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MEMORANDUM FORDIRECTORS OF DEFENSE AGENCIES
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SUBJECT: Humanitarian Operations

Effective immediately, all military departments and defense agencies shall use the attached definition of simplified acquisition threshold in lieu of the definition at section 2.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). This class deviation implements Section 807 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (Pub. L. 104-201) .

Section 807 amends 10 U.S.C. 2302(7) and 41 U.S.C. 259(d) to:

(1) Increase the simplified acquisition threshold to \$200,000 for contracts to be awarded and performed, or purchases to be made, outside the United States in support of humanitarian or peacekeeping operations; and

(2) Define the term "humanitarian or peacekeeping operation" as "a military operation in support of the provision of humanitarian or foreign disaster assistance or in support of a peacekeeping operation under chapter VI or VII of the Charter of the United Nations. The term does not include routine training, force rotation, or stationing. "

This class deviation is effective immediately, and will remain in effect until the FAR is revised.

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Attachment

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ENCLOSURE(5)

Affected FAR Citations

PART 2--DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND TERMS

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SUBPART 2.1 --DEFINITIONS

2.101 Definitions.

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"Simplified acquisition threshold" means \$100,000, except that in the case of any contract to be awarded and performed, or purchase to be made, outside the United States in support of a contingency operation (as defined in 10 **U.S.C. 101(a)** (13)) **or a humanitarian or peacekeeping operation (as defined in 10 U.S.C. 2302(7) and 41 U.S.C. 259(d))**, the term means \$200,000.

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