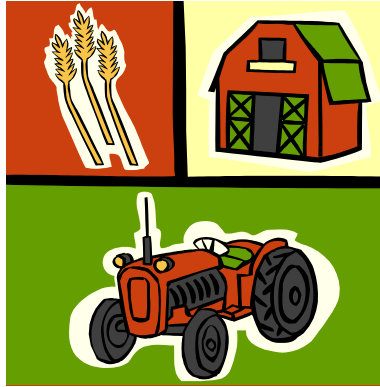


IAS ALERT



New Biobased Procurement Fields in IAS

Purpose

The purpose of this alert is to inform Integrated Acquisition System Procurement (PRISM) users of the new Biobased procurement fields in IAS. USDA has been tasked with leading the BioPreferred Program. The program is designed to increase the procurement and use of biobased products by Federal agencies by implementing a comprehensive program for designating biobased products and initiating a model procurement program for the rest of the Federal Government. The new procurement fields in IAS will help USDA track purchases under this program.

How does this affect me?

Effective March 15, 2007, all procurements awarded in IAS will require the user to complete certain new fields in IAS. The following fields under 'Additional Info' should be filled out to capture the Biobased Product Information. The fields 'Biobased Procurement?' and 'BioPreferred Procurement?' are mandatory. The remaining fields are optional, but become mandatory if you select "Yes" for 'Biobased Procurement.'

| Field Name | Pick List Value | Mandatory | Notes |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|--|
| Biobased Procurement? | Yes or No | Yes | Yes the award has at least one biobased product. This is the key indicator to identify the award as biobased. No the award has no biobased products. |

| Field Name | Pick List Value | Mandatory | Notes |
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| BioPreferred Procurement? | Yes or No | Yes | <p>Yes the product is one of the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedding, Bed Linens and Towels • Diesel Fuel Additives • Mobile Equipment • Hydraulic Fluids • Penetrating Lubricants • Roof Coatings • Water Tank Coatings <p>NO the product is not listed above.</p> |
| Estimated Value of Biobased Products | A: \$0 -2,999 B: \$3,000 - \$25,000 C: \$25,001 - \$50,000 D: \$50,001 - \$100,000 E: \$100,001 - \$500,000 F: Over \$500,000 G. Unknown | Yes (if Biobased Procurement is Yes) | <p>Select the estimated value of the Biobased products for the entire award. This amount should be not greater than the award amount.</p> <p>If the amount is not known, select G: Unknown.</p> |
| Biobased Product Category1 | Category Pick List (see attached) | Yes (if Biobased Procurement is Yes) | <p>A product category must be selected from list. (By default, the pick lists only display 10 categories per page. Users can change the “Max Results” and “Results per Page” to a higher value, and search)</p> <p>If the product category is not known, select the value unknown.</p> |
| Biobased Product Category2 | Category Pick List (see attached) | No | <p>If the award has more than one product category, then select a value from the pick list. This is the same pick list as Biobased Product Category1 pick list.</p> |

| Field Name | Pick List Value | Mandatory | Notes |
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| Biobased Product Category3 | Category Pick List (see attached) | No | If the award has more than one product category, then select a value from the pick list. This is the same pick list as Biobased Product Category1 and 2 pick lists. |
| Biobased Comments | Free text | No | User can enter up to 20 characters in this field for additional information. |

Please note that the entire amount of an award does not have to be biobased in order for the fields to be filled with a “yes.” For instance, users would respond with a “yes” in a janitorial contract where the consumables (e.g., cleaners) were biobased and only accounted for a small portion of the overall award.

If you have any questions regarding the new biobased fields, please contact Angelia Fleming Loggie at 301-504-1730, or via e-mail at angelia.flemingloggie@ars.usda.gov.

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Product Category List

The following table lists the biobased products categories. The list is derived from the USDA web site: <http://www.biobased.oce.usda.gov/fb4p/DesignationItems.aspx>. Currently there are 173 product categories available on the pick list. IAS displays the values alphabetically.

| No. | Product Category |
|------------|---|
| 1 | Hydraulic Fluids (Mobile Equipment) |
| 2 | Penetrating Lubricants |
| 3 | Roof Coatings |
| 4 | Bedding, Bed Linens, and Towels |
| 5 | Water Tank Coatings |
| 6 | Diesel Fuel Additives |
| 7 | Metalworking Fluids - Soluble, Semisynthetic, and |
| 8 | Hand Cleaners and Sanitizers |
| 9 | Grease and Graffiti Removers |
| 10 | Fertilizers |
| 11 | Composite Panels |
| 12 | Sorbents |
| 13 | Adhesive and Mastic Removers |
| 14 | Fluid-Filled Transformers |
| 15 | Biodegradable Containers |
| 16 | Insulating Foams for Wall Construction |
| 17 | Hydraulic Fluids (Stationary Equipment) |
| 18 | Greases |
| 19 | 2-Cycle Engine Oils |
| 20 | Biodegradable Films |
| 21 | Carpet and Upholstery Cleaners |
| 22 | Dust Suppressants |
| 23 | Lip Care Products |
| 24 | Glass Cleaners |
| 25 | Greases (Multi-Purpose) |
| 26 | Carpets |
| 27 | Greases (Rail Track) |
| 28 | Biodegradable Cutlery |
| 29 | Greases (Truck) |

| No. | Product Category |
|------------|--|
| 30 | Greases (Food Grade) |
| 31 | Cutting, Drilling, and Tapping oils (Neat) |
| 32 | Concrete and Asphalt Release Fluids |
| 33 | Wood and Concrete Sealers |
| 34 | Fire Arm Lubricants |
| 35 | Bath and Tile Cleaners |
| 36 | Laundry Products (Pretreatment or Spot removers) |
| 37 | Floor Strippers |
| 38 | Clothing |
| 39 | De-Icers |
| 40 | Durable Plastic Films |
| 41 | Laundry Products (General) |
| 42 | Chain and Cable Lubricants |
| 43 | Industrial Solvents |
| 44 | Industrial Cleaners |
| 45 | Corrosion Preventatives |
| 46 | Household Cleaners |
| 47 | Parts Wash Solutions |
| 48 | Gear Lubricants |
| 49 | Forming Lubricants |
| 50 | Food Cleaners |
| 51 | Multi-Purpose Cleaners |
| 52 | Bath Products |
| 53 | Multi-Purpose Lubricants |
| 54 | Paint Removers |
| 55 | Gasoline Fuel Additives |
| 56 | Disposable Tableware |
| 57 | Ink Removers and Cleaners |
| 58 | Thermal Shipping Containers |
| 59 | Water Turbine Bearing Oils |
| 60 | Specialty Cleaners and Solvents |
| 61 | Printing and Writing Papers |
| 62 | Microbial Cleaners |
| 63 | Air Fresheners and Deodorizers |
| 64 | Metal Cleaners |
| 65 | Hair Care Products |
| 66 | Concrete and Asphalt Cleaners |

| No. | Product Category |
|------------|---|
| 67 | Herbicides |
| 68 | Floor Cleaners |
| 69 | Dishwashing Detergents |
| 70 | Personal Insect Repellents |
| 71 | Slide Way Lubricants |
| 72 | Animal Repellents |
| 73 | Blast Media |
| 74 | Rubber Conditioners |
| 75 | Candles |
| 76 | Medical Care products |
| 77 | Sanitary Tissues |
| 78 | Furniture Cleaners and Protectors |
| 79 | Hydrocarbon Spill Remediation Materials |
| 80 | Packaging Materials |
| 81 | Lotions and Moisturizers |
| 82 | Electronic Components Cleaner |
| 83 | Interior Paints and Coatings |
| 84 | 4-Cycle Engine Oils |
| 85 | Rope and Twine |
| 86 | Polyurethane Coatings |
| 87 | Skin Care Products |
| 88 | Automotive Care Products |
| 89 | Erosion Control |
| 90 | Oven and Grill Cleaners |
| 91 | Exterior Paints and Coatings |
| 92 | Molded/Blown Composites |
| 93 | Compost |
| 94 | Heat Transfer Fluids |
| 95 | Inks (Specialty) |
| 96 | Wastewater Treatment Chemicals |
| 97 | Turbine Drip Oils |
| 98 | Fuel Oil |
| 99 | Filters |
| 100 | Heating and Cooling System Cleaners |
| 101 | Insecticides |
| 102 | Mulch |
| 103 | Oral Care Products |

| No. | Product Category |
|------------|--|
| 104 | Sealants |
| 105 | Pond Cleaners |
| 106 | Durable Foams |
| 107 | Expanded Polystyrene Foam Recyclers |
| 108 | Blended Vegetable Oils |
| 109 | Intermediates |
| 110 | Natural Wax |
| 111 | Raw Materials |
| 112 | Surfactants and Emulsifiers |
| 113 | Vehicle Wash Products |
| 114 | Plastic Product Precursors |
| 115 | Machine Oils |
| 116 | Leather, Vinyl, and Rubber Care Products |
| 117 | Animal Care Products |
| 118 | Total-Loss Lubricants |
| 119 | Marine Products |
| 120 | Biodegradable Foams |
| 121 | Drain Cleaner |
| 122 | Specialty Chemicals |
| 123 | Inks (News - Color) |
| 124 | Shipping Pallets |
| 125 | Air Tool Lubricants |
| 126 | Power Steering Fluids |
| 127 | Industrial Adhesives |
| 128 | Lavatory Flushing Fluid |
| 129 | Waste Water Systems Coatings |
| 130 | Adhesive Additives |
| 131 | Soybean Oil |
| 132 | Fiber-Based Furniture |
| 133 | Concrete and Asphalt Sealers, Coatings, and Restores |
| 134 | Building Materials |
| 135 | Environmental Control Mats |
| 136 | Fiber Composites |
| 137 | Polymer Coatings |
| 138 | Aquaculture Products |
| 139 | Toys |
| 140 | Interior Wall and Ceiling Patch |

| No. | Product Category |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| 141 | Scrubbing Pads |
| 142 | Cosmetics |
| 143 | Inks (Sheet-Fed) |
| 144 | Sun Care Products |
| 145 | Floor Coverings (Non-Carpet) |
| 146 | Deodorant |
| 147 | Aromatherapy |
| 148 | Composite Packing Material |
| 149 | Inks (Forms) |
| 150 | Inks (News - Black) |
| 151 | Heat-Set Inks |
| 152 | Lumber Substitutes |
| 153 | Solid Fuel Additives |
| 154 | Natural Dyes |
| 155 | Tank Cleaner |
| 156 | Printing Chemicals |
| 157 | Artistic Supplies |
| 158 | Suspected Not Biobased |
| 159 | Concrete Curing Agents |
| 160 | Transmission Fluids |
| 161 | Hair Removal Products |
| 162 | Bioplastic Cards |
| 163 | Fire Retardants |
| 164 | Synthetic Fibers |
| 165 | Woven Fiber Products |
| 166 | Compostable Molded Products |
| 167 | Home and Office Adhesives |
| 168 | Jewelry Cleaners |
| 169 | Aircraft Cleaners |
| 170 | Food Coatings |
| 171 | Metal Foundry Mold Release |
| 172 | Polymer Based Consumer Products |
| 173 | Water Soluble Polymers |
| 174 | Unknown |