

Subpart 846.3—Contract Clauses

846.302 Fixed-price supply contracts.

846.302–70 Guarantee clause.

(a) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.246–70, Guarantee, in solicitations for the acquisition of equipment.

(b) If it is industry policy to furnish, but not install, replacement material and parts at the contractor's expense, the last sentence of the clause at 852.248–70 will be changed to indicate that cost of installation shall be borne by the Government. Where it is industry policy to guarantee components for the life of the equipment (e.g., crystals in transmitters and receivers in radio communications systems) or to require that highly technical equipment be returned to the factory (at the contractor's or the Government's expense) for replacement of defective materials or parts, then the clause will be revised to be compatible with such policy.

846.302–71 Inspection.

The contracting officer shall include a "Rejected Goods" contract clause in solicitations and contracts as follows:

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, insert the clause at 852.246–71, Inspection, in solicitations and contracts for the acquisition of supplies or equipment.

(b) In solicitations and contracts for packing house and dairy products, bread and bakery products, and for fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables, insert the Alternate I clause at 852.246–71, Inspection.

846.302–72 Frozen processed foods.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.246–72, Frozen processed foods, in solicitations and contracts for frozen processed foods.

846.302–73 Noncompliance with packaging, packing and/or marking requirements.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.246–73, Noncompliance with packaging, packing, and/or marking requirements, in non-commercial item solicitations and contracts for supplies or equipment where there are special packaging, packing and/or

marking requirements. The clause may be used in commercial item acquisitions if a waiver is approved in accordance with FAR 12.302(c) and 812.302.

846.312 Construction contracts.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.236–74, 852.236–74, Inspection of construction, in solicitations and contracts for construction that include the FAR clause at 52.246–12, Inspection of Construction.

Subpart 846.4—Government Contract Quality Assurance

846.408 Single-agency assignments of Government contract quality assurance.

846.408–70 Inspection of subsistence.

(a) Before issuing a solicitation for subsistence, the contracting officer must determine whether:

(1) Representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) or the Department of Commerce will inspect for specification compliance before shipment; or

(2) Personnel of the purchasing activity will inspect for specification compliance at the time of delivery.

(b) The contracting officer must indicate the time and place of inspection in the solicitation.

(c) Because the requirement for USDA or Department of Commerce inspections and certifications result in additional contractor costs that may be ultimately reflected in bid prices, the contracting officer, in consultation with the Chief, Nutrition and Food Service, must evaluate the need for such inspections. The evaluation must include the following:

(1) The quality assurance already provided by other mandatory inspection systems.

(2) The proposed suppliers' own quality control system.

(3) Experience with the proposed suppliers.

(4) The pre-qualifying of the suppliers' quality assurance systems and subsequently waiving inspections and certifications for future solicitations.

(5) The cost of the inspections.