

7. Section 225.7303-4 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(1) to read as follows:

**225.7303-4 Contingent fees.**

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(b)(1) Under DoD 5105.38-M, LOAs for requirements for the governments of Australia, Taiwan, Egypt, Greece, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Thailand, or Venezuela (Air Force) must provide that all U.S. Government contacts resulting from the LOAs prohibit the reimbursement of contingent fees as an allowable cost under the contract, unless the payments have been identified and approved in writing by the foreign customer before contract award (see 225.7308(a)).

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**225.7303-5 [Amended]**

8. Section 225.7303-5 is amended in paragraph (a) by removing "foreign military sales" and inserting in its place "FMS"; and in paragraph (c) by removing "foreign military sale Letter of Offer and Acceptance" and inserting in its place "LOA".

9. Section 225.7304 is amended by revising the last sentence of paragraph (a); in paragraph (b)(1) by removing "A-E" and inserting in its place "architect-engineer"; and by revising paragraph (c) to read as follows:

**225.7304 Source selection.**

(a) \* \* \* The contracting officer shall honor such requests from the FMS customer only if the LOA or other written direction sufficiently fulfills the requirements of FAR subpart 6.3.

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(c) Do not accept directions from the FMS customer on source selection decisions or contract terms (except that, upon timely notice, the contracting officer may attempt to obtain any special contract provisions and warranties requested by the FMS customer).

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**225.7306 Exercise of options for FMS.**

10. The heading of section 225.7306 is revised to read as set forth above.

**225.7308 [Amended]**

11. Section 225.7308 is amended in paragraphs (a) and (b) by removing "foreign military sales" and inserting in its place "FMS".

**PART 253—FORMS**

12. The note at the end of Part 253 is amended to remove the entry "253.303-1513 United States Department of Defense Offer and Acceptance".

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**48 CFR Part 246**

[DFARS Case 97-D038]

**Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Quality Assurance Among North Atlantic Treaty Organization Countries**

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Director of Defense Procurement has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to update guidance pertaining to mutual acceptance of government quality assurance among North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) countries.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 17, 1998.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Background**

This final rule amends DFARS 246.406 to update guidance pertaining to NATO Standardization Agreement (STANAG) 4107, Mutual Acceptance of Government Quality Assurance and Usage of the Allied Quality Assurance Publications, and to remove obsolete references to STANAG 4108, Allied Quality Assurance Publications.

**B. Regulatory Flexibility Act**

The final rule does not constitute a significant revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Public Law 98-577 and publication for public comment is not required. However, comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subpart will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should cite DFARS Case 97-D038.

**C. Paperwork Reduction Act**

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the final 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 246**

Government procurement.

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Therefore, 48 CFR part 246 is amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 246 continues to read as follows:

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

**PART 246—QUALITY ASSURANCE**

2. Section 246.406 is amended by revising paragraph (1); and in paragraph (3), in the parenthetical sentence, by removing "225.74" and inserting in its place "225.78". The revised text reads as follows:

**246.406 Foreign governments.**

(1) *Quality assurance among North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) countries.*

(i) NATO Standardization Agreement (STANAG) 4107, Mutual Acceptance of Government Quality Assurance and Usage of the Allied Quality Assurance Publications—

(A) Contains the processes, procedures, terms, and conditions under which one NATO member nation will perform quality assurance for another NATO member nation or NATO organization;

(B) Standardizes the development, updating, and application of the Allied Quality Assurance Publications; and

(C) Has been ratified by the United States and other nations in NATO with certain reservations identified in STANAG 4107.

(ii) Departments and agencies shall follow STANAG 4107 when—

(A) Asking a NATO member nation to perform quality assurance; or

(B) Performing quality assurance when requested by a NATO member nation or NATO organization.

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