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CAAC Letter 2018-01

MEMORANDUM FOR CIVILIAN AGENCIES

FROM: WILLIAM CLARK 
CHAIR
CIVILIAN AGENCY ACQUISITION COUNCIL (CAAC)

SUBJECT: Class Deviation from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to Implement Adjusted Thresholds for the Trade Agreements

On December 11, 2017, the United States Trade Representative (USTR) published new procurement thresholds (82 FR 58248). These thresholds become effective on January 1, 2018.

Pending issuance of FAR case 2018-001, Trade Agreements Thresholds, agencies may authorize a class deviation, using the Attachment. This CAAC Letter constitutes consultation with the Chair of the CAAC required by FAR 1.404(a)(1). Effective immediately, agencies may authorize a class deviation, in accordance with FAR 1.404.

To determine which trade agreement clause to incorporate into a contract, contracting officers shall use the updated thresholds provided in the attached table in lieu of those in the table at FAR 25.402(b), and shall also substitute the new thresholds wherever they appear in the FAR.

Agencies are reminded that FAR 1.404 requires agencies to furnish a copy of each approved class deviation to the FAR Secretariat, General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1800 F Street, NW, 2nd Floor, ATTN: Lois Mandell, Washington, DC 20405. Agencies may also email the deviation to Ms. Mandell at lois.mandell@gsa.gov or send by fax to (202) 501-4067.

If you have questions or require additional information regarding this memorandum, please contact Cecelia L. Davis at (202) 219-0202, or by email at cecelia.davis@gsa.gov.

Attachment

Attachment - CAAC Letter 2018-001 Deviation – New Trade Agreements Thresholds

Trade Agreement	Supply Contract (equal to or exceeding)	Service Contract (equal to or exceeding)	Construction Contract (equal to or exceeding)
WTO GPA	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$6,932,000
FTAs			
Australia FTA	80,317	80,317	6,932,000
Bahrain FTA	180,000	180,000	10,441,216
CAFTA-DR (Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua)	80,317	80,317	6,932,000
Chile FTA	80,317	80,317	6,932,000
Colombia FTA	80,317	80,317	6,932,000
Korea FTA	100,000	100,000	6,932,000
Morocco FTA	180,000	180,000	6,932,000
NAFTA			
—Canada	25,000	80,317	10,441,216
—Mexico	80,317	80,317	10,441,216
Oman FTA	180,000	180,000	10,441,216
Panama FTA	180,000	180,000	6,932,000
Peru FTA	180,000	180,000	6,932,000
Singapore FTA	80,317	80,317	6,932,000
Israeli Trade Act	50,000	—	—