

■ 4. Section 204.7003 is amended by revising paragraph (a)(1) to read as follows:

204.7003 Basic PII number.

(a) * * *

(1) *Positions 1 through 6.* The first six positions identify the department/agency and office issuing the instrument. Use the DoD Activity Address Code (DoDAAC) assigned to the issuing office. DoDAACs can be found at <https://www.daas.dla.mil/daashome/>.

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■ 5. Section 204.7004 is amended in paragraph (d)(2)(i) by revising the second sentence to read as follows:

204.7004 Supplementary PII numbers.

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(d) * * *

(2) * * *

(i) * * * The first and second

positions contain the call/order code assigned to the ordering office in accordance with 204.7005. * * *

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■ 6. Section 204.7005 is added to read as follows:

204.7005 Assignment of order codes.

(a) The Defense Logistics Agency, Acquisition Policy Branch (J-3311), Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6221, is the executive agent for maintenance of code assignments for use in the first two positions of an order number when an activity places an order against another activity's contract or agreement (see 204.7004(d)(2)). The executive agent distributes blocks of two-character order codes to department/agency monitors for further assignment.

(b) Contracting activities submit requests for assignment of or changes in two-character order codes to their respective monitors in accordance with department/agency procedures. Order code monitors—

(1) Approve requests for additions, deletions, or changes; and

(2) Provide notification of additions, deletions, or changes to—

(i) The executive agent; and

(ii) The executive editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

(c) Order code monitors are—

Army: Army Contracting Agency, Attn: SFCA-IT, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Suite 302, Falls Church, VA 22041-3201

Navy and Marine Corps: Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (RD&A), 1000 Navy Pentagon, Room BF992, Washington, DC 20350-1000

Air Force: SAF/AQCX, 1060 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1060

Defense Logistics Agency: Defense Logistics Agency, Acquisition Policy Branch (J-

3311), John J. Kingman Road, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6221

Other Defense Agencies: Army Contracting Agency, Attn: SFCA-IT 5109 Leesburg Pike, Suite 302, Falls Church, VA 22041-3201

(d) Order code assignments can be found at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/dfars.html>.

Appendix G to Chapter 2 [Removed and Reserved]

■ 7. Appendix G to chapter 2 is removed and reserved.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Parts 204, 212, 213, and 252

[DFARS Case 2003-D040]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Central Contractor Registration

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Interim rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: DoD has issued an interim rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to remove policy on Central Contractor Registration (CCR) that duplicates policy added to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) on October 1, 2003. This rule also addresses requirements for use of Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) codes to accommodate DoD payment systems.

DATES: *Effective date:* November 14, 2003.

Comment date: Comments on the interim rule should be submitted to the address shown below on or before January 13, 2004, to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Respondents may submit comments directly on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. As an alternative, respondents may e-mail comments to: dfars@osd.mil. Please cite DFARS Case 2003-D040 in the subject line of e-mailed comments.

Respondents that cannot submit comments using either of the above methods may submit comments to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Angelena Moy, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 2003-D040.

At the end of the comment period, interested parties may view public

comments on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Angelena Moy, (703) 602-1302.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This interim rule supplements the final FAR rule published at 68 FR 56669 on October 1, 2003 (FAC 2001-16; Item I). The FAR rule contained requirements for contractors to register in the CCR database prior to award of any contract or agreement. Similar policy had been in the DFARS since March 31, 1998 (63 FR 15316). Since the DFARS policy has been superseded by the FAR policy, this interim rule removes most DFARS policy pertaining to CCR. However, there is still a need to address requirements for CAGE code information to accommodate DoD payment systems. Therefore, this interim rule retains DoD requirements for inclusion of CAGE codes on contracts and in the CCR database.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD does not expect this 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.*, because the rule adds no new requirements for DoD contractors. The rule removes DFARS text that has become obsolete as a result of policy that has been added to the FAR, and retains existing DoD requirements for use of CAGE codes. Therefore, DoD has not performed an initial regulatory flexibility analysis. DoD invites comments from small businesses and other interested parties. DoD also will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subparts in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should be submitted separately and should cite DFARS Case 2003-D040.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the rule does not impose any information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

D. Determination To Issue an Interim Rule

A determination has been made under the authority of the Secretary of Defense