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Acquisition Alert 26-21

TO: All Contracting Activities

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SUBJECT: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation for FAR Part 47 in Support of Executive Order on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

- 1. Introduction:** The purpose of this Acquisition Alert is to issue a FAR class deviation to part 47 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's model deviation text to that part.
- 2. Background:** On April 15, 2025, Executive Order (E.O.) 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement was signed. Section 2 of the E.O. establishes the policy that the FAR "should only contain provisions required by statute or essential to sound procurement, and any FAR provisions that do not advance these objectives should be removed."

The FAR is being updated to:

- Remove language that is not required by statute;
- Remove duplicative or outdated language;
- Clarify or provide plain language;
- Revise language for the new FAR framework; and
- Retain language necessary for governmentwide acquisition standards.

This project is referred to as the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative. This class deviation is issued under the authority of E.O. 14275, OMB M-25-25, and 48 CFR 1.4.

Deviation Summary

FAR part 47, Transportation, has been revised to consolidate policies and eliminate outdated requirements including the removal of various clauses as

outlined below. Several sections have been deleted and will be moved to the FAR Companion guide such as “Transportation Insurance” and “Participation of Transportation Officers”. Commercial transportation remains the preferred shipping method.

The revised language includes the following:

- **Section 47.104**, “Government Rate Tenders Under Sections 10721 and 13712 of the Interstate Commerce Act (49 U.S.C. 10721 and 13712),” are retained with plain language edits.
- Paragraph (b), “Contractor Responsibilities,” of each of the subsections in **47.303-1** through **47.303-11** have been moved to the corresponding clause instead.
- The following clause is retained with updated language for clarity and cross-referencing corrections:
 - **52.247-52** Clearance and Documentation Requirements – Shipments to DOD Air or Water Terminal Transshipment Points
- The following provisions and clauses are retained with no changes to text:
 - **52.247-1** Commercial Bill of Lading Notations
 - **52.247-2** Permits, Authorities, or Franchises
 - **52.247-5** Familiarization With Conditions
 - **52.247-8** Estimated Weights or Quantities Not Guaranteed
 - **52.247-10** Net Weight—General Freight
 - **52.247-11** Net Weight—Household Goods or Office Furniture
 - **52.247-13** Accessorial Services—Moving Contracts
 - **52.247-15** Contractor Responsibility for Loading and Unloading
 - **52.247-17** Charges
 - **52.247-18** Multiple Shipments
 - **52.247-19** Stopping in Transit for Partial Unloading
 - **52.247-21** Contractor Liability for Personal Injury and/or Property Damage
 - **52.247-22** Contractor Liability for Loss of and/or Damage to Freight Other Than Household Goods
 - **52.247-23** Contractor Liability for Loss of and/or Damage to Household Goods
 - **52.247-29** F.o.b. Origin
 - **52.247-30** F.o.b. Origin, Contractor’s Facility
 - **52.247-31** F.o.b. Origin, Freight Allowed
 - **52.247-32** F.o.b. Origin, Freight Prepaid
 - **52.247-33** F.o.b. Origin, With Differentials
 - **52.247-34** F.o.b. Destination

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- **52.247-35** F.o.b. Destination, Within Consignee's Premises
- **52.247-36** F.a.s. Vessel, Port of Shipment
- **52.247-37** F.o.b. Vessel, Port of Shipment
- **52.247-38** F.o.b. Inland Carrier, Point of Exportation
- **52.247-39** F.o.b. Inland Point, Country of Importation
- **52.247-48** F.o.b. Destination—Evidence of Shipment
- **52.247-53** Freight Classification Description
- **52.247-54** remains reserved
- **52.247-56** Transit Arrangements
- **52.247-58** Loading, Blocking, and Bracing of Freight Car Shipments
- **52.247-63** Preference for U.S.-Flag Air Carriers
- **52.247-67** Submission of Transportation Documents for Audit
- **52.247-68** Report of Shipment (REPSHIP)
- **52.247-69** Reporting Requirement for U.S.-Flag Air Carriers
Regarding Training to Prevent Human Trafficking

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 47 model deviation include:

- 10 U.S.C. § 2631, Preference for United States Vessels in Transporting Supplies by Sea
- 22 U.S.C. § 2353, Shipping on United States Vessels
- 46 U.S.C. § 55305, Cargoes Procured, Furnished, or Financed by the United States Government
- 49 U.S.C. § 10721 and § 13712, Interstate Commerce Act
- 49 U.S.C. § 40118, Government-Financed Air Transportation

Non-statutory requirements removed from FAR part 47 include-

- **47.102**, Transportation Insurance
- **47.202**, Presolicitation Planning
- **47.205**, Availability of Term Contracts and Basic Ordering Agreements for Transportation or for Transportation-related Services
- **47.206**, Preparation of Solicitations and Contracts
- **47.207-2**, Duration of Contract and Time of Performance
- **47.207-10**, Discrepancies Incident to Shipments
- **47.301-2**, Participation of Transportation Officers
- **47.306**, Transportation factors in the evaluation of offers
- **47.306-1**, Transportation cost determinations
- **47.306-2**, Lowest overall transportation costs
- **47.303-12** through **47.303-17** defined a variety of terms such as “C. & f. destination” and “Ex dock, pier, or warehouse, port of importation”

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- **47.103-1**, Transportation Payment and Audit Regulation has been significantly reduced to a single sentence, referencing 41 CFR part 102-118 for details.
- The following provisions and clauses are removed in their entirety as they are not required by statute or essential to sound procurement:
 - **52.247-12** Supervision, Labor, or Materials
 - **52.247-14** Contractor Responsibility for Receipt of Shipment
 - **52.247-16** Contractor Responsibility for Returning Undelivered Freight
 - **52.247-20** Estimated Quantities or Weights for Evaluation of Offers
 - **52.247-24** Advance Notification by the Government
 - **52.247-25** Government-Furnished Equipment With or Without Operators
 - **52.247-26** Government Direction and Marking
 - **52.247-27** Contract Not Affected by Oral Agreement
 - **52.247-28** Contractor's Invoices
 - **52.247-40** Ex Dock, Pier, or Warehouse, Port of Importation
 - **52.247-41** C.& f. Destination
 - **52.247-42** C.i.f. Destination
 - **52.247-43** F.o.b. Designated Air Carrier's Terminal, Point of Exportation
 - **52.247-44** F.o.b. Designated Air Carrier's Terminal, Point of Importation
 - **52.247-45** F.o.b. Origin and/or F.o.b. Destination Evaluation
 - **52.247-46** Shipping Point(s) Used in Evaluation of F.o.b. Origin Offers
 - **52.247-47** Evaluation—F.o.b. Origin
 - **52.247-49** Destination Unknown
 - **52.247-50** No Evaluation of Transportation Costs
 - **52.247-51** Evaluation of Export Offers
 - **52.247-55** F.o.b. Point for Delivery of Government-Furnished Property
 - **52.247-57** Transportation Transit Privilege Credits
 - **52.247-59** F.o.b. Origin—Carload and Truckload Shipments
 - **52.247-60** Guaranteed Shipping Characteristics
 - **52.247-61** F.o.b. Origin—Minimum Size of Shipments
 - **52.247-62** Specific Quantities Unknown
 - **52.247-65** F.o.b. Origin, Prepaid Freight—Small Package Shipments
 - **52.247-66** Returnable Cylinders

Corresponding DOSAR Deviation Summary

The DOSAR coverage of Transportation in Part 647 required no changes based on the above updates to the FAR.

- 3. Acquisition Impact:** The changes resulting from this class deviation affect all DoS procurements issued on or after the effective date of the AA.
- 4. Action Required:** The acquisition workforce must follow the RFO part 47 model deviation text instead of FAR part 47 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The FAR Council's RFO model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul), and is incorporated into this class deviation.
 - a. For new solicitations or contracts, when using any provisions or clauses that have been revised, utilize the RFO model deviation language at RFO FAR part 52. Do not include any of the removed provisions or clauses in future solicitations and contracts.
 - b. For open solicitations or awarded contracts, the contracting officer has discretion regarding the need to enforce or amend the provisions or clauses. Note that without some of the removed provisions or clauses, the contracting officer may be required to separately address certain aspects in the contract.
- 5. Effective Date:** The model deviated language was released on September 25, 2025; however, this deviation will be effective on February 27, 2026.
- 6. Expiration Date:** This Acquisition Alert expires upon incorporation into the FAR, DOSAR, and/or DOSAM.
- 7. Additional Information:** Questions regarding this Acquisition Alert may be directed to AcquisitionPolicy@state.gov.
- 8. Attachments:** [DOSAR Part 647 Deviation Line In Line Out](#)
- 9. Referenced Documents, Checklists, Guides and Templates:**
[FAR Part 47 Practitioner Album](#)