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Subject: CLASS DEVIATION (CD) in Support of Executive Order (EO) 14275, "Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement" - Deviation to FAR Part 47, Transportation

1. Purpose

This Class Deviation (CD) implements the FAR Council's model deviation text for FAR Part 47, Transportation. This action aligns with Executive Order (EO) 14275, "Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement," and the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative.

The revised FAR Part 47 enhances usability by restructuring and organizing the part in the logical flow of the acquisition lifecycle. The Part addresses the transportation policies and procedures applicable to the procurement of supplies. The significant change to FAR Part 47 includes the removal of thirty-three provisions and clauses.

2. Background

EO 14275, signed on April 15, 2025, established a policy that the FAR should contain only provisions required by statute or those essential for sound procurement. To implement this EO, the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) is leading the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative, with support from the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council. The initiative aims to eliminate unnecessary regulations and policies across all levels of the federal government.

Further guidance was provided by OMB Memorandum M-25-26, "Overhauling the Federal Acquisition Regulation," issued on May 2, 2025.

FAR Streamlining

As part of the RFO, the FAR will be streamlined to include only statutory requirements. Non-statutory content moved to new buying guides, collectively known as the Strategic Acquisition Guidance (SAG). The Council will first issue model deviation guidance by FAR part, followed by formal rulemaking through the notice and comment process. Agencies have 30 days to issue class deviations based on the model text once released.

A. Streamlining Agency Acquisition Supplements: Agencies must streamline their FAR supplements by removing regulations not based on statute or executive orders and by aligning with the FAR Council's deviation guidance. Supporting policies must also be updated to reflect

these changes. This is an excellent opportunity for NARA to formally publish a streamlined NARA FAR Supplement, ensuring consistency with the new FAR.

B. FAR Buying Guides and Supplemental Companion Guides (CG): As the FAR and agency supplements are streamlined, helpful non-regulatory content will be moved to these new FAR Buying Guides. These guides will offer practical instructions and best practices for implementing effective contracting methods, including those related to competition. The RFO Part 47 model deviation text is a plain language version that will be adhered to by all NARA contracting personnel.

3. Summary of Changes FAR Part 47, Transportation, addresses the transportation policies and procedures applicable to the procurement of supplies. This part addresses the policies applied to transportation, including terms of art that when applied to a contract directly impact the roles and responsibilities of the contract.

The Part has been comprehensively revised to improve clarity, consolidate policies, and eliminate outdated requirements. These changes, including the removal of 33 clauses, will streamline the procurement process.

Commercial transportation remains the preferred shipping method.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR Part 47 model deviation include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- 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

Change	Description
Retained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All subparts are retained, reorganized, and streamlined to improve flow and remove procedural guidance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Subpart 47.1 - General ○ Subpart 47.2 - Contracts for Transportation or for Transportation-Related Services ○ Subpart 47.3 - Transportation in Supply Contracts ○ Subpart 47.4 - Air Transportation by U.S.-Flag Carriers ○ Subpart 47.5 - Ocean Transportation by U.S.-Flag Vessels ● Information that guides the part such as the “Scope of Part”, “Definitions”, “Applicability”, and “Policies” are retained and streamlined (see 47.000 through 47.101). ● Section 47.104, “Government Rate Tenders Under Sections 10721 and 13712 of the Interstate Commerce Act (49 U.S.C. 10721 and 13712)”, and its subsections, are retained with plain language edits, as they provide guidance on how to implement the statute. ● The following provisions and clauses are retained (or remain reserved) with no changes to text: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 ○ 52.247-35 F.o.b. Destination, Within Consignee’s Premises ○ 52.247-36 F.a.s. Vessel, Port of Shipment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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
Moved/Updated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Section 47.102, “Transportation Insurance”, is deleted and marked reserved. Content is expected to be moved to the FAR Companion. ● Section 47.103-1, addressing “Transportation Payment and Audit Regulation”, is updated from five paragraphs that detailed where and how to send paid freight bills to the General Services Administration (GSA) for audit, to a single sentence that states the statutory requirement for a prepayment audit program and directs users to 41 CFR part 102-118 for details. ● Section 47.105, “Transportation Assistance”, is deleted and marked reserved. Content is expected to be moved to the FAR Companion. ● 47.301-2, “Participation of Transportation Officers”, is deleted and marked reserved. Content is expected to be moved to the FAR Companion. ● In subsections 47.303-1 through 47.303-11, paragraph (b) of each subsection, titled “Contractor Responsibilities”, is moved to the corresponding contract clause. ● The following clauses are updated. Updates are primarily for clarity and cross-referencing corrections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 52.247-52 Clearance and Documentation Requirements—Shipments to DOD Air or Water Terminal Transshipment Points ○ 52.247-64 Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels
Removed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The following sections were deleted because the content was duplicative of general service contracting principles already established in other parts of the FAR or other regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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**”
- Subsections 47.303-12 through 47.303-17 are deleted as they are unnecessary. The subsections defined the following terms:
 - Ex dock, pier, or warehouse, port of importation
 - C.& f. destination
 - C.i.f. destination
 - F.o.b. designated air carrier's terminal, point of exportation
 - F.o.b. designated air carrier's terminal, point of importation
 - Contractor-prepaid commercial bills of landing, small package shipments
- The following **provisions and clauses are removed** as they are not required by statute or essential to sound procurement:
 - 52.247-3 Capability To Perform a Contract for the Relocation of a Federal Office
 - 52.247-4 Inspection of Shipping and Receiving Facilities
 - 52.247-6 Financial Statement
 - 52.247-7 Freight Excluded
 - 52.247-9 Agreed Weight—General Freight
 - 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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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
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This table is not an exhaustive list.

4. Instructions

- The NARA acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO Part 47 and corresponding part 52 model deviated text instead of FAR Parts 47 and 52 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The FAR Council’s RFO text is available at [FAR Overhaul - FAR Part 47 - Acquisition.gov](#) and is incorporated by reference into this deviation.
- 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.
- 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.
- Contracting activities must review templates and related standard operating procedures to align with this class deviation and remove unnecessary processes and steps.
- Acquisition teams should review the FAR Companion for a number of best practices and guidance specific to this part.

5. Applicability

The requirements in this Class Deviation (CD) apply to all solicitations and contract actions issued or awarded on or after **February 1, 2026**.

6. Authority

This class deviation is issued under the authority of Executive Order 14275 and OMB Memorandum M-25-26, 48 CFR Subpart 1.4.

7. Effective Date

This CD is effective as of the date signed and shall remain in effect until the provisions of the RFO are formally implemented in the FAR through a final rulemaking.

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