

NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, via email at michael.lameier@noaa.gov. In the subject heading of your email, please include “Written comments for the 47th U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting”.

The oral and written comments NOAA and DOI receive are considered part of the public record, and the entirety of the comment, including the name of the commenter, email address, attachments, and other supporting materials, will be publicly accessible. Sensitive personally identifiable information, such as account numbers and Social Security numbers, should not be included with the comment. Comments that are not related to the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force or that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Lameier, NOAA USCRTF Steering Committee Point of Contact, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, (410) 267-5673, michael.lameier@noaa.gov, or Liza Johnson, DOI USCRTF Steering Committee Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, (202) 255-9843, Liza_M_Johnson@ios.doi.gov, or visit the USCRTF website at <https://www.coralreef.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting provides a forum for coordinated planning and action among Federal agencies, State and Territorial governments, and non-governmental partners. Registration is requested to participate in the meeting. This meeting has time allotted for public oral comment from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. ET. A written summary of the meeting will be posted on the USCRTF website within two months of occurrence. For more information about the meeting, registering for the meeting, and submitting public comments, visit <https://www.coralreef.gov>. During the oral comment period, commenters are encouraged to address the meeting, the role of the USCRTF, or general coral reef conservation issues.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 6451 *et seq.*; E.O. 13089, 63 FR 32701.

Nicole R. LeBoeuf,

Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, October 11, 2023—10:00 a.m. (See **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED** for each meeting).

PLACE: Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD.

STATUS: Commission Meetings—Open to the Public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Decisional Matter (postponed from October 4, 2023): Notice of Proposed Rulemaking—Safety Standard for Infant Rockers and Infant/Toddler Rockers.

Decisional Matter: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking—Safety Standard for Residential Gas Furnaces and Boilers.

Briefing Matter: FY 2024 Operating Plan.

A live webcast of the meetings can be viewed at the following link: <https://cpsc.webex.com/weblink/register/rcba2daff690fcdabc61d969fd800c6446>.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Alberta E. Mills, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, 301-504-7479 (Office) or 240-863-8938 (Cell).

Dated: October 4, 2023.

Alberta E. Mills,

Commission Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

Negotiation of a Reciprocal Defense Procurement Agreement With the Republic of India

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

ACTION: Notice and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: On behalf of the U.S. Government, DoD is contemplating negotiating and concluding a new Reciprocal Defense Procurement Agreement with the Republic of India. DoD is requesting industry feedback regarding its experience in public defense procurements conducted by or on behalf of the Indian Ministry of Defence or Armed Forces.

DATES: Comments must be received November 9, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments by email to gregory.d.snyder.civ@mail.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Greg Snyder, telephone +1-571-217-4920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DoD has concluded Reciprocal Defense Procurement (RDP) Agreements with 28 qualifying countries, as defined in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) 225.003, at the level of the Secretary of Defense and his counterpart. The purpose of an RDP Agreement is to promote rationalization, standardization, interchangeability, and interoperability of conventional defense equipment with allies and other friendly governments. These Agreements provide a framework for ongoing communication regarding market access and procurement matters that enhance effective defense cooperation.

RDP Agreements generally include language by which the Parties agree that their defense procurements will be conducted in accordance with certain implementing procedures. These procedures relate to—

- Publication of notices of proposed purchases;
- The content and availability of solicitations for proposed purchases;
- Notification to each unsuccessful offeror;
- Feedback, upon request, to unsuccessful offerors concerning the reasons they were not allowed to participate in a procurement or were not awarded a contract; and
- Provision for the hearing and review of complaints arising in connection with any phase of the procurement process to ensure that, to the extent possible, complaints are equitably and expeditiously resolved.

Based on the Agreement, each country affords the other country certain benefits on a reciprocal basis consistent with national laws and regulations. The benefits that the United States accords to the products of qualifying countries include—

- Offers of qualifying country end products are evaluated without applying the price differentials otherwise required by the Buy American statute and the Balance of Payments Program;
- The chemical warfare protection clothing restrictions in 10 U.S.C. 4862 and the specialty metals restriction in 10 U.S.C. 4863 do not apply to products manufactured in a qualifying country; and
- Customs, taxes, and duties are waived for qualifying country end products and components of defense procurements.

If DoD (for the U.S. Government) concludes a new RDP Agreement with the Republic of India and DoD executes

a blanket public interest determination, as intended, India will be listed as one of the qualifying countries at DFARS 225.872-1(a).

While DoD is evaluating India's laws and regulations in this area, DoD would benefit from U.S. industry's experience in participating in Indian public defense procurements. DoD is, therefore, asking U.S. firms that have participated or attempted to participate in procurements by or on behalf of India's Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces to let us know if the procurements were conducted with transparency, integrity, fairness, and due process in accordance with published procedures, and if not, the nature of the problems encountered.

DoD is also interested in comments relating to the degree of reciprocity that exists between the United States and India when it comes to the openness of defense procurements to offers of products from the other country. Further, DoD would like to understand the degree to which U.S. industry feels that it would have equal and proportional access to the Indian market as India would have under an RDP Agreement.

Jennifer D. Johnson,

Editor/Publisher, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2023-OS-0083]

Joint Rules of Appellate Procedure for Courts of Criminal Appeals; Proposed Changes

AGENCY: Joint Rules of Appellate Procedure for Courts of Criminal Appeals (JRAP) Committee, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of availability; changes to the JRAP.

SUMMARY: This notice announces proposed changes to the JRAP, which prescribe uniform rules of procedure for Courts of Criminal Appeals. Although these rules of practice and procedure fall within the Administrative Procedure Act's exemptions for notice and comment, the Department, as a matter of policy, has decided to make these changes available for public review and comment before they are implemented. The proposed changes are a refinement of the JRAP effective January 1, 2019 and implement statutory changes expanding the

jurisdiction of Courts of Criminal Appeals and creating special trial counsel. The approval authorities for these changes are the Judge Advocates General of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

DATES: Comments on the proposed changes must be received no later than November 9, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The changes to the JRAP are available for review on *Regulations.gov* in docket DoD-2023-OS-0083. You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*

<https://www.regulations.gov>. See the "Public Participation and Request for Comments" portion of the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for further instructions on submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency, Regulatory Directorate, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Attn: Mailbox 24, Suite 08D09, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2022 included several significant amendments to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), 10 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.* Regarding military appellate practice the NDAA:

- Added 10 U.S.C. 824a, creating the Office of the Special Trial Counsel, with exclusive authority over certain victim-centric offenses, known as "covered offenses."

- Amended 10 U.S.C. 866 to expand the jurisdiction of the Courts of Criminal Appeals to all courts-martial resulting in a guilty verdict.

The Joint Rules of Appellate Procedure for Courts of Criminal Appeals (JRAP) Committee convened and suggested numerous changes to the JRAP, both to reflect these changes to the UCMJ and to clarify several issues that have been raised by practitioners

since the previous version of the JRAP became effective on January 1, 2019.

Beyond incorporating the role of the Office of the Special Trial Counsel in appellate procedure, some of the more significant changes to the JRAP include:

- Changes to Rule 5 to reflect the Courts' expanded jurisdiction.
- Changes to Rule 6 to reflect what the record on appeal will be for the new types of appeals.
- Changes to Rule 16 to clarify procedures for waiver or withdrawal of appellate review.
- Changes to Rule 18:
 - To expand on what is required for *pro se* filings; and
 - To create procedures for new types of appeals under the Courts' expanded jurisdiction.
- Changes to Rule 23 to clarify when the Court will consider factual material not otherwise in the record.
- Changes to Rule 31 to clarify what is required for a Motion for Reconsideration.

Public Participation and Request for Comments

Public participation is essential to effective governance and all comments and material received during the comment period will be considered. Your comment can help shape the outcome of the changes to the JRAP. If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this document, indicate the specific section of this JRAP to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation.

Submitting comments. You may submit comments through the Federal Docket Management Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. To do so, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type DoD-2023-OS-0083 in the search box and click "Search." Next, look for this document in the Search Results column, and click on it. Then click on the Comment option. If you cannot submit your material by using <https://www.regulations.gov>, call or email the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this proposed rule for alternate instructions.

Viewing Material in Docket

To view the JRAP mentioned in this notice of availability as being available in the docket, find the docket as described in the previous paragraph, and then select "Supporting & Related Material" in the Document Type column. Public comments will also be placed in the online docket and can be viewed by following instructions on the <https://www.regulations.gov> Frequently Asked Questions web page. Also, if you