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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**32 CFR Chs. I, V, VI, and VII****33 CFR Ch. II****36 CFR Ch. III****48 CFR Ch. II****Improving Government Regulations; Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions****AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: This agenda announces the proposed regulatory actions the Department of Defense (DOD) plans for the next 12 months and those completed since the fall 2019 agenda. It was developed under the guidelines of Executive Order 12866 “Regulatory Planning and Review,” Executive Order 13771 “Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs,” and Executive Order 13563 “Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review.” This Agenda documents DOD’s work under Executive Order 13777 “Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda,” and many regulatory actions support the recommendations of the DoD Regulatory Reform Task Force (as indicated in the individual rule abstracts). Members of the public may submit comments on individual proposed and interim final rulemakings at www.regulations.gov during the comment period that follows publication in the **Federal Register**.

This agenda updates the report published on November 20, 2019, and includes regulations expected to be issued and under review over the next 12 months. The next agenda will publish in the fall of 2020.

The complete Unified Agenda will be available online at www.reginfo.gov.

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(1) Rules that are in the Agency’s regulatory flexibility agenda, in accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, because they are likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities; and

(2) Any rules that the Agency has identified for periodic review under

section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

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For specific agenda items, contact the appropriate individual indicated for each regulatory action.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This edition of the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions reports on actions planned by the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Military Departments, procurement-related actions, and actions planned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

This agenda also identifies rules impacted by the:

- a. Regulatory Flexibility Act;
- b. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995;
- c. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

Generally, rules discussed in this agenda will contain five sections: (1) Prerule stage; (2) proposed rule stage; (3) final rule stage; (4) completed actions; and (5) long-term actions. Where certain regulatory actions indicate that small entities are affected, the effect on these entities may not necessarily have significant economic impact on a substantial number of these entities as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601(6)).

The publishing of this agenda does not waive the applicability of the military affairs exemption in section 553 of title 5 U.S.C. and section 3 of Executive Order 12866.

Dated: March 4, 2020.

Hon. Lisa W. Hershman,
Chief Management Officer.

DEFENSE ACQUISITION REGULATIONS COUNCIL—FINAL RULE STAGE

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
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DEFENSE ACQUISITION REGULATIONS COUNCIL—COMPLETED ACTIONS

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD)

Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (DARC)

Final Rule Stage

70. Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services (DFARS CASE 2018–D022)

E.O. 13771 Designation: Other.
Legal Authority: 41 U.S.C. 1303; Pub. L. 115–91, sec. 1656

Abstract: DoD is finalizing an interim rule that amended the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement to implement section 1656 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018. Section 1656 provides that DoD may not procure or obtain or extend or renew a contract to provide or obtain any equipment, system, or service to carry out the DoD nuclear deterrence mission or the DoD homeland defense mission that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system or as a critical technology as a part of any system. Covered telecommunications equipment or services means telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation, or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities; telecommunication services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or telecommunications equipment or services produced or provided by an

entity that the Secretary of Defense reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the governments of China or Russia.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/31/19	84 FR 72231
Interim Final Rule Effective.	12/31/19	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End.	03/02/20	
Final Action	06/00/20	
Final Action Effective.	06/00/20	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 0750–AJ84

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD)

Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (DARC)

Completed Actions

71. Prompt Payments of Small Business Subcontractors (DFARS CASE 2018–D068)

E.O. 13771 Designation: Not subject to, not significant.

Legal Authority: 41 U.S.C. 1303; Pub. L. 115–232, sec. 852; 10 U.S.C. 2307

Abstract: DoD is issuing a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to implement section 852 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, which requires accelerated payment dates for small business prime contractors and prime contractors that subcontract with small business concerns. This rule will amend the DFARS to require accelerated payment dates with a goal of 15 days after receipt of a proper invoice, if a specific payment date is not established by contract. In addition, prime contractors that have subcontracts with small businesses must agree to make payments to their small business subcontractors in accordance with the accelerated payment date, to the maximum extent practicable, without any further consideration from, or fees charged to, the subcontractor.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/31/19	84 FR 25225
NPRM Comment Period End.	07/30/19	
Final Action	04/08/20	85 FR 19692
Final Action Effective.	04/08/20	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.
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72. Nonmanufacturer Rule for 8(a) Participants (DFARS Case 2019-D004)

E.O. 13771 Designation: Not subject to, not significant.
Legal Authority: Pub. L. 112-239, sec. 1651; 15 U.S.C. 657s
Abstract: DoD amended the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement to implement the Small Business Administration’s (SBA) final rule (see 81 FR 34243) for section 1651 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013. Section 1651 revised the nonmanufacturer rule that applies to small business resellers, including participants in the Small Business Administration’s 8(a) Business Development Program.
Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/01/19	84 FR 12187
NPRM Comment Period End.	05/31/19	
Final Action	10/31/19	84 FR 58334
Final Action Effective.	10/31/19	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD)

Department of the Navy (NAVY)
 Final Rule Stage

73. Professional Conduct of Attorneys Practicing Under the Cognizance and Supervision of the Judge Advocate General (Section 610 Review)

E.O. 13771 Designation: Not subject to, not significant.
Legal Authority: 10 U.S.C. 806; 10 U.S.C. 806a; 10 U.S.C. 826; 10 U.S.C. 827; 10 U.S.C. 1044; . . .
Abstract: This action will amend a Department of the Navy rule last revised November 27, 2015 (80 FR 73991) to remove internal content and conform the language to the current Judge Advocate General Instruction 5803.1E of the same name, available at http://www.jag.navy.mil/library/instructions/JAGINST_5803-1E.pdf. This amendment supports a recommendation of the DoD Regulatory Reform Task Force.
Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/00/20	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD)

Office of Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs (DODOASHA)
 Proposed Rule Stage

74. Chiropractic and Acupuncture Treatment Under the Tricare Program

E.O. 13771 Designation: Other.
Legal Authority: Not Yet Determined
Abstract: Under the current regulations, TRICARE excludes chiropractors as TRICARE-authorized providers whether or not their services would be eligible as medically necessary care if furnished by any other authorized provider. In addition, the current regulation excludes acupuncture treatment whether used as a therapeutic agent or as an anesthetic. This proposed rule seeks to eliminate these exclusions and to add benefit coverage of chiropractic and acupuncture treatment when deemed medically necessary for specific conditions. This proposed rule will add licensed Doctors of Chiropractic (DCs) and Licensed Acupuncturists (LACs) who meet established qualifications as TRICARE-authorized providers and will establish reimbursement rates and cost-sharing provisions for covered chiropractic and acupuncture treatment.
Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/20	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.
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