

July 22, 2020

FAR Class Deviation from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) for Implementation of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement

Purpose: This memorandum approves a class deviation from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

Authority: This class deviation is issued under the authority of the FAR 1.404 and through consultation with the Chair of the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council (CAAC) via the [CAAC Letter 2020-05](#).

Background: The USMCA is effective July 1, 2020. It supersedes the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), therefore references to NAFTA are replaced with USMCA. Although Canada is still a designated country under the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement, Canada is no longer a Free Trade Agreement country, because chapter 13 of the USMCA (government procurement) applies only to the United States and Mexico. Therefore, references to Canada as a Free Trade Agreement country are deleted, including the \$25,000 threshold. Mexico thresholds remain unchanged.

Action: Contracting officers shall apply the relevant FAR provisions and clauses set forth in Attachment A.

Effective Date: This deviation is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.

Point of Contact: Questions regarding this deviation may be directed to Procurement.Policy@usda.gov.