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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Defense Acquisition Regulations System****48 CFR Part 204****Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Part 204, Administrative Matters**

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

ACTION: Final rule; Technical amendment.

SUMMARY: DoD is issuing this technical amendment to direct contracting officers to the location of procedures relating to obtaining an account in the Electronic Document Access system. Further, current business systems across DoD have each developed methods of indexing contracts independently leading to data integrity problems between data sources. This technical amendment also provides the location of guidance on a uniform contract indexing methodology across DoD.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 27, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ynette R. 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: Current business systems across DoD have each developed methods of indexing contracts independently leading to data integrity problems between data sources. Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy letter dated July 8, 2010, subject: Contract Indexing Standard, provides detailed guidance on mapping procurement instrument identification and supplementary procurement instrument identification

numbers stored in the Electronic Document Access system to data elements reported in the Federal Procurement Data System. This memorandum aims to eliminate this confusion by establishing a uniform contract indexing methodology across DoD. This technical amendment adds language to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation directing contracting officers to the location of this memorandum and its detailed guidance and of procedures relating to obtaining an account in the Electronic Document Access system.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 204

Government procurement.

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■ Therefore 48 CFR part 204 is amended as follows:

PART 204—ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 204 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR chapter 1.

■ 2. Add section 204.270 to read as follows:

204.270 Electronic Document Access.

Follow the procedures at PGI 204.270 relating to obtaining an account in the Electronic Document Access system.

■ 3. Add section 204.7006 to read as follows:

204.7006 Cross reference to Federal Procurement Data System.

Detailed guidance on mapping PII and supplementary PII numbers stored in the Electronic Document Access system to data elements reported in the Federal Procurement Data System can be found in PGI 204.7006.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Defense Acquisition Regulations System****48 CFR Parts 211 and 252****Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Government-Assigned Serial Number Marking (DFARS Case 2008-D047)**

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

ACTION: Final Rule.

SUMMARY: DoD is issuing a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to require contractors to apply Government-assigned serial numbers in human-readable format on major end items when required by law, regulation, or military operational necessity.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 27, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Mary Overstreet, 703-602-0311.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

Contractors are required to apply Government-assigned serial numbers, such as tail numbers/hull numbers and equipment registration numbers, in human-readable format on major end items when required by law, regulation, or military operational necessity. This final rule establishes a standard DoD method of specifying Government-assigned serial numbers contractually and requires the contractor to associate these serial numbers with the Unique Item Identifier (UII) assigned by the contractor and to register them in the DoD Item Unique Identification (IUID) Registry along with the UII. The rule also requires agreement between the Government and contractor prior to use of the serial numbers in constructing the end item UII.

DoD published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** on April 30, 2010 (75 FR 22727). The comment period closed on June 29, 2010, and no comments were received.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993. This is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD does not expect this final rule to 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.* DoD has prepared a final regulatory flexibility analysis consistent with 5 U.S.C. 604. A copy of the analysis may be obtained from the point of contact specified herein. The analysis is summarized as follows:

DoD requires that the use of Government-assigned serial numbers be limited to satisfy requirements of law or regulation or to facilitate the identification of major end items consistent with military operational requirements, *e.g.*, aircraft tail numbers or ship hull numbers in military