

6. In order to facilitate development of the best possible record within existing constraints, we stress the need for interested parties to present their positions fully in their initial comments. We emphasize that the purpose of reply comments is to permit parties to respond to the original comments. 47 CFR § 1.415(c).

7. Accordingly, it is ordered that the motion for extension of time and for waiver of page limits filed by GTE Service Corporation is granted to the extent indicated above and otherwise denied.

8. It is further ordered that the request for extension of time filed by the Consumer Federation of America is denied.

Federal Communications Commission.

Regina M. Keeney,

Chief, Common Carrier Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Chapters 1 and 2

[FAR Case 96-308]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Implementation of Commercially Available Off-the-Shelf Item Acquisition Provisions of the Federal Acquisition Reform Act

AGENCIES: Department of Defense, General Services Administration, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council is soliciting comments regarding the implementation of section 4203 of the Federal Acquisition Reform Act (Pub. L. 104-106) (the Act) with respect to Commercially Available Off-the-Shelf Item Acquisitions. The Act requires the FAR to list provisions of law that are inapplicable to contracts for the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items. Certain laws have already been determined to be inapplicable to all commercial items as a result of the implementation of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (see FAR 12.503). The additional provisions of law that could be

determined inapplicable to commercially available off-the-shelf items are listed under

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION below.

DATES: Comments should be submitted to the address shown below by June 28, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit comments to the FAR Secretariat, General Services Administration, 18th and F Sts. NW, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite FAR Case 96-308.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FAR Secretariat, (202) 501-4755.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 15 U.S.C. 637(d) (2) and (3), Utilization of Small Business Concerns (see 52.219-8); 15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4), Small Business Subcontracting Plan (see 52.219-9); 15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14), Limitation on Subcontracting (see 52.219-14); 19 U.S.C. 1202, Tariff Act of 1930 (see 52.225-10); 19 U.S.C. 1309, Supplies for Certain Vessels and Aircraft (see 52.225-10); 19 U.S.C. 2701, *et seq.*, Authority to Grant Duty Free Treatment (see 52.225-10); 29 U.S.C. 793, Affirmative Action for Handicapped Workers (see 52.222-36); 38 U.S.C. 4212, Affirmative Action for Special Disabled Vietnam Era Veterans (see 52.222-35); 38 U.S.C. 4212(d)(1), Employment Reports on Special disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era (see 52.222-37); 41 U.S.C. 10, Buy American Act—Supplies (see 52.225-3); 41 U.S.C. 253d, Validation of Proprietary Data Restrictions (see 52.227-14); 41 U.S.C. 253g and 10 U.S.C. 2482, Prohibition on Limiting Subcontractor Direct Sales to the United States (see 52.203-6); 41 U.S.C. 254(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2306a, Truth in Negotiations Act (see 15.804); 41 U.S.C. 254d(c) and 10 U.S.C. 2513(c), Examination of Records of Contractor (see 52.215-2); 41 U.S.C. 418a, Rights in Technical Data (see 52.227-14); 41 U.S.C. 442, Cost Accounting Standards (see FAR Appendix B, 48 CFR Chapter 99); 41 U.S.C. 423(e)(3), Administrative Actions (see 3.104); 46 U.S.C. 1241(b), Transportation in American Vessels of Government Personnel and Certain Cargo (see 52.247-64); 49 U.S.C. 40118, Fly American Provisions (see 52.247-63); For purposes of this notice, a “commercially available off-the-shelf item” means—

(1) a commercial item as defined in FAR 2.101;

(2) an item sold in substantial quantities in the commercial marketplace; and

(3) an item is offered to the Government, without modification, in the same form in which it is sold in the

commercial marketplace. This does not include bulk cargo, as defined in 46 U.S.C. App. 1702, such as agricultural and petroleum products. The FAR Council is requesting any interested parties to provide advance comments on:

(1) the definition of “commercially available off-the-shelf item” cited above.

(2) whether the above cited list of statutory provisions that could be determined inapplicable to commercial off-the-shelf items is complete.

(3) whether the specific provisions of law should be determined to be inapplicable. Comments received will be considered in the development of proposed or interim rules. In addition, a 60-day public comment period will be provided once proposed and/or interim FAR rules are drafted. Noted that agency specific statutory provisions will be addressed in separate Federal Register notices.

Dated: May 7, 1996.

Edward C. Loeb,

Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 537

[Docket No. 96-38, Notice 01]

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Automotive Fuel Economy; Semi- Annual Reports

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes various revisions to the required form and contents of the semi-annual reports which automobile manufacturers are statutorily required to submit under the Federal automotive fuel economy program. It is intended that these revisions will reduce the paperwork burdens imposed on manufacturers without inhibiting the agency's ability to comply with its statutory requirements. NHTSA undertakes this action as part of its effort to implement the President's Regulatory Reinvention Initiative to make regulations easier to understand and apply.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket and notice number set forth above and be submitted to: Docket