

## 46.501 General.

Acceptance constitutes acknowledgment that the *supplies* or services conform with applicable contract quality and quantity requirements, except as provided in this subpart and subject to other terms and conditions of the contract. Acceptance *may* take place before delivery, at the time of delivery, or after delivery, depending on the provisions of the terms and conditions of the contract. *Supplies* or services *shall* ordinarily not be accepted before completion of Government contract quality assurance actions (however, see [46.504](#)). Acceptance *shall* ordinarily be evidenced by execution of an acceptance certificate on an *inspection* or *receiving report* form or commercial shipping document/packing list.

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