FAR Alert Notice (FAN) Issuance of Proposed Rules and Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-99

This FAR Alert Notice (FAN) provides awareness to the acquisition workforce about upcoming regulatory changes. This FAN highlights noteworthy proposed rules, and interim and final rules recently published in the released Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) that impact the acquisition workforce.

A brief description of each rule is provided below with hyperlinks to an expanded version of the rules. Agencies are encouraged to disseminate this FAN widely across their acquisition workforce.

Rules at a Glance

Proposed Rules

See notice below under Proposed Rules

FAC 2005-99 (published on June 15, 2018)

FAR Case 2018-010, Use of Products and Services of Kaspersky Lab

FAR Case 2017-018, Violations of Arms Control Treaties or Agreements with the United States

Proposed Rules - Proposed rules are published more often than FACs. To provide timely updates to the acquisition community, the proposed rules will now be posted in real time on <u>acquisition.gov</u> - click on Proposed Rules in the moving banner at the top of the page.

To receive automatic email notices of the latest proposed rules as well as other FAR related news, go to https://listserv.gsa.gov/cgi-bin/wa.exe?A0=ACQUISITIONNEWS, and click on "Subscribe" and select either regular or digest – see below for definitions of regular and digest.³

This FAR Alert was established by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) in 2012 to help improve agency awareness of regulatory changes. GSA prepares the FAN for dissemination to the acquisition workforce via the FAI website. Questions about the individual rules should be directed to the analyst in the "For Further Information Contact" paragraph of the rule.

² Proposed rules announce future changes being considered to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), include proposed regulatory text, and solicit public comments. Interim rules announce immediate changes to the CFR and are effective immediately upon publication, or on a specified date after publication, but may be amended based on public comment. Final rules make permanent changes to the FAR after considering public comment, if required. Final rules are effective on a specified date after publication.

Definitions/Instructions - "Regular" means you get one message at a time just like regular email. "Digest", of which there are several types means that instead of getting each message as it is sent, the person gets one message per day made up of all the messages sent to the list that day, the digest usually has an index of subject lines at the top linking to all the messages.

Interim Rules

FAC 2005-99 (Published on June 15, 2018)

FAR Case 2018-010, Use of Products and Services of Kaspersky Lab

This interim rule amends the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement section 1634 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. Section 1634 prohibits the Federal Government use on or after October 1, 2018, of hardware, software, and services developed or provided, in whole or in part, by Kaspersky Lab or related entities. This interim rule will become effective on July 16, 2018.

FAR Case 2017-018, Violations of Arms Control Treaties or Agreements with the United States

This interim rule amends the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement section 1290 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Pub.L.114-328, codified at 22 U.S.C. 2593e), which addresses measures against persons involved in activities that violate arms control treaties or agreements with the United States. The interim rule adds a certification that applies to acquisitions over the simplified acquisition threshold, except for acquisitions of commercial items. This interim rule is effective on June 15, 2018.