

§ 104.9 Cancellations.

(a) A vessel agent may cancel the transit reservation of a vessel by giving notice prescribed by Canal authorities. In such event, and except as otherwise provided, a cancellation fee will be charged. The amount of the fee will depend on the amount of notice (days or hours) received by Canal authorities in advance of the vessel's required arrival time, according to the following schedule:

Notice periods (in advance of re- quired arrival time)	Cancellation fee (the greater of)
31 to 364 days	10% of booking fee or \$500.
22 to 30 days	40% of booking fee or \$750.
4 to 21 days	60% of booking fee or \$1000.
3 days to 8 hours	80% of booking fee or \$1,250.
Less than 8 hours	100% of booking fee.

(b) Receipt of notice of cancellation of a transit reservation by Canal authorities after the vessel's required arrival time will result in levy of a cancellation fee equal to the entire prescribed booking fee.

§ 104.10 Regular transits.

Vessels that are not booked for transit will be scheduled for movement through the Canal on the date and in the order determined by Canal authorities. In establishing the daily schedule of vessels to be moved through the Canal, the order in which vessels arrive is only one of several considerations. In general, regular transits will equal or exceed in number, one-half the total number of daily vessel transits.

§ 104.11 Temporary suspension of system.

(a) Canal authorities may temporarily suspend, in whole or in part, for whatever period of time deemed necessary, the vessel transit reservation system established by this part, whenever Canal authorities determine that such action is necessary to ensure continued safe and efficient operation of the Canal.

(b) No penalty or fee will be levied against any vessel booked for transit whose reserved transit slot is canceled by reason of a temporary suspension of the system pursuant to this section.

§ 104.12 Further implementation.

(a) To facilitate safe and efficient operation of the system, Canal authorities may establish additional policies and procedures, define additional terms and issue clarifications and interpretations not inconsistent with the provisions of this part. Such

further implementation will be published and distributed to Canal customers through notices to shipping or other appropriate means determined by Canal authorities.

(b) In the event any provision of this part conflicts with any implementation provision issued pursuant to this section, the provisions of this part shall govern.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**48 CFR Parts 204 and 253**

[DFARS Case 97-D019]

**Defense Federal Acquisition
Regulation Supplement; Data
Universal Numbering System Number**

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to revise guidance on the use of Data Universal Number System (DUNS) numbers for contractor identification.

DATES: Effective October 1, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

This final rule places DFARS guidance on the use of DUNS numbers with references to the FAR guidance on that subject; and removes DFARS guidance on locally developed coding systems.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The final rule does not constitute a significant revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Public Law 98-577, and publication for public comment is not required. However, comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subparts will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should be submitted separately and should cite DFARS Case 97-D019 in correspondence.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply, because the final rule does not impose any reporting or recordkeeping requirements which require Office of Management and Budget approval under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 204 and 253

Government procurement.

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Therefore, 48 CFR Parts 204 and 253 are amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Parts 204 and 253 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 241 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

PART 204—ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2. Section 204.7201 is amended in paragraph (b) by revising the second sentence to read as follows:

§ 204.7201 Definitions.

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(b) * * * CAGE codes and Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) numbers are two examples of contractor identification codes.

3. Section 204.7202-2 is revised to read as follows:

§ 204.7202-2 DUNS numbers.

Requirements for use of DUNS numbers are contained in FAR 4.602(d) and 4.603.

§ 204.7202-4 [Removed]

4. Section 204.7202-4 is removed.

5. Section 204.7204 is revised to read as follows:

§ 204.7204 Maintenance of the CAGE file.

(a) Changes, except name changes, may be submitted in writing—

(1) By the entity identified by the code, using company letterhead, through the contract administration office;

(2) By the contracting office; or

(3) By the contract administration office (see also FAR subpart 42.12, Novation and Change-of-Name Agreements);

(4) Using the DD Form 2051, facsimile or electronic equivalent, to: Defense Logistics Services Center, DLSC-SBB, Federal Center, 74 N. Washington, Battle Creek, MI 49017-3084, Telephone Numbers: DSN 932-4358, FTS 552-4358, commercial (616) 961-4358, Facsimile: (616) 961-4528, 4388,

Internet: <http://www.dlsc.dla.mil/form2051.htm>

(b) The change-of-name agreement shall be submitted to DLSC-SBB by the contracting officer responsible for execution of the agreement (see FAR subpart 42.12). In the event there are no current contracts in force, each contracting and contract administration office receiving notification of changes from the commercial entity shall forward a copy of the change notice annotated with the CAGE code to DLSC-SBB unless the change notice indicates that DLSC-SBB has already been notified.

(c) Additional guidance for maintaining CAGE codes is set forth at

Volume 7 of DoD 4100.39-M, Defense Integrated Data System (DIDS) Manual.

204.7204-1 and 204.7204-2 [Removed]

6. Sections 204.7204-1 and 204.7204-2 are removed.

204.7206 [Amended]

7. Section 204.7206 is amended in the introductory text by removing the phrase "and contractor identification number codes".

PART 253—FORMS

8. Section 253.204-70 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(5)(ii)(A) to read as follows:

253.204-70 DD Form 350, Individual Contracting Action Report.

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(A) BLOCK B5A, CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER. Enter the contractor's 9-position Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number (see FAR 4.602(d) and 4.603).

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