

**SUBPART 246.2—CONTRACT QUALITY REQUIREMENTS**

**246.202 Types of contract quality requirements.**

**246.202-4 Higher-level contract quality requirements.**

(1) Higher-level contract quality requirements are used in addition to a standard inspection requirement.

(2) Higher-level contract quality requirements, including nongovernment quality system standards adopted to meet DoD needs, are listed in the DoD Index of Specifications and Standards.

**246.203 Criteria for use of contract quality requirements.**

(c) *Criticality.* Acquisitions of critical items, whether peculiar or common, shall have contract quality requirements.