

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION****48 CFR Parts 22, 25, and 52**

[FAC 2005–13; FAR Case 2005–030; Item V; Docket 2006–0020, Sequence 15]

RIN 9000–AK40

**Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR
Case 2005–030, Trade Agreements—
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 adopted as final, without change, an interim rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement the increased thresholds for the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement and Free Trade Agreements.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 28, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For clarification of content, contact Ms. Jeritta Parnell, Procurement Analyst, at (202) 501–4082. Please cite FAC 2005–13, FAR case 2005–030. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the FAR Secretariat at (202) 501–4755.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

The Councils published an interim rule in the **Federal Register** at 71 FR 864, January 5, 2006, to implement the increased thresholds for the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement and Free Trade Agreements. Every two years, the trade agreements thresholds are escalated according to a pre-determined formula set forth in the agreements. The United States Trade Representative published the new thresholds in the **Federal Register** at 70 FR 73510 to 73511, December 12, 2005. No comments were received by the close of the public comment period on March 6, 2006, therefore, the Councils agreed to convert the interim rule to a final rule.

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 threshold changes are in line with inflation and only maintain the status quo.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does apply, because the final rule affects the certification and information collection requirements in the provisions at FAR 52.212–3, 52.225–4, 52.225–6, and 52.225–11 currently approved under OMB clearances 9000–0136, 9000–0130, 9000–0025, and 9000–0141 respectively. There is, however, no change to these clearances because the threshold changes are due to inflation and only maintain the status quo. As a result, these FAR changes do not impose additional information collection requirements.

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

Government procurement.

Dated: September 19, 2006

Ralph De Stefano,

Director, Contract Policy Division.

**Interim Rule Adopted as Final Without
Change**

■ Accordingly, the interim rule amending 48 CFR parts 22, 25 and 52, which was published at 71 FR 864, January 5, 2006, is adopted as a final rule without change.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION****48 CFR Parts 25 and 52**

[FAC 2005–13; FAR Case 2005–034; Item VI; Docket 2006–0020, Sequence 9]

RIN 9000–AK52

**Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR
Case 2005–034, Reporting of
Purchases from Overseas Sources**

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

ACTION: Interim rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) have agreed on an interim rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement Section 837 of Division A of the Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109–115) and similar sections in subsequent appropriations acts. Section 837 requires the head of each Federal agency to submit a report to Congress relating to acquisitions of articles, materials, or supplies that are manufactured outside the United States. This rule amends the FAR to request from offerors necessary data regarding place of manufacture.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 28, 2006.

Applicability Date: This amendment is mandatory for solicitations issued and contracts awarded on or after October 1, 2006. To meet the congressionally mandated reporting requirement, agencies may incorporate the new FAR provision 52.225–18 or corresponding requirement at 52.212–3 in solicitations issued or contracts awarded prior to October 1, 2006.

Comment Date: Interested parties should submit written comments to the FAR Secretariat on or before November 27, 2006 to be considered in the formulation of a final rule.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by FAC 2005–13, FAR case 2005–034, by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search for this document at the “Federal Acquisition