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SUBJECT: Class Deviation No. 2026-47 from the Transportation Acquisition Regulation for TAR Part 1247 in Support of Executive Order 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

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TO: Department of Transportation Chiefs of the Contracting Offices

- I. Purpose:** This memorandum approves a class deviation to the Transportation Acquisition Regulation (TAR) part 1247 for the purpose of implementing, in the TAR, Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation (CD) (No. 2026-12) for FAR part 47 in support of Executive Order (E.O.) 14275, “Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement.”
- II. Effective Date:** Immediately.
- III. Background:** On April 15, 2025, [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement](#) was signed. Section 2 of the E.O. establishes the policy that the FAR “should only contain provisions required by statute or essential to sound procurement, and any FAR provisions that do not advance these objectives should be removed.” The Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative will make the FAR more concise, understandable, and focused on core procurement requirements. This also applies to agency supplements to the FAR.

Under this initiative, the FAR is being updated to:

- Remove language that is not required by statute
- Remove duplicative or outdated language
- Clarify or provide more plain language
- Revise language for the new FAR framework
- Retain language necessary for governmentwide acquisition standards.

The RFO FAR part 47 model deviation text upon which this RFO TAR part 1247 deviation is also based, establishes bedrock principles. The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued [FAR CD 2026-12](#) for FAR part 47 on October 2, 2025.

To ensure alignment with issued E.O.s and the RFO FAR part CD, it is necessary to issue this RFO TAR CD in advance of a proposed rule to implement these requirements to ensure DOT policies and procedures align with these requirements. DOT intends on conducting further analysis and developing a rule for publication in the Federal Register for public comment after the release of this CD, and after FAR proposed and final rules are published.

IV. Summary of Changes: The following table is not an exhaustive list but includes notable updates to TAR part 1247:

Change	Description
New/Retained/Updated	General – Updated TAR content and headings to align with RFO FAR Part 47. • Subpart 1247.5—Ocean Transportation by U.S.-Flag Vessels ○ Added new section 1247.502 to align with RFO FAR part 47. • 1247.502, Policy. ○ Added section as some content previously at section 1247.506, Procedures, falls more appropriately under this section. ○ MARAD is still reflected at the enforcing agency of the cargo preference statutes. ○ Added public facing link to the List of U.S.-Flag Carriers available on the MARAD website. • 1247.506, Procedure. ○ Retitled section as “Procedure” vs. “Procedures” to align with RFO FAR part 47. ○ Moved and revised content from existing paragraph (a) from this section to 1247.502. ○ Redesignated existing paragraph (d) as (a) and moved required reporting information directly after the 46 CFR 381.3 citation for clarity. Revised (a)(8) to reflect “pounds” in lieu of “kilos” to align with the 46 CFR 381.3 language. ○ Created a new paragraph (b) with the existing MARAD Office of Cargo and Commercial Sealift address information.
Removed	General – Text has been deleted in the subparts or sections below to remove non-statutory guidance. • 1247.506, Procedures. ○ The last sentence of paragraph (a) is removed as unnecessary for the TAR.

V. Required Actions: Contracting Officers shall follow the RFO TAR part 1247 deviation text, in lieu of TAR part 1247 as codified at 48 CFR, chapter 12. The RFO TAR deviation text is shown in the Attachment.

Chiefs of the Contracting Offices (COCOs) must ensure this deviation is disseminated to the acquisition workforce and ensure compliance with the requirements in the CD.

- VI. Applicability:** This CD applies to all DOT Operating Administrations (OAs), the Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST), and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), excluding the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in accordance with RFO TAR 1201.103-70(b).
- VII. Authority:** This CD is issued under the authority of RFO FAR 1.304, Class deviations; TAR 1201.404, Class deviations; and the revised citation at RFO TAR 1201.304, for the purpose of implementing policy in the TAR to comply with requirements of certain E.O.s, statutes, and other directives in DOT FAR CD No. 2026-12 and as described below.
- VIII. Expiration Date:** This CD will remain in effect until it is incorporated into the TAR, superseded, or is otherwise rescinded, whichever occurs first.
- IX. Point of Contact:** Questions or comments regarding this deviation may be directed to DOTAcquisitionPolicy@dot.gov.

Attachment:

- A. RFO TAR Part 1247 Deviation Text – Bold/Bracketed/Line-in Line-Out (BB-LILO)

Transportation Acquisition Regulation (TAR) Class Deviation (CD) No. 2026-47

Attachment A

RFO TAR Part 1247 Deviation Text

TAR Text Baseline is 48 CFR chapter 12 as of March 26, 2026.

Additions are shown as **[bolded and bracketed]** and deletions are shown in strikethrough deletions. TAR Text unchanged shown as asterisks.

Part 1247—Transportation

Subpart 1247.5—Ocean Transportation by U.S.-Flag Vessels

[1247.502 Policy.]

1247.506 Procedures.

Authority: [5 U.S.C. 301](#); [41 U.S.C. 1121\(c\)\(3\)](#); **[and]** [41 U.S.C. 1702](#); and ~~[48 CFR 1.301](#)~~
through [1.304](#)

PART 1247—TRANSPORTATION

Subpart 1247.5—Ocean Transportation by U.S.-Flag Vessels

[1247.502 Policy.

(a) The Maritime Administration (MARAD) is the enforcing agency of the cargo preference statutes. MARAD can assist contractors in locating U.S.-flag carriers and determine when such services are not available. A list of U.S.-Flag Carriers is available at <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/data-reports/data-statistics/listing-us-flag-carriers>.]

1247.506 Procedures.

~~(a) The Maritime Administration (MARAD) is the enforcing agency of the cargo preference statutes. MARAD can assist contractors in locating U.S. flag carriers and determine when such services are not available. MARAD can also assist contracting officers in evaluating costs, services, and other matters regarding ocean transportation.~~

~~[(a)]~~ If no transportation officer is available, the contracting officer shall submit a copy of the rated “on board” bill of lading, for each shipment, no later than 20 days after the vessel's loading date for exports and 30 days for imports as stated in [46 CFR 381.3](#), containing the following information:] The bill of lading shall contain the following information—

[(1) Name of sponsoring U.S. Government agency or department.

(2) Name of vessel.

(3) Vessel flag of registry.

(4) Date of loading.

(5) Port of loading.

(6) Port of final discharge.

(7) Commodity description.

(8) Gross weight in pounds.

(9) Total ocean freight revenue in U.S. dollars.]

[(b)] All non-vessel ocean common carrier bills of lading should be accompanied by the underlying carrier's ocean bill of lading. **[Send]** The documents shall be sent to the Maritime

Administration, Office of Cargo and Commercial Sealift, MAR-620, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001. ~~The bill of lading shall contain the following information—~~

~~(1) Name of sponsoring Government agency or department;~~

~~(2) Name of vessel;~~

~~(3) Vessel flag of registry;~~

~~(4) Date of loading;~~

~~(5) Port of loading;~~

~~(6) Port of final discharge;~~

~~(7) Commodity description;~~

~~(8) Gross weight in kilos; and~~

~~(9) Total ocean freight revenue in U.S. dollars.~~
