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FROM: Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, ME-61
Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

SUBJECT: **Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2001-11**
 **Final Rule (Federal Register Vol. 68, Pg. 55)) - Security
Amendments to Implement Executive Order 12829,
National Industrial Security Program**

SUMMARY: On December 31, 2002, FAC 2001-11 was published in the Federal Register at 67 FR 80320. Contracting personnel should review the details of each item in the full text of the FAC. A final rule was also published in the Federal Register on January 2, 2003 entitled "Security Amendments to Implement Executive Order 12829, National Industrial Security Program", 68 FR 55.



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The following two items are in FAC 2001-11, which was published in the Federal Register on December 31, 2002, at 67 FR 80320. *The effective date for each item is January 1, 2003.* The FAC is available via the internet at <http://www.arnet.gov/far/facsframe.html>

1. Special Simplified Procedures for Purchases of Commercial Items in Excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (FAR Case 2002-028)

This final rule amends FAR Subpart 13.5, Test Program for Certain Commercial Items, to extend the expiration date to January 1, 2004, of the test program for special simplified procedures for purchases of commercial items greater than the simplified acquisition threshold but not exceeding \$5,000,000.

2. Section 508 Micro-Purchase Exception Sunset Provision (FAR Case 2002-012)

This is an interim rule extending the Electronic and Information Technology (Section 508) micro-purchase exception from January 1, 2003 to October 1, 2004. FAR 39.204, Exceptions, provides an exclusion to micro-purchase acquisitions for Electronic and Information Technology (EIT). It is expected that within above mentioned timeframe products conforming to the EIT standards would be marketed and labeled by the manufacturer. Currently, Industry is providing products at varying levels of conformance to the standards, and product packaging does not adhere to section 508 information in most cases.

Questions concerning this FAC should be directed to Denise Wright at (202) 586-6217 or via e-mail at denise.wright@pr.doe.gov

Final Rule (Federal Register Vol. 68, Pg. 55)

1. Security Amendments to Implement Executive Order 12829, National Industrial Security Program

The Order established a single, uniform, industrial security program for the nation. This rule finalized an interim rule published March 28, 2002, 67 FR 14873.

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No practical changes is required at this time as the previous Acquisition Letters 97-03 and 98-02 were cancelled and the DEAR was updated based on the interim final rule.

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