

## 32.605 Final decisions.

(a) The *contracting officer shall* issue a final decision as required by [33.211](#) if-

(1) The *contracting officer* and the contractor are unable to reach agreement on the existence or amount of a debt in a timely manner;

(2) The contractor fails to *liquidate* a debt previously demanded by the *contracting officer* within the timeline specified in the demand for payment unless the amounts were not repaid because the contractor has requested an installment payment agreement; or

(3) The contractor requests a deferment of collection on a debt previously demanded by the *contracting officer* (see [32.607-2](#)).

(b) If a demand for payment was previously issued for the debt, the demand for payment included in the final decision *shall* identify the same *due date* as the original demand for payment.

(c) The *contracting officer shall*-

(1) Furnish the decision to the contractor by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by any other method that provides evidence of receipt; and

(2) Forward a copy to the payment office identified in the contract.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 32.6 - Contract Debts](#)