

this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent chafing of wires at the disconnect panel above the aft left lavatory, which could result in electrical arcing, and consequent fire in the cabin, accomplish the following:

Inspection and Corrective Action, If Necessary

(a) Within 120 days from the effective date of this AD, perform a general visual inspection of the disconnect panel area above the aft left lavatory for damaged or chafed wires or unacceptable clearance between the wires and structure, in accordance with Boeing Alert Service Bulletin MD80-24A184, including Appendix, dated October 26, 2000.

Note 2: For the purposes of this AD, a general visual inspection is defined as: "A visual examination of an interior or exterior area, installation, or assembly to detect obvious damage, failure, or irregularity. This level of inspection is made under normally available lighting conditions such as daylight, hangar lighting, flashlight, or drop-light, and may require removal or opening of access panels or doors. Stands, ladders, or platforms may be required to gain proximity to the area being checked."

(1) Condition 1. If no damaged or chafed wire and if acceptable clearance (i.e., 0.50 inch minimum) between the wires and adjacent structure is found, no further action is required by this AD.

(2) Condition 2. If no chafed or damaged wire and if unacceptable clearance between the wires and adjacent structure is found, before further flight, secure wires using tie-wraps to obtain a 0.50-inch minimum clearance, in accordance with the service bulletin.

(3) Condition 3. If any chafed or damaged wire and unacceptable clearance between the wires and adjacent structure is found, before further flight, repair or replace any chafed or damaged wire with a new wire and secure wires using tie-wraps to obtain a 0.50-inch minimum clearance, in accordance with the service bulletin.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(b) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Los Angeles ACO.

Note 3: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Los Angeles ACO.

Special Flight Permits

(c) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to

a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

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*Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate,
Aircraft Certification Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 252

[DFARS Case 2000-D029]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Restriction on Contingent Fees for Foreign Military Sales—Commercial Items

AGENCY: 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 remove a clause from the list of clauses included in contracts for commercial items to implement provisions of law or Executive orders. The clause proposed for removal pertains to restrictions on contingent fees for foreign military sales.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before May 13, 2002, to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Respondents may submit comments directly on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. As an alternative, respondents may e-mail comments to: dfars@acq.osd.mil. Please cite DFARS Case 2000-D029 in the subject line of e-mailed comments.

Respondents that cannot submit comments using either of the above methods may submit comments to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Amy Williams, OUSD(AT&L)DP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 2000-D029.

At the end of the comment period, interested parties may view public comments on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Williams, (703) 602-0328.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The clause at DFARS 252.212-7001, Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders Applicable to Defense Acquisitions of Commercial Items, includes a list of clauses that may be included in a contract for commercial items to implement provisions of law or Executive orders. Included on the list is the clause at DFARS 252.225-7027, Restriction on Contingent Fees for Foreign Military Sales, which cites 22 U.S.C. 2779 as its statutory basis. However, the clause at DFARS 252.225-7027 does not implement 22 U.S.C. 2779, which requires in subsection (c) that no fee may be included in the amount paid under a contract unless the amount is reasonable, allocable, and not made to a person who has used improper influence. The clause at DFARS 252.225-7027 implements DoD policy only, requiring that, in order for the costs of certain contingent fees to be allowable, the Government must identify the fees and the foreign military sales customer must approve payment of the fees in writing before contract award. This requirement has little effect in commercial contracts where the price the Government pays is generally a fixed price, not based on cost analysis.

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

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The proposed rule is not expected 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 most firms that pay or receive contingent fees for foreign military sales are not small business concerns. 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 2000-D029.

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 252

Government procurement.

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Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Therefore, DoD proposes to amend 48 CFR part 252 as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 252 continues to read as follows:

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

PART 252—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

252.212–7001 [Amended]

2. Section 252.212–7001 is amended as follows:

a. By revising the clause date to read “(XXX 2002)”, and

b. In paragraph (b), by removing the entry “____ 252.225–7027 Restriction on Contingent Fees for Foreign Military Sales (MAR 1998) (22 U.S.C. 2779).”.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Part 107

[Docket No. RSPA–00–8439 (HM–208D)]

RIN 2137–AD53

Hazardous Materials: Temporary Reduction of Registration Fees

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; status.

SUMMARY: RSPA is issuing this document to inform persons of the status of a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) which it published in the **Federal Register** on December 7, 2000, proposing to: temporarily lower the registration fees paid by persons who transport or offer for transportation in commerce certain categories and

quantities of hazardous materials; charge not-for-profit organizations the same registration fee as a small business; use the North American Industry Classification System for size criteria for determining if an entity is a small business; and allow payment by additional credit cards than previously authorized. Consistent with the President's Fiscal Year 2003 budget request to Congress, RSPA is further delaying final action on these proposals pending enactment of the Fiscal Year 2003 Department of Transportation appropriations. Therefore, under the existing regulations, for registration year 2002–2003, which begins July 1, 2002, the registration fees remain \$300 (including a \$25 processing fee) for small businesses and \$2,000 (including a \$25 processing fee) for all other registrants.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Donaldson, Office of Hazardous Materials Planning and Analysis, (202) 366–4484, or Ms. Deborah Boothe, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards, (202) 366–8553, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 7, 2000 (65 FR 76889), RSPA issued a NPRM proposing to temporarily lower the registration fee for all registrants for the next six registration years (2001–2002 through 2006–2007) in order to eliminate an unexpended balance (or surplus) in the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grants fund. The HMEP grants program supports hazardous material emergency response planning, training and related activities by States, local governments, and Indian tribes. RSPA also proposed to charge not-for-profit organizations the same registration fee as a small business; amend its reference to the Small Business Administration's (SBA) small business criteria to reflect SBA's replacement of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code system with the North American Industry Classification System; and allow

payment by additional credit cards than previously authorized.

On May 2, 2001 (66 FR 22080), RSPA published a status document in the **Federal Register** stating that, consistent with the President's Fiscal Year 2002 budget request to Congress, it was delaying final action on the proposals in the NPRM pending enactment of the Fiscal Year 2002 Department of Transportation appropriations. In that budget request, the President proposed to fund a portion of RSPA's hazardous materials safety program from fees collected through the Hazardous Materials Registration program. Although that proposal was not adopted by Congress in the Fiscal Year 2002 DOT appropriations, the President's Fiscal Year 2003 budget request to Congress again proposes to fund a portion of RSPA's hazardous materials safety program budget from fees collected through the Hazardous Materials Registration program. Therefore, consistent with the President's current budget request to Congress, RSPA is again delaying final action on the proposals contained in this rulemaking to temporarily reduce registration fees pending enactment of the Fiscal Year 2003 Department of Transportation appropriations.

Consistent with current regulations, for registration year 2002–2003, which begins July 1, 2002, the registration fees remain unchanged at \$300 (including a \$25 processing fee) for small businesses and \$2,000 (including a \$25 processing fee) for all other registrants. Later this year, RSPA intends to issue a final rule on other proposals contained in the December 7, 2000 NPRM. A copy of the 2002–2003 registration form can be obtained after May 1, 2002, from our Web site at <http://hazmat.dot.gov/register.htm> and from our fax-on-demand service at 1–800–467–4922 (extension 2; document 700) .

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Deputy Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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