

58093, October 28, 1993), or special considerations as required by Executive Order 12898, entitled Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994), or require OMB review in accordance with Executive Order 13045, entitled Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997).

Since this extension of existing time-limited tolerances does not require the issuance of a proposed rule, the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) do not apply. Nevertheless, the Agency has previously assessed whether establishing tolerances, exemptions from tolerances, raising tolerance levels or expanding exemptions might adversely impact small entities and concluded, as a generic matter, that there is no adverse economic impact. The factual basis for the Agency's generic certification for tolerance actions published on May 4, 1981 (46 FR 24950), and was provided to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

IV. Submission to Congress and the General Accounting Office

Under 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A), as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, EPA submitted a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the General Accounting Office prior to publication of this rule in today's **Federal Register**. This is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 180

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: June 4, 1998.

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Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Therefore, 40 CFR chapter I is amended as follows:

PART 180—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 180 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 346a and 371.

§ 180.511 [Amended]

2. In § 180.511, by amending the table in paragraph (b) for all of the

commodities by changing the expiration dates "7/31/98" to read "7/31/99."

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 54

[CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 96-262, 94-1, 91-213, and 95-72; FCC 97-420]

Universal Service; Correction

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission published in the **Federal Register** of January 13, 1998, a document making certain changes, on reconsideration, to the Commission's universal service rules. This document corrects those rules.

DATES: Effective on June 19, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl Todd, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-7400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Communications Commission published in FR Doc. 98-541, published in the **Federal Register** of January 13, 1998 (63 FR 2094) a summary of the Commission's Fourth Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-45 and Report and Order in CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 96-262, 94-1, 91-213, 95-72, FCC 97-420 (Fourth Order on Reconsideration). On January 29, 1998, the Commission released errata to the Fourth Order on Reconsideration. This correction reflects the changes included in that errata. The full text of the errata is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M St., NW, Washington, DC.

In rule FR Doc. 98-541, published on January 13, 1998 (63 FR 2094) make the following corrections.

1. On page 2125, in the third column, in § 54.101, paragraph (a)(1), line 3, remove the period and add, in its place, a semi-colon.

2. On page 2127, in the second column, in § 54.301, revise paragraph (c)(5) to read as follows:

(c) * * *

(5) Corporate Operations Expenses (Accounts 6710, 6720) shall be allocated according to the following factor:

{[Account 2210 Category 3 ÷ (Account 2210 + Account 2220 + Account 2230)] × (Account 6210 + Account 6220 + Account 6230)} ÷ [(Account 6530 + Account 6610 + Account 6620)

× (Account 2210 Category 3 ÷ Account 2001)] ÷ (Account 6210 + Account 6220 + Account 6230 + Account 6310 + Account 6410 + Account 6530 + Account 6610 + Account 6620).

3. On page 2127, in the second column, in § 54.301, in paragraph (c)(6), lines 6 and 7, add the word "Account" in the parentheses before "2210", "2220", and "2230."

4. On page 2127, in the second column, in § 54.301, in paragraph (d) in the heading and in the introductory text, line 2, add the phrase "projected annual unseparated" before "local switching revenue requirement"; in line 3 of the introductory text add the word "by" before "summing."

5. On page 2127, in the second column, in § 54.301, in the first sentence of paragraph (d)(1) revise to read as follows:

(d) * * *

(1) Return on Investment attributable to COE Category 3 shall be obtained by multiplying the average projected unseparated local switching net investment by the authorized interstate rate of return. Projected unseparated local switching net investment shall be calculated as of each December 31 by deducting the accumulated reserves, deferrals and customer deposits attributable to the COE Category 3 investment from the gross investment attributable to COE Category 3. The average projected unseparated local switching net investment shall be calculated by summing the projected unseparated local switching net investment as of December 31 of the calendar year following the filing year and such investment as of December 31 of the filing year and dividing by 2.

6. On page 2127, in the second column, in § 54.301, in the second sentence of paragraph (d)(1) remove the word "Unseparated" and add, in its place, "Projected unseparated".

7. On page 2127, in the second column, in § 54.301, in the third sentence of paragraph (d)(1) remove the phrase "projected unseparated local switching average" and add, in its place, "average projected unseparated local switching" and remove "and the projected unseparated local switching net" and add, in its place, "year and such".

8. On page 2127, in the second column, in § 54.301, in paragraph (d)(3) add the phrase "excluding depreciation expense," after the word "expenses".

9. On page 2127, in the second column, in § 54.301 revise paragraph (d)(4) to read as follows:

(d) * * *

(4) Federal income tax attributable to COE Category 3 shall be calculated

using the following formula; the accounts listed shall be allocated pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section: [Return on Investment attributable to

COE Category 3 – Account 7340 – Account 7500 – Account 7210] × [Federal Income Tax Rate ÷ (1 – Federal Income Tax Rate)].

10. On page 2128, in the first column, in § 54.303, in paragraph (b)(1) revise to read as follows:

(b) * * *

(1) To calculate the unadjusted base-level of Long Term Support for 1998, the Administrator shall calculate the difference between the projected Common Line revenue requirement of association Common Line tariff participants projected to be recovered in 1997 and the sum of end user common line charges and the 1997 projected revenue recovered by the association Carrier Common Line charge as calculated pursuant to § 69.105(b)(2) of this chapter.

11. On page 2130, in the third column, in § 54.511, in paragraph (c)(1), in lines 7 and 8, remove the phrase “competitive bid” and change the reference from “§ 54.504(a)” to “§ 54.504(a), (b)(3), and (b)(4)”; in paragraph (c)(1)(i), in line 3, add the word “of” between “life” and “the contract”; and in paragraph (c)(1)(ii), in line 7, remove the phrase “that were provided” and add, in its place, “that are provided”.

12. On page 2131, in the first column, in § 54.518, in the section heading remove the word “Wide” and add, in its place “Support for wide”.

13. On page 2131, in the first column, in § 54.519, in paragraph (a)(3), remove the phrase “Make a good faith effort” and add, in its place, “Take reasonable steps”.

14. On page 2131, in the second column, in § 54.604, in paragraph (a), in line 5, remove the phrase “service provider” and add, in its place, “telecommunications carrier”.

15. On page 2131, in the third column, in § 54.604, in paragraph (c), in the last line, remove the phrase “service providers” and add, in its place, “telecommunications carriers”.

16. On page 2132, in the second column, in § 54.703, in the first sentence of paragraphs (b) and (c) remove the phrase “The following entities will not be required to contribute on the basis of revenues derived from the provision of interstate telecommunications” and add, in its place, “The following entities will not be required to contribute to universal service” and in line 9 of paragraphs (b) and (c) remove the phrase “of video programming” after the word “broadcasters”.

17. On page 2132, in the second column, in § 54.703, in paragraph (c), in line 9, remove the comma before “systems integrators” and add in its place, a semi-colon.

Federal Communications Commission.

Lisa Gelb,

Chief, Accounting Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Parts 213, 219, 252, and 253

[DFARS Case 90–D011]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Direct Award of 8(a) Contracts

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Interim rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement has issued an interim rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to implement a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated May 6, 1998, between the Small Business Administration (SBA) and DoD. The MOU streamlines the processing procedures for contract awards under the SBA’s 8(a) Program.

DATES: Effective date: June 19, 1998.

Comment date: Comments on the interim rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before August 18, 1998, to be considered in the formulation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Sandra G. Haberman, PDUSD (A&T)DP(DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3062. Telefax number (703) 602–0350.

E-mail comments submitted over the Internet should be addressed to: dfars@acq.osd.mil

Please cite DFARS Case 98–D011 in all correspondence related to this issue. E-mail comments should cite DFARS Case 98–D011 in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sandra G. Haberman, (703) 601–0131.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The SBA’s 8(a) Program, named for the section of the Small Business Act (Pub. L. 85–536, as amended) which it implements, helps small disadvantaged

businesses compete for Federal contracts. The program authorizes the SBA to enter into all types of contracts with other agencies and award subcontracts for performing these contracts to firms eligible for program participation. The SBA’s subcontractors are referred to as “8(a) contractors.”

Section 8(a) requires the SBA to function as an intermediary for 8(a) contracts, but permits the SBA to delegate its authority through special agreements. One such agreement is the Memorandum of Understanding dated May 6, 1998, between SBA and DoD. The MOU streamlines the processing procedures for contract awards under the SBA’s 8(a) Program by authorizing DoD to award contracts directly to 8(a) contractors; by reducing SBA’s response time to a DoD offering and for making an eligibility determination; and by providing a number of other changes to procurement procedures under the 8(a) Program. This interim rule amends Parts 213, 219, 252, and 253 of the DFARS to implement the MOU.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The interim rule is not expected 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.*, because the rule only affects the administrative process established for award of 8(a) contracts. An Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis has, therefore, not been performed. Comments are invited from small businesses and other interested parties. Comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subparts also will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should be submitted separately and should cite 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.* (DFARS Case 98–D011), in correspondence.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the interim rule does not impose any information collection requirements that require Office of Management and Budget approval under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

D. Determination To Issue an Interim Rule

A determination has been made under the authority of the Secretary of Defense that urgent and compelling reasons exist to publish this interim rule prior to affording the public an opportunity to comment. This action is necessary to implement a MOU dated May 6, 1998, between the SBA and DoD. The MOU streamlines the processing procedures for contract awards under the SBA’s 8(a)