

(1) 52.222–50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (FEB 2009) (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).
Alternate I (Aug 2007) of 52.222–50 (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).

(e)(1) * * *
(viii) 52.222–50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (FEB 2009) (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).
Alternate I (Aug 2007) of 52.222–50 (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).

■ 6. Amend section 52.213–4 by revising the date of the clause and paragraph (a)(1)(iv); and removing from paragraph (a)(2)(vi) “(DEC 2008)” and adding “(FEB 2009)” in its place to read as follows:

52.213–4 Terms and Conditions—Simplified Acquisitions (Other Than Commercial Items).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS—SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITIONS (OTHER THAN COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FEB 2009)

(a) * * *
(1) * * *
(iv) 52.222–50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (FEB 2009) (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).

■ 7. Amend section 52.222–50 by—
■ a. Revising the date of the clause;
■ b. Adding, in alphabetical order, the definition “Forced Labor”;
■ c. Removing from the introductory text of paragraph (e) “render the Contractor subject to” and adding “result in” in its place; and revising paragraphs (e)(1) and (e)(2); and
■ d. Adding paragraph (g) to read as follows:

52.222–50 Combating Trafficking in Persons.

COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (FEB 2009)

(a) * * *
Forced Labor means knowingly providing or obtaining the labor or services of a person—

(1) By threats of serious harm to, or physical restraint against, that person or another person;
(2) By means of any scheme, plan, or pattern intended to cause the person to believe that, if the person did not perform such labor or services, that person or another person would suffer serious harm or physical restraint; or
(3) By means of the abuse or threatened abuse of law or the legal process.

(e) * * *
(1) Requiring the Contractor to remove a Contractor employee or employees from the performance of the contract;

(2) Requiring the Contractor to terminate a subcontract;

(g) *Mitigating Factor.* The Contracting Officer may consider whether the Contractor had a Trafficking in Persons awareness program at the time of the violation as a mitigating factor when determining remedies. Additional information about Trafficking in Persons and examples of awareness programs can be found at the website for the Department of State’s Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons at <http://www.state.gov/g/tip>.

(End of clause)

■ 8. Amend section 52.244–6 by revising the date of the clause; by redesignating paragraph (c)(1)(vii) as paragraph (c)(1)(viii); and adding a new paragraph (c)(1)(vii) to read as follows:

52.244–6 Subcontracts for Commercial Items.

SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FEB 2009)

(c)(1) * * *
(vii) 52.222–50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (FEB 2009) (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).

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48 CFR Parts 22, 25, and 52

[FAC 2005–30; FAR Case 2007–016; Item VIII; Docket 2008–0001; Sequence 3]

RIN 9000–AK89

Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2007–016, Trade Agreements—New Thresholds

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 (Councils) have agreed on a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to incorporate increased thresholds for application of the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement and the Free Trade Agreements, as

determined by the United States Trade Representative.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 15, 2009.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Meredith Murphy, Procurement Analyst, at (202) 208–6925, for clarification of content. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the FAR Secretariat at (202) 501–4755. Please cite FAC 2005–30, FAR case 2007–016.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

DoD, GSA, and NASA published an interim rule in the **Federal Register** at 73 FR 10962 on February 28, 2008, to implement the biannual changes specified by the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to the trade agreements thresholds. A correction was published in the **Federal Register** at 73 FR 16747, March 28, 2008.

No comments were received by the close of the public comment period on April 28, 2008. Therefore, the Councils agreed to convert the interim rule to a final rule without change.

This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under Section 6(b) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration certify that this final rule will not 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 dollar threshold changes are designed to keep pace with inflation and thus maintain the status quo.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act (Pub. L. 104–13) applies because the final rule contains information collection requirements that affect the prescriptions for use of the certifications at FAR 52.225–4 (OMB Control No. 9000–0130) and FAR 52.225–6 (OMB Control No. 9000–0025) and the clauses at FAR 52.225–9 and 52.225–11 (OMB Control No. 9000–0141), which contain information collection requirements approved under the specified OMB control numbers by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.* However, there is no impact on the estimated burden hours, because the threshold changes are in

line with inflation and maintain the status quo.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 22, 25, and 52

Government procurement.

Dated: December 24, 2008

Edward Loeb,

Acting Director, Office of Acquisition Policy.

Interim Rule Adopted as Final Without Change

Accordingly, the interim rule amending 48 CFR parts 22, 25, and 52, which was published at 73 FR 10962 on February 28, 2008, and amended at 73 FR 16747 on March 28, 2008, is adopted as a final rule without change.

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48 CFR Part 15

[FAC 2005-30; Item IX; Docket FAR-2009-0011; Sequence 1]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendment

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document makes an amendment to the Federal Acquisition Regulation in order to make an editorial change.

DATES: Effective Date: January 15, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT The FAR Secretariat, Room 4041, GS Building, Washington, DC, 20405, (202) 501-4755, for information pertaining to status or publication schedules. Please cite FAC 2005-30, Technical Amendment.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 15

Government procurement.

Dated: December 24, 2008.

Edward Loeb,

Acting Director, Office of Acquisition Policy.

■ Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR part 15 as set forth below:

PART 15—CONTRACTING BY NEGOTIATION

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 15 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 121(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 42 U.S.C. 2473(c).

15.101-2 [Amended]

■ 2. Amend section 15.101-2 by removing from paragraph (b)(1) “15.304(c)(3)(iv)” and adding “15.304(c)(3)(iii)” in its place.

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48 CFR Chapter 1

[Docket FAR 2009-0013, Sequence 1]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-30; Small Entity Compliance Guide

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

ACTION: Small Entity Compliance Guide.

SUMMARY: This document is issued under the joint authority of the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services and the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. This *Small Entity Compliance Guide* has been prepared in accordance with Section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996. It consists of a summary of rules appearing in Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2005-30 which amend the FAR. An asterisk (*) next to a rule indicates that a regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared. Interested parties may obtain further information regarding these rules by referring to FAC 2005-30, which precedes this document. These documents are also available via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT Hada Flowers, Regulatory Secretariat, (202) 208-7282. For clarification of content, contact the analyst whose name appears in the table below.

LIST OF RULES IN FAC 2005-30

Item	Subject	FAR case	Analyst
I	Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS)	2004-038	Woodson.
II	Commercially Available Off-the-Shelf (COTS) Items	2000-305	Jackson.
•III	Exemption of Certain Service Contracts from the Service Contract Act (SCA)	2001-004	Woodson.
IV	Public Disclosure of Justification and Approval Documents for Noncompetitive Contracts-Section 844 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Interim).	2008-003	Woodson.
V	SAFETY Act: Implementation of DHS Regulations	2006-023	Chambers.
•VI	Electronic Products Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT)	2006-030	Clark.
VII	Combating Trafficking in Persons	2005-012	Woodson.
VIII	Trade Agreements—New Thresholds	2007-016	Murphy.
IX	Technical Amendment		

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summaries for each FAR rule follow. For the actual revisions and/or amendments to these FAR cases, refer to

the specific item number and subject set forth in the documents following these item summaries.

FAC 2005-30 amends the FAR as specified below: