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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

48 CFR Part 213

RIN 0750-AF42

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Aviation Into-Plane Reimbursement Card (DFARS Case 2006-D017)

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

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: DoD is proposing to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to update text pertaining to DoD fuel card programs. The proposed rule addresses use of the Aviation Into-plane Reimbursement card for purchases of aviation fuel and oil.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before August 15, 2006, to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by DFARS Case 2006-D017, using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: dfars@osd.mil. Include DFARS Case 2006-D017 in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: (703) 602-0350.
- Mail: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: Ms. Robin Schulze, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (DARS), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

• Hand Delivery/Courier: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Crystal Square 4, Suite 200A, 241 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-3402.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Robin Schulze, (703) 602-0326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

DoD uses the Aviation Into-plane Reimbursement (AIR) card for purchases

of aviation fuel and oil at commercial airport facilities. The AIR card is a centrally-billed, Government commercial purchase card that is an alternative to use of the Standard Form 44, Purchase Order-Invoice-Voucher. This proposed rule amends DFARS 213.306 to address use of the AIR card. In addition, the proposed rule amends DFARS 213.301 to clarify that DoD has multiple fuel card programs.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD does not expect this proposed rule 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 AIR card is an alternative to use of the Standard Form 44, Purchase Order-Invoice-Voucher, designed primarily for on-the-spot, over-the-counter purchases while away from the purchasing office or at isolated activities. Therefore, DoD has not performed an initial regulatory flexibility analysis. DoD invites comments from small businesses and other interested parties. DoD also will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subpart in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should be submitted separately and should cite DFARS Case 2006-D017.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply, because the rule does not impose any information collection requirements that 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 213

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

Therefore, DoD proposes to amend 48 CFR part 213 as follows:

PART 213—SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION PROCEDURES

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 213 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

213.301 [Amended]

2. Section 213.301 is amended in paragraph (4), in the second sentence, by removing “program” and adding in its place “programs”.

3. Section 213.306 is amended by revising paragraph (a)(1)(A) to read as follows:

213.306 SF 44, Purchase Order-Invoice-Voucher.

(a)(1) * * *

(A) Aviation fuel and oil. The Aviation Into-plane Reimbursement (AIR) card may be used instead of an SF 44 for aviation fuel and oil (*see http://www.desc.dla.mil*);

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

48 CFR Part 233

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Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Protests, Disputes, and Appeals (DFARS Case 2003-D010)

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

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: DoD is proposing to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to update text addressing procedures for processing of contractor claims submitted under DoD contracts. This proposed rule is a result of a transformation initiative undertaken by DoD to dramatically change the purpose and content of the DFARS.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before August 15, 2006, to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by DFARS Case 2003-D010, using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: dfars@osd.mil. Include DFARS Case 2003-D010 in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: (703) 602-0350.
- Mail: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: Ms. Debra Overstreet, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (DARS), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

• Hand Delivery/Courier: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Crystal

Square 4, Suite 200A, 241 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-3402.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Debra Overstreet, (703) 602-0310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

DFARS Transformation is a major DoD initiative to dramatically change the purpose and content of the DFARS. The objective is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the acquisition process, while allowing the acquisition workforce the flexibility to innovate. The transformed DFARS will contain only requirements of law, DoD-wide policies, delegations of FAR authorities, deviations from FAR requirements, and policies/procedures that have a significant effect beyond the internal operating procedures of DoD or a significant cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors. Additional information on the DFARS Transformation initiative is available at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/dfars/transformation/index.htm>.

This proposed rule is a result of the DFARS Transformation initiative. The proposed rule—

- Deletes unnecessary text at DFARS 233.204 regarding research of a contractor's history of filing claims during a contracting officer's review of a current claim; and
- Deletes an obsolete cross-reference at DFARS 233.210.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD does not expect this proposed rule 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 proposed rule deletes unnecessary DFARS text, but makes no significant change to DoD policy regarding consideration of claims submitted by contractors. Therefore, DoD has not performed an initial regulatory flexibility analysis. DoD invites comments from small businesses and other interested parties. DoD also will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subpart in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should be submitted separately and should cite DFARS Case 2003-D010.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply, because the rule does not impose any information collection requirements that 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 233

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

Therefore, DoD proposes to amend 48 CFR part 233 as follows:

PART 233—PROTESTS, DISPUTES, AND APPEALS

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 233 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

233.204 and 233.210 [Removed]

2. Sections 233.204 and 233.210 are removed.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 572

[Docket Number NHTSA-2006-23796]

Denial of Petition Regarding the Hybrid III 50th Percentile Adult Male Test Dummy

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Denial of Petition for Rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document denies a petition submitted by Denton ATD, Inc. (Denton) on October 8, 2004. The petition requested NHTSA to provide additional specifications for the head assembly. NHTSA has fully reviewed Denton's petition and has concluded that the recommended changes are neither needed nor would serve to improve occupant protection. This document discusses the issues raised by Denton in its petition, provides analysis of the petition, and presents the conclusion reached by the agency.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical issues: Mr. Sean Doyle, NHTSA Office of Crashworthiness Standards. Telephone: (202) 366-1740. Facsimile: (202) 493-2739.

For legal issues: Mr. Edward Glancy, NHTSA Office of the Chief Counsel. Telephone: (202) 366-2992. Facsimile: (202) 366-3820.

Both officials can be reached by mail at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

Issues Raised in the Petition

Denton, a manufacturer of crash test dummies, petitioned NHTSA to amend the specifications of CFR Section 49, Part 572, Subpart E Hybrid III 50th Percentile Midsize Adult Male (HIII-50th) Crash Test Dummy and "provide additional specifications for the head and cap skin 78051-228 and -229, the skull and skull cap 18051-77X and -220 and additional drawing information for head assembly drawing 78051-61X." Specifically, Denton petitioned for (1) The inclusion of component weight specifications for the individual flesh components of the head assembly (head skin and cap skin), (2) providing head skin thickness dimensions and tolerances, and (3) availability of patterns for the head skin, cap skin and skull cap. Denton also requested that sheet 2 of drawing number 78051-61X be provided in the HIII-50th drawing package.

Denton argued that the current HIII-50th drawing package is incomplete and the "lack of clear specifications is causing sales restrictions for Denton ATD." Denton believes that the inclusion of these additional specifications to the current drawing package would "maintain the definition of reproducibility." Denton considers these additional specifications helpful in preventing other dummy manufacturers from producing head skins with different dimensions. Denton states that "for the car manufacturers, these differences could possibly produce different crash test results and for the dummy manufacturer, this limits possible sales competition due to the interchangeability issue."

Analysis of Petition

Denton recommended including component weight specifications for the head skin and cap skin in the HIII-50th drawing package. The weight of the head skin is already contained within the head assembly weight specification in the head assembly drawing 78051-338. The agency believes it is unnecessary to further specify the head assembly weight by requiring inclusion of individual head skin and cap skin weights. NHTSA believes that the currently specified weight tolerance and Center of Gravity (CG) location for the head assembly provide sufficient