

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION****48 CFR Parts 22, 25, and 52**

[FAC 2005–42; FAR Case 2009–014; Item VII; Docket 2009–0027, Sequence 1]

RIN 9000–AL34

**Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR
Case 2009–014, New Designated
Country—Taiwan**

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) have adopted as final, without change, an interim rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to add Taiwan (known in the World Trade Organization as “the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (Chinese Taipei)”) as a designated country, due to the accession of Taiwan to membership in the World Trade Organization Agreement on Government Procurement.

DATES: *Effective Date:* June 16, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lori Sakalos, Procurement Analyst, at (202) 208–0498, for clarification of content. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat at (202) 501–4755. Please cite FAC 2005–42, FAR Case 2009–014.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

DoD, GSA, and NASA published an interim rule in the **Federal Register** at 74 FR 40461 on August 11, 2009. On July 15, 2009, Taiwan became a designated country based on its accession to the World Trade Organization Agreement on Government Procurement. The interim rule added Taiwan to the list of World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement countries in FAR sections 22.1503, 25.003, 52.222–19, 52.225–5, 52.225–11, and 52.225–23. No comments were received as a result of the interim rule.

This is a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was subject to review under Section 6(b) of Executive Order

12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration certify that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, because, although this rule opens up Government procurement to the goods and services of Taiwan, the Councils do not anticipate any significant economic impact on U.S. small businesses. The Department of Defense only applies the trade agreements to the non-defense items listed at DFARS 225.401–70, and acquisitions that are set aside for small businesses are exempt.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does apply; because the final rule affects the certification and information collection requirement in the provision at FAR 52.225–11 currently approved under OMB Control Number 9000–0141, Buy American Act—Construction. The impact, however, is negligible.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 22, 25, and 52

Government procurement.

Dated: June 2, 2010.

Edward Loeb,

Acting Director, Acquisition Policy Division.

Interim Rule Adopted as Final Without Change

■ Accordingly, the interim rule amending 48 CFR parts 22, 25, and 52, which was published in the **Federal Register** at 74 FR 40461 on August 11, 2009, is adopted as a final rule without change.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION****48 CFR Part 25**

[FAC 2005–42; FAR Case 2009–013; Item VIII; Docket 2009–0026; Sequence 1]

RIN 9000–AL40

**Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR
Case 2009–013, Nonavailable Articles**

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) are issuing a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to revise the list of articles determined to be domestically nonavailable.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For clarification of content, contact Cecelia L. Davis, Procurement Analyst, at (202) 219–0202. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat at (202) 501–4755. Please cite FAC 2005–42, FAR Case 2009–013.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

The Buy American Act does not apply with respect to articles, materials, or supplies if articles, materials, or supplies of the class or kind to be acquired, either as end items or components, are not mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities and of a satisfactory quality.

A domestic nonavailability determination has been made for the articles listed in FAR 25.104(a). As stated at FAR 25.103, this determination does not necessarily mean that there is no domestic source for the listed items, but that domestic sources can only meet 50 percent or less of total U.S. Government and nongovernment demand. Before acquisition of an article on the list, the procuring agency is responsible for conducting market research appropriate to the circumstances, including seeking domestic sources.