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[Docket No. FAR–2023–0051, Sequence No. 6]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2024–01; Introduction

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA),

and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Summary presentation of final rules.

SUMMARY: This document summarizes the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) rules agreed to by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) in this Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2024–01. A companion document, the *Small Entity Compliance Guide* (SECG), follows this FAC.

DATES: For effective dates see the separate documents, which follow.

ADDRESSES: The FAC, including the SECG, is available at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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RULES LISTED IN FAC 2024–01

Item	Subject	FAR case	Analyst
I	New Designated Country—North Macedonia	2023–019	Uddowla.
II	Technical Amendments.		

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summaries for each FAR rule follow. For the actual revisions and/or amendments made by these FAR rules, refer to the specific item numbers and subjects set forth in the documents following these item summaries. FAC 2024–01 amends the FAR as follows:

Item I—New Designated Country—North Macedonia (FAR Case 2023–019)

This final rule amends the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to add North Macedonia as a new designated country under the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement (WTO GPA).

Item II—Technical Amendments

An administrative change is made at FAR 52.212–3, 52.212–5, 52.225–3, 52.225–4, 52.225–11, 52.225–12, 52.225–23, and 52.225–24.

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Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2024–01 is issued under the authority of the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services, and the Administrator of National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Unless otherwise specified, all Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and other directive material contained in FAC 2024–01 is effective November 14, 2023.

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[FAC 2024–01, FAR Case 2023–019, Item I; Docket No. 2023–0019; Sequence No. 1]

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Federal Acquisition Regulation: New Designated Country—North Macedonia

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD, GSA, and NASA are issuing a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to add North Macedonia as a new designated country under the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement.

DATES: Effective November 14, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For clarification of content, contact Ms. Mahruba Uddowla, Procurement Analyst, at 703–605–2868 or by email at mahruba.uddowla@gsa.gov. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202–501–4755 or GSARegSec@gsa.gov. Please cite FAC 2024–01, FAR Case 2023–019.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

DoD, GSA, and NASA are amending the FAR to add North Macedonia as a new designated country under the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement (WTO GPA). North Macedonia became a party to the WTO GPA on October 30, 2023. The Trade Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 2501 *et seq.*) provides the authority for the President to waive the Buy American statute and other discriminatory provisions for eligible products from countries that have signed an international trade agreement (such as the WTO GPA) with the United States. The President has delegated this authority to the U.S. Trade Representative.

The U.S. Trade Representative has determined that North Macedonia will provide appropriate reciprocal competitive Government procurement opportunities to United States products and services. The U.S. Trade Representative published a notice in the **Federal Register** waiving the Buy American statute and other discriminatory provisions for eligible