

Department of Transportation

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BAR CODING REQUIREMENTS (OCT 1994)

Item markings shall include bar coding in accordance with MIL-STD-1189 as follows:

(a) The stock number shall be bar coded with no prefixes, dashes, spaces, or suffixes encoded. The contract number, the delivery order, or call order number, when used, shall be bar coded with no spaces or dashes encoded.

(b) Prefixes and suffixes to the stock number may be included in the OCR-A in-the-clear markings, but not in the bar code.

(c) Preferred Bar Code Density (characters per inch as defined in MIL-STD-1189) is "standard," but densities from "standard" to "low" are acceptable.

(d) OCR-A characters do not have to be machine readable.

(e) Bar coding shall be machine readable.

(f) Unless otherwise specified herein, minimum bar code height shall be 0.25 inch (6.4 mm) or 15 percent of the bar code length, whichever is greater.

(g) The preferred position of the OCR-A characters is beneath the bar codes, but the OCR-A characters may be over the bar codes.

(h) On outer containers contractors shall either:

(1) Encode the stock numbers and contract number in one line of bar code with the stock number appearing first; or

(2) Encode the item stock number and contract number on two labels, with the top label containing the stock number and the lower label containing the contract number.

(i) On unit and intermediate containers, the item stock number in bar code with OCR-A below may be on the same label as the other data (identification markings) required by MIL-STD-129H. However, the bar code stock number shall appear on the top line with OCR-A characters on the second line; the OCR-A characters may include the stock number prefix and suffix, or alternatively, the complete stock number including any prefix and suffix, shall be repeated as part of the identification markings.

(j) Exclusions from bar code markings are:

(1) Multi-packs/consolidation containers (containers with two or more different stock numbers within).

(2) Reusable shipping containers used for multiple/ different stock number applications.

(3) Items consigned to a prime contractor's plant for installation in production.

(End of clause)

1252.211-70 Brand name or equal.

As prescribed in (TAR) 48 CFR 1210.011, insert the following provision:

BRAND NAME OR EQUAL (OCT 1994)

(As used in this provision, the term "brand name" includes identification of products by make and model.)

(a) If items called for by this solicitation have been identified in the schedule by a "brand name or equal" description, such identification is intended to be descriptive, but not restrictive, and is intended to indicate the quality and characteristics of products that will be satisfactory. Offers offering "equal" products (including products of the brand name manufacturer other than the one described by brand name) will be considered for award if such products are clearly identified in the offers and are determined by the Government to meet fully the salient characteristic requirements listed in the solicitation.

(b) Unless the offeror clearly indicates in its offer that it is offering an "equal" product, its offer shall be considered as offering the brand name product referenced in the solicitation.

(c) If the offeror proposed to furnish an "equal" product, the brand name, if any, of the product to be furnished shall be inserted in the space provided in the solicitation, or such product shall be otherwise clearly identified in the offer. The evaluation of offers and the determination as to equality of the product offered shall be the responsibility of the Government and will be based on information furnished by the offeror or identified in its offer as well as other information reasonably available to the contracting office. CAUTION TO OFFERORS: The contracting office is not responsible for locating or securing any information which is not identified in the offer and reasonably available to the contracting office. Accordingly, to insure that sufficient information is available, the offeror must furnish as a part of its offer all descriptive material (such as cuts, illustrations, drawings, or other information) necessary for the contracting office to: (1) determine whether the product offered meets the salient characteristic requirements of the solicitation; and (2) establish exactly what the offeror proposes to furnish and what the Government would be binding itself to acquire by making an award. The information furnished may include specific reference to information previously furnished or to information otherwise available to the contracting office.

(d) If the offeror proposes to modify a product so as to make it conform to the requirements of the solicitation, it shall: (1) include in its offer a clear description of such proposed modifications; and (2) clearly mark any descriptive material to show the proposed modifications.

(e) Modifications to make a product conform to a brand name product referenced in

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the solicitation and proposed after the time for receipt of offers, will not be considered.

(End of provision)

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1252.211-71 Index for specifications.

As prescribed in (TAR) 48 CFR 1210.011, insert the following clause:

INDEX FOR SPECIFICATIONS (OCT 1994)

If an index or table of contents is furnished in connection with specifications, it is understood that such index or table of contents is for convenience only. Its accuracy and completeness is not guaranteed, and it is not to be considered as part of the specification. In case of discrepancy between the index or table of contents and the specifications, the specifications shall govern.

(End of clause)

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EDITORIAL NOTE: At 64 FR 2439, Jan. 14, 1999, section 1252.211-71, first paragraph, was amended by removing the citation "A(TAR) 48 CFR 1211.204" and adding in its place the citation "A(TAR) 48 CFR 1211.204-70". This citation did not exist in the 1998 Code of Federal Regulations and could not be incorporated.

1252.211-90 Bar coding requirement. (USCG)

As prescribed in USCG guidance at (TAR) 48 CFR 1211.204-90 and 1213.302-590, insert the following clause:

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mm) or 15 percent of the bar code length, whichever is greater.

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(1) Encode the stock numbers and contract number in one line of bar code with the stock number appearing first; or

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(End of clause)

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1252.213-90 Evaluation factor for Coast Guard performance of bar coding requirement. (USCG)

As prescribed in USCG guidance at (TAR) 48 CFR 1213.106-190, insert the following provision:

EVALUATION FACTOR FOR COAST GUARD PERFORMANCE OF BAR CODING REQUIREMENT (OCT 1994)

If a small business cannot provide the bar coding requirement, as indicated elsewhere in the schedule, the contracting officer will apply the following formula to the quoted amounts:

(a) Unit price quoted by small business

\$ _____
(b) Add unit cost to the USCG to provide bar coding \$ _____

(c) Adjusted unit price (add lines a. and b.)
\$ _____

The line (c) amount will become the amount the contracting officer considered when determining the lowest quoted amount.