

53.243 [Amended]

5. Section 53.243 is amended by revising "42.1203(f)" to read "42.1203(h)".

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION****48 CFR Part 47**

[FAC 97-03; FAR Case 97-017; Item XII]

RIN 9000-AH78

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;
Commercial Bills of Lading, Small
Package Shipments**

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council have agreed on a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to raise the threshold for requiring receipted freight bills for small package shipments, and the maximum amount that the Government may pay for invoiced but unsupported transportation charges. This regulatory action was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993, and is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 9, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The FAR Secretariat, Room 4035, GS Building, Washington, DC 20405, (202) 501-4755, for information pertaining to status or publication schedules. For clarification of content, contact Ms. Linda Klein, Procurement Analyst, at (202) 501-3775. Please cite FAC 97-03, FAR case 97-017.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

Based upon the benefits encountered during a 6-month test conducted by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Denver Center, this rule amends FAR 47.303-17 to raise the threshold for requiring receipted freight bills for small package shipments from \$25 to \$100, and the maximum amount

that the Government may pay for invoiced but unsupported transportation charges from \$100 to \$250. These increased amounts are considered to more accurately reflect shipping costs in today's business environment.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The final rule does not constitute a significant FAR revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Public Law 98-577, and publication for public comments is not required. However, comments from small entities concerning the affected FAR subpart will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments must be submitted separately and should cite 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.* (FAC 97-03, FAR case 97-017), in correspondence.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act (Pub. L. 96-511) is deemed to apply because the final rule contains information collection requirements. Accordingly, a revised paperwork burden reflecting a decrease in burden as a result of the increase to thresholds will be forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 47:

Government procurement.

Dated: December 1, 1997.

Edward C. Loeb,

Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.

Therefore, 48 CFR Part 47 is amended as set forth below:

PART 47—TRANSPORTATION

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 47 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 486(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 42 U.S.C. 2473(c).

47.303-17 [Amended]

2. Section 47.303-17 is amended in paragraph (d)(1) by removing "\$25" and inserting "\$100"; in (d)(2) by removing "\$100" and inserting "\$250"; and in the second sentence of paragraph (e) by replacing "47.303-17(d)(1)" with "paragraph (d)(2) of this subsection" and "\$25" with "\$250".

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION****48 CFR Part 53**

[FAC 97-05; FAR Case 96-022; Item XIII]

RIN 9000-AH74

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;
Standard Form 1406, Preaward Survey
of Prospective Contractor—Quality
Assurance**

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council have agreed on a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to revise Standard Form 1406, Preaward Survey of Prospective Contractor—Quality Assurance, to delete references to canceled specifications and to conform the language in the form to the current quality assurance guidance in the FAR. This regulatory action was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993, and is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 9, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The FAR Secretariat, Room 4035, GS Building, Washington, DC 20405, (202) 501-4755, for information pertaining to status or publication schedules. For clarification of content, contact Ms. Linda Klein, Procurement Analyst, at (202) 501-3775. Please cite FAC 97-05, FAR case 96-022.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

Revision of the Standard Form 1406 is necessary due to the cancellation of military specifications, such as MIL-Q-9858 and MIL-I-45208, which are cited in the form, and to conform the language in the form to the current language in FAR Part 46.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The final rule does not constitute a significant FAR revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Public Law 98-577, and publication for public comments is not required. However, comments from small entities concerning the affected FAR subpart

will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments must be submitted separately and should cite 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.* (FAC 97-05, FAR case 96-022), in correspondence.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the FAR do not impose recordkeeping or information collection requirements, or collections of information from offerors, contractors, or members of the public which require the approval of the Office

of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 53

Government procurement.

Dated: December 1, 1997.

Edward C. Loeb,

Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.

Therefore, 48 CFR part 53 is amended as set forth below:

PART 53—FORMS

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 53 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 486(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 42 U.S.C. 2473(c).

53.209-1 [Amended]

2. Section 53.209-1 is amended in paragraph (d) by revising "(Rev 9/88)" to read "(Rev 11/97)".

3. Section 53.301-1406 is revised to read as follows:

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SECTION II - COMPANY AND SOLICITATION DATA

1. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE HOW QUALITY ASSURANCE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE ACCOMPLISHED.

2. QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICIALS CONTACTED

A. NAME	B. TITLE	C. YEARS OF QUALITY ASSURANCE EXPERIENCE

3. APPLICABLE CONTRACT QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

A. NUMBER	B. TITLE	C. TAILORING (If any)

4. IDENTICAL OR SIMILAR ITEMS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED, SUPPLIED, OR SERVICED BY PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR

(If similar items, identify: _____)

SECTION III - EVALUATION CHECKLIST

STATEMENTS		YES	NO
1. These items (where applicable to the contract) are understood by the prospective contractor.	A. Exhibits, technical data, drawings, specifications, and approval requirements.		
	B. Preservation, packaging, packing, and marking requirements.		
	C. Other (Specify)		
2. Records available indicate that the prospective contractor has a satisfactory quality performance record during the past twelve (12) months for similar items.			
3. Used, reconditioned, or remanufactured material and former Government surplus material will be furnished by the prospective contractor. (If Yes, explain in Section I NARRATIVE)			
4. Prospective contractor will require unusual assistance from the Government. (If Yes, explain in Section I NARRATIVE)			
5. Did prospective contractor fulfill commitments to correct deficiencies, as proposed on previous surveys, when awarded that contract? (If No, explain in Section I NARRATIVE)			
6. Quality verification personnel	NUMBER SKILLED		
	NUMBER SEMI-SKILLED		
7. Quality verification to production personnel ratio.	RATIO		
THE FOLLOWING ARE AVAILABLE AND ADEQUATE. (If not applicable, show "N/A" in "Yes" column.)			
8. Inspection and test equipment, gauges, and instruments for first article and production (including solicitation specified equipment).			
9. Calibration/metrology program.			
10. Quality system procedures and controls.			
11. Control of specifications, drawings, changes and modifications, work/process instructions.			
12. System for determining inspection, test, and measurement requirements.			
13. Purchasing: Processes for selecting qualified suppliers and assuring the quality of purchased materials.			
14. Product identification, segregation, traceability, and maintenance.			
15. Government furnished property controls.			
16. Process controls.			
17. Nonconforming product: System for timely identification, disposition, correction of deficiencies, and corrective and preventative action.			
18. Preservation, storage, packaging, packing, marking, and delivery controls.			
19. Records (such as: inspection, test, status, corrective actions, calibration, etc.)			
20. Controls for investigation of customer complaints and correction of deficiencies.			
21. Design controls system.			
22. Computer software (deliverable and/or non-deliverable) quality assurance program.			
23. Management review and internal quality audits.			
24. Quality assurance training program.			
25. Installation and servicing quality assurance program.			
26. Statistical techniques.			

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