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data sheet information system or label information system; and

(ii) Other control, safety, or information purposes.

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223.303 Contract clause.

Use the clause at 252.223-7001, Hazard Warning Labels, in solicitations and contracts which require submission of hazardous material data sheets (see FAR 23.302(c)).

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223.370 Safety precautions for ammunition and explosives.

223.370-1 Scope.

(a) This section applies to all acquisitions involving the use of ammunition and explosives, including acquisitions for—

- (1) Development;
- (2) Testing;
- (3) Research;
- (4) Manufacturing;
- (5) Handling or loading;
- (6) Assembling;
- (7) Packaging;
- (8) Storage;
- (9) Transportation;
- (10) Renovation;
- (11) Demilitarization;
- (12) Modification;
- (13) Repair;
- (14) Disposal;
- (15) Inspection; or

(16) Any other use, including acquisitions requiring the use or the incorporation of materials listed in paragraph (b) of this subsection for initiation, propulsion, or detonation as an integral or component part of an explosive, an ammunition, or explosive end item or weapon system.

(b) This section does not apply to acquisitions solely for—

- (1) Inert components containing no explosives, propellants, or pyrotechnics;
- (2) Flammable liquids;
- (3) Acids;
- (4) Oxidizers;
- (5) Powdered metals; or
- (6) Other materials having fire or explosive characteristics.

223.370-2 Definition.

Ammunition and explosives, as used in this section, is defined in the clause at 252.223-7002, Safety Precautions for Ammunition and Explosives.

223.370-3 Policy.

(a) DoD policy is to ensure that its contractors take reasonable precautions in handling ammunition and explosives so as to minimize the potential for mishaps that could—

- (1) Interrupt DoD operations;
- (2) Delay project or product completion dates;
- (3) Adversely impact DoD mission readiness, production base, or production capabilities;
- (4) Damage or destroy DoD property; or
- (5) Cause injury to DoD personnel.

(b) This policy is implemented by DoD Manual 4145.26-M, DoD Contractors' Safety Manual for Ammunition and Explosives, which is incorporated into contracts under which ammunition and explosives are handled. The manual contains mandatory safety requirements for contractors. When work is to be performed on a Government-owned installation, the contracting officer may use the ammunition and explosives regulation of the DoD component or installation as a substitute for, or supplement to, DoD Manual 4145.26-M, as long as the contract cites these regulations.

223.370-4 Procedures.

(a) *Preaward phase*—(1) *Waiver of the mandatory requirements*. (i) Before either omitting the clause at 252.223-7002, Safety Precautions for Ammunition and Explosives, from solicitations and contracts or waiving the mandatory requirements of the manual, obtain approval of—

(A) The safety personnel responsible for ammunition and explosives safety; and

(B) The head of the contracting activity.

(ii) If the contracting officer decides to waive the mandatory requirements before award, the contracting officer shall set forth in the solicitation, or in an amendment of the solicitation, the specific requirements to be waived.

(iii) If the head of the contracting activity declines to approve a request for waiver, but the prospective contractor agrees to take corrective action to bring the operation into compliance, make the corrective action a part of the resulting contract.

(2) *Transportation considerations*—If shipment of ammunition and explosives is involved in the contract, address in the schedule of the contract the applicable Department of Transportation or Military Traffic Management Command requirements and any other requirements for transportation, packaging, marking, and labeling.

(3) *Disposition of excess*—Include instructions within the contract concerning final disposition of excess Government furnished material containing ammunition and explosives, including defective or rejected supplies.

(4) *Preward survey*—Before awarding any contract, including purchase orders, involving ammunition and explosives, obtain a preaward ammunition and explosives safety survey. If the prospective contractor proposes subcontracting any ammunitions or explosive work, include a review of the subcontractor's facility in the preaward survey.

(b) *Postaward phase*—(1) *Contract administration office responsibility*. (i) The contract administration office is responsible for verifying that the safety requirements of the clause at 252.223-7002, Safety Precautions for Ammunition and Explosives, are being implemented in a manner that will reduce, to the maximum extent practicable, or eliminate the probability of a mishap occurring.

(ii) The clause at 252.223-7002, Safety Precautions for Ammunition and Explosives, requires the contractor to submit to the administrative contracting officer (ACO) any postaward requests for a waiver of the contract safety standards, a site plan modification, or a construction review. The ACO shall review any request and make recommendations to the contracting officer. The contracting officer shall make a decision after considering recommendations of the ACO and safety personnel responsible for ammunition and explosive safety.

(A) If the request arrives at the contracting office without evidence that the ACO has seen it, immediately send it to the ACO for review and recommendations.

(B) When the contracting officer has made a determination approving or disapproving the contractor's request, send the determination to the ACO for transmission to the contractor.

(2) *Subcontracts*—(i) The clause at 252.223-7002, Safety Precautions for Ammunition and Explosives, requires the contractor to notify the contracting officer when placing a subcontract for ammunition and explosives. The contracting officer should coordinate with the safety personnel and request supporting contract administration in accordance with FAR 42.202(e). If the contracting officer believes the nature of the subcontract work poses a potential danger to Government property, Government personnel, production capability, or contract completion, request supporting contract administration.

(ii) If the preaward safety survey identified areas in which a subcontractor was not complying with the manual, and the subcontractor was supposed to correct the deficiencies before start-up, the contracting officer shall require a preoperations survey to verify that the corrections were made.

(iii) When postaward safety reviews by the Government uncover any safety deficiencies in the subcontractor's operation, the review team shall inform the ACO cognizant of the subcontractor, who shall immediately notify the ACO cognizant of the prime contractor. The ACO cognizant of the prime shall inform the prime contractor of deficiencies requiring correction. The notifications shall be made by the most expeditious means appropriate to the circumstance. If a critical safety deficiency poses an imminent danger, the ACO cognizant of the prime shall make the notifications by the most expeditious means available.

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