item Identifier (UII) assigned by the contractor and to register them in the DoD Item Unique Identification (IUID) Registry along with the UII. The rule also requires agreement between the Government and contractor prior to use of the serial numbers in constructing the end item UII.

DoD published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** on April 30, 2010 (75 FR 22727). The comment period closed on June 29, 2010, and no comments were received.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993. This is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD does not expect this final rule to 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.* DoD has prepared a final regulatory flexibility analysis consistent with 5 U.S.C. 604. A copy of the analysis may be obtained from the point of contact specified herein. The analysis is summarized as follows:

DoD requires that the use of Government-assigned serial numbers be limited to satisfy requirements of law or regulation or to facilitate the identification of major end items consistent with military operational requirements, *e.g.*, aircraft tail numbers or ship hull numbers in military

operations. Since the rule generally will apply to DoD major end-item contractors, and there are a limited number of end items for which the Government assigns these serial numbers, the number of small entities impacted by this rule is not expected to be substantial.

The clause at 252.211-7008, Use of Government-Assigned Serial Numbers, requires the Contractor to mark the Government-assigned serial numbers on those major end items as specified by line item in the Schedule, in accordance with the technical instructions for the placement and method of application identified in the terms and conditions of the contract, and to register the Government-assigned serial number along with the major end item's UII at the time of delivery in accordance with the provisions of the clause at DFARS 252.211-7003(d).

The rule does not duplicate, overlap, or conflict with any other Federal rules. DoD considers the approach described in the rule to be the most practical and beneficial for both Government and industry.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act (Pub. L. 96-511) does not apply because the rule does not impose additional 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 Parts 211 and 252

Government procurement.

Ynette R. Shelkin,

Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

Therefore, 48 CFR parts 211 and 252 are amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 211 and 252 continues to read as follows:

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

PART 211—DESCRIBING AGENCY NEEDS

211.274-5 [Redesignated as 211.274-6]

- 2. Redesignate Section 211.274-5 as 211.274-6.
- 3. Add new section 211.274-5 to read as follows:

211.274-5 Policy for assignment of Government-assigned serial numbers.

It is DoD policy that contractors apply Government-assigned serial numbers, such as tail numbers/hull numbers and equipment registration numbers, in

human-readable format on major end items when required by law, regulation, or military operational necessity. The latest version of MIL-STD-130, Marking of U.S. Military Property, shall be used for the marking of human-readable information.

4. In newly redesignated section 211.274-6, add paragraph (c) to read as follows:

211.274-6 Contract clauses.

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(c) Use the clause at 252.211-7008, Use of Government-Assigned Serial Numbers, in solicitations and contracts that—

(1) Contain the clause at 252.211-7003, Item Identification and Valuation; and

(2) Require the contractor to mark major end items under the terms and conditions of the contract.

PART 252—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

5. Section 252.211-7003 is amended by revising the introductory text to read as follows:

252.211-7003 Item identification and valuation.

As prescribed in 211.274-6(a), use the following clause:

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6. Section 252.211-7007 is amended by revising the introductory text to read as follows:

252.211-7007 Reporting of Government-Furnished Equipment in the DoD Item Unique Identification (UID) Registry.

As prescribed in 211.274-6(b), use the following clause:

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7. Section 252.211-7008 is added to read as follows:

252.211-7008 Use of Government-Assigned Serial Numbers

As prescribed in 211.274-6(c), use the following clause:

USE OF GOVERNMENT-ASSIGNED SERIAL NUMBERS (SEP 2010)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause—
Government-assigned serial number means a combination of letters or numerals in a fixed human-readable information format (text) conveying information about a major end item, which is provided to a contractor by the requiring activity with accompanying technical data instructions for marking the Government-assigned serial number on major end items to be delivered to the Government.

Major end item means a final combination of component parts and/or materials which is ready for its intended use and of such importance to operational readiness that

review and control of inventory management functions (procurement, distribution, maintenance, disposal, and asset reporting) is required at all levels of life cycle management. Major end items include aircraft; ships; boats; motorized wheeled, tracked, and towed vehicles for use on highway or rough terrain; weapon and missile end items; ammunition; and sets, assemblies, or end items having a major end item as a component.

Unique item identifier (UII) means a set of data elements permanently marked on an item that is globally unique and unambiguous and never changes in order to provide traceability of the item throughout its total life cycle. The term includes a concatenated UII or a DoD-recognized unique identification equivalent.

(b) The Contractor shall mark the Government-assigned serial numbers on those major end items as specified by line item in the Schedule, in accordance with the technical instructions for the placement and method of application identified in the terms and conditions of the contract.

(c) The Contractor shall register the Government-assigned serial number along with the major end item's UII at the time of delivery in accordance with the provisions of the clause at DFARS 252.211-7003(d).

(d) The Contractor shall establish the UII for major end items for use throughout the life of the major end item. The Contractor may elect, but is not required, to use the Government-assigned serial number to construct the UII.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

48 CFR Parts 247 and 252

RIN 0750-AG30

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Motor Carrier Fuel Surcharge (DFARS Case 2008-D040)

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD is adopting as final, with changes, an interim rule that implements section 884 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009. Section 884 requires DoD to ensure that, to the maximum extent practicable, in all carriage contracts in which a fuel-related adjustment is provided for, any fuel-related adjustment is passed through to the person who bears the cost of the fuel to which the adjustment relates.