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In reply refer to  
DAR Tracking Number 97-00011

Memorandum    **For Directors of Defense Agencies**  
**Deputy For Acquisition And Business Management**  
**Deputy Assitant Secretary of the Air Force**  
**Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Procurement)**  
**DEPUTY DIRECTOR (ACQUISITION), DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY**

SUBJBCT:    Class Deviation-Mandatory    Government Source InspectiOn

Effective immediately, all military departments and defense agencies shall use the attached language in lieu of the language at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 46.402, Government contract quality assurance at source. The revised language deletes the mandatory requirements to perform Government contract quality assurance at source when a higher-level contract quality requirement is included in the contract or when supplies requiring inspection are destined for: points of embarkation for overseas shipment.

This class deviation stems from initiatives endorsed by the Acting Under SecreUry of Defense (Acquisition and **technology**) and the Under Secretary of Defense (Co-troller) in recognition of the fact that commercial source acceptance business practices are as effective as those used by the Government, but are least expensive.

This class deviation is approved for a a-year period ending November 30, 1999, or until the FAR is revised, whichever event occurs first.

Eleanor R. Spector  
Director, Defense Procurement

Attachment

cc!:    DSMC,    Pt.    Belvair

**PART 46-QUALITYASSURANCE**

**46,403 Government contract quality assurance at source.**

Agencies shall perform contract quality assurance, including inspection, at source if-

(a) Performance at any other place would require uneconomical disassembly or destructive testing

(b) Considerable loss would result from the manufacture and shipment of unacceptable supplies, or from the delay in making necessary corrections

(c) Special required instruments, gauges, or facilities are available only at source;

(d) Performance at any other place would destroy or require the replacement of costly special packing and packaging;

(e) Government inspection during contract performance is essential [or]

[f] It is determined for other reasons to be in the Government's interest.

**DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY**

**Inter-Office Memorandum**

**10 Nov 97**

**IN REPLY**

**REFER To AQAA**

SUBJECT : Informational Item(s)

TO: AQO, AQOG, MMPOA

1. On behalf of the DAR Council, I am providing you with a copy of the following informational item(s) :

o DDP Memorandum dated 07 Nov 97 referencing Class Deviation--Mandatory Government Source Inspection, DAR Tracking Number 97-00011.

2. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at 767-3440.

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Acquisition Office

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