

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION****Small Business Size Standards:  
Waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule****AGENCY:** Small Business Administration.**ACTION:** Notice of waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for household cooking equipment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is granting a waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Household Laundry Equipment. The basis for waivers is that no small business manufacturers are supplying this class of product to the Federal government. The effect of a waiver would be to allow otherwise qualified regular dealers to supply the products of any domestic manufacturer on a Federal contract set aside for small businesses; service-disabled veteran-owned small business or SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program.

**DATES:** This waiver is effective November 7, 2005.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edith Butler, Program Analyst, by telephone at (202) 619-0422; by FAX at (202) 481-1788; or by e-mail at [edith.butler@sba.gov](mailto:edith.butler@sba.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 8(a)(17) of the Small Business Act, (Act) 15 U.S.C. 637(a)(17), requires that recipients of Federal contracts set aside for small businesses, service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses, or SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program provide the product of a small business manufacturer or processor, if the recipient is other than the actual manufacturer or processor of the product. This requirement is commonly referred to as the Nonmanufacturer Rule. The SBA regulations imposing this requirement are found at 13 CFR 121.406(b). Section 8(a)(17)(b)(iv) of the Act authorizes SBA to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for any "class of products" for which there are no small business manufacturers or processors available to participate in the Federal market.

As implemented in SBA's regulations at 13 CFR 121.1202(c), in order to be considered available to participate in the Federal market for a class of products, a small business manufacturer must have submitted a proposal for a contract solicitation or received a contract from the Federal government within the last 24 months. The SBA defines "class of products" based on six digit coding systems. The first coding system is the Office of Management and Budget North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The

second is the Product and Service Code referred as a data entry field by the Federal Procurement Data System.

The SBA received a request on July 22 2005 to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Household Cooking Equipment. In response, on August 25, 2005, SBA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of intent to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Household Cooking Equipment. SBA explained in the notice that it was soliciting comments and sources of small business manufacturers of this class of products.

In response to this notice, no comments were received from interested parties. SBA has determined that there are no small business manufacturers of this class of products, and is therefore granting the waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Household Cooking Equipment, NAICS 335221.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 637(a)(17).

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**Karen C. Hontz,***Associate Administrator for Government Contracting.*

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Waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule****AGENCY:** Small Business Administration.**ACTION:** Notice of waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Household Refrigerator Equipment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is granting a waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Household Refrigerator Equipment. The basis for waivers is that no small business manufacturers are supplying this class of product to the Federal government. The effect of a waiver would be to allow otherwise qualified regular dealers to supply the products of any domestic manufacturer on a Federal contract set aside for small businesses; service-disabled veteran-owned small business or SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program.

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In response to this notice, no comments were received from interested parties. SBA has determined that there are no small business manufacturers of this class of products, and is therefore granting the waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Household Refrigerator Equipment, NAICS 335522.

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