

**SUBPART 239.72—STANDARDS**

**239.7200 Scope of subpart.**

This subpart contains guidance for implementing—

- (a) Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS); and
- (b) Federal Telecommunications Standards (FED-STD).

**239.7201 Reserved.**

**239.7202 Waivers.**

(a) The Secretary of Commerce has delegated to the Secretary of Defense the authority to waive FIP standards, in accordance with procedures established by the Secretary of Commerce. The Secretary of Defense redelegated that waiver authority to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence (ASD(C3I)). The ASD(C3I) has redelegated to the senior information technology official of each military department the authority to approve waivers to FIP standards that are applicable to military department requirements. Waivers to FIP standards that are applicable to the requirements of DoD components outside the military departments must be approved by the ASD(C3I).

(b) Contracting officers shall ensure that all applicable FIP standards are incorporated into solicitations, except for those FIP standards for which the requiring activity has obtained a waiver from the appropriate military department or DoD senior information technology official.

(c) As part of the Commerce Business Daily synopsis of a solicitation, contracting officers shall publish a notice of any determinations to waive any FIP standards that are applicable to the solicitation. If the waiver determination is made after the notice of the solicitation is published, the contracting officer shall amend the notice to announce the waiver determination.