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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

48 CFR Parts 225 and 252

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Technical Amendments

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD is making technical amendments to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to incorporate adjusted thresholds for application of trade agreements.

DATES: *Effective Date:* March 5, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ynette Shelkin, Defense Acquisition Regulations System, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (DARS), Room 3B855, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060. Telephone 703-602-8384; facsimile 703-602-0350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DFARS Case 2012-D005 was published in the *Federal Register* as a final rule on January 30, 2012 (77 FR 4630). The final rule incorporated adjusted thresholds for application of the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement and the Free Trade Agreements, as determined by the United States Trade Representative.

This final rule incorporates additional adjustments to trade agreements thresholds and makes conforming changes to clause dates, as applicable.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 225 and 252

Government procurement.

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Therefore, 48 CFR parts 225 and 252 are amended as follows:

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 225 and 252 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 1303 and 48 CFR chapter 1.

PART 225—FOREIGN CONTRACTING

225.7017-3 [Amended]

■ 2. Section 225.7017-3 is amended:

- a. In paragraph (b) by removing “photovoltaic devices valued at less than \$203,000” and adding “photovoltaic devices valued at less than \$202,000” in its place; and
- b. In paragraph (c)(2), removing “photovoltaic devices that are valued at \$203,000 or more” and adding “photovoltaic devices that are valued at \$202,000 or more” in its place.

PART 252—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

252.212-7001 [Amended]

■ 3. Section 252.212-7001 is amended:

- a. By removing the clause date “(FEB 2012)” and adding “(MAR 2012)” in its place; and
- b. In paragraph (b)(12), removing “(DEC 2011)” and adding “(MAR 2012)” in its place.

252.225-7017 [Amended]

■ 4. Section 252.225-7017 is amended:

- a. By removing the clause date “(DEC 2011)” and adding “(MAR 2012)” in its place;
- b. In paragraph (c)(2), removing “\$70,079” and adding “\$77,494” in its place;
- c. In paragraph (c)(3), removing “\$70,079 or more but less than \$203,000” and adding “\$77,494 or more but less than \$202,000” in its place; and
- d. In paragraph (c)(4), removing “\$203,000” and adding “\$202,000” in its place.

252.225-7018 [Amended]

■ 5. Section 252.225-7018 is amended:

- a. By removing the clause date “(DEC 2011)” and adding “(MAR 2012)” in its place;
- b. In paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2), removing “\$203,000” and adding “\$202,000” in its place;
- c. In the introductory text of paragraph (c)(3), removing “\$70,079” and adding “\$77,494” in its place;
- d. In the introductory text of paragraph (c)(4), removing “If \$70,079 or more but less than \$203,000” and adding “If \$77,494 or more but less than \$202,000” in its place; and
- e. In the introductory text of paragraph (c)(5), removing “\$203,000” and adding “\$202,000” in its place.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 111213751-2102-02]

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific cod by catcher vessels using trawl gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the A season apportionment of the 2012 Pacific cod total allowable catch (TAC) allocated to trawl catcher vessels in the BSAI.

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), February 29, 2012, through 1200 hrs, A.l.t., April 1, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Josh Keaton, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the BSAI exclusive economic zone according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Regulations governing fishing by U.S. vessels in accordance with the FMP appear at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

The A season apportionment of the 2012 Pacific cod TAC allocated to trawl catcher vessels in the BSAI is 38,117 metric tons (mt) as established by the final 2012 and 2013 harvest specifications for groundfish in the BSAI (77 FR 10669, February 23, 2012).

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(i), the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has determined that the A season apportionment of the 2012 Pacific cod TAC allocated to trawl catcher vessels in the BSAI will soon be reached. Therefore, the Regional Administrator is establishing a directed fishing allowance of 35,517 mt and is setting aside the remaining 2,600 mt as bycatch to support other anticipated groundfish

fisheries. In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iii), the Regional Administrator finds that this directed fishing allowance has been reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific cod by catcher vessels using trawl gear in the BSAI.

After the effective date of this closure the maximum retainable amounts at § 679.20(e) and (f) apply at any time during a trip.

Classification

This action responds to the best available information recently obtained from the fishery. The Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA), finds good cause to waive the

requirement to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the authority set forth at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and § 679.25(c)(1)(ii) as such requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest as it would prevent NMFS from responding to the most recent fisheries data in a timely fashion and would delay the closure of directed fishing for Pacific cod by catcher vessels using trawl gear in the BSAI. NMFS was unable to publish a notice providing time for public comment because the most recent, relevant data only became available as of February 27, 2012.

The AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in the effective date of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3). This finding is based upon the reasons provided above for waiver of prior notice and opportunity for public comment.

This action is required by § 679.20 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: February 29, 2012.

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Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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