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SUBJECT: Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card Prohibited Purchases (GPC 2023-03)

References: (1) *Department of Defense Government Charge Card Guidebook for Establishing and Managing Purchase, Travel, and Fuel Card Programs (DoD Charge Card Guidebook)*
<https://www.acq.osd.mil/asda/dpc/ce/pc/docs-guides.html>
(2) Class Deviation—Prohibition on Procurement of Certain Items Containing Perfluorooctane Sulfonate or Perfluorooctanoic Acid, DARS Tracking Number: 2022-O0010, Revision 1, dated December 23, 2022
<https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/policy/policyvault/USA002305-22-DPC.pdf>

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) subpart 213.3 provides direction for authorizing, establishing, and operating Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card (GPC) programs, and directs personnel to Reference 1 for additional policy and guidance. Consistent with the requirements of Reference 2, effective April 1, 2023, this memorandum adds the covered items identified in DFARS 252.223-7998, *Prohibition on Procurement of Certain Items Containing Perfluorooctane Sulfonate or Perfluorooctanoic Acid*, to the GPC prohibited purchases list at Reference 1, Section A.1.2.4. These covered items currently include all:

1. Nonstick cookware or cooking utensils for use in galleys or dining facilities.
2. Upholstered furniture, carpets, and rugs that have been treated with stain-resistant coatings.

This policy, applies to GPC open-market micro-purchases, implements section 333 of the William M. Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2021 (Pub. L. 116-283) that prohibits DoD from procuring any covered items containing Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) or Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) effective April 1, 2023.

To promote compliance, Components are advised to issue policy:

- a) Identifying opportunities for Cardholders with the Inter/Intra-Governmental Transaction special designation to requisition similar items that do not include PFOS or PFOA from stock;
- b) Specifying the DFARS-compliant Indefinite-Delivery Contracts, Blanket Purchase Agreements, or Basic Ordering Agreements against which Cardholders with the GPC Contract Ordering Official special designation may place orders for similar items that do not include PFOS or PFOA; and/or
- c) Directing Cardholders to redirect requirements for covered items to their supporting contracting office for award using solicitation and award procedures that comply with Reference 2.

Attachment 1 is a list of resources available for use when developing Component policy.

These requirements will be incorporated into Reference 1. My point of contact is Ms. Denise Reich, who may be reached at osd.pentagon.ousd-a-s.mbx.dpc-cb@mail.mil or by phone at 703-697-4404.

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Attachments:
As stated

Attachment 1
Additional Resources

1. United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Home page (https://www.epa.gov/pfas)
Summary: Landing page with links to related resources.
2. EPA PFAS Explained (https://www.epa.gov/pfas/our-current-understanding-human-health-and-environmental-risks-pfas)
Summary: PFAS are a group of manufactured chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products since the 1940s because of their useful properties. There are thousands of different PFAS, some of which have been more widely used and studied than others. Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) are two of the most widely used and studied chemicals in the PFAS group. PFOA and PFOS are no longer manufactured in the United States. Current scientific research suggests that exposure to high levels of certain PFAS may lead to adverse health outcomes.
3. Sustainable Marketplace: Greener Products and Services (https://www.epa.gov/greenerproducts)
Summary: Landing page with links to related resources.
4. Identify Greener Products and Services (https://www.epa.gov/greenerproducts/identify-greener-products-and-services and https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-02/epa-recommendations-specs-standards-ecolabels.pdf)
Summary: Provides information to help federal purchasers identify and procure environmentally preferable products and services. Includes links to summary information about several categories of products and services including carpet, and food service and food service ware. The full list includes additional product categories.
5. How EPA’s Recommended Standards and Ecolabels Address Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) (https://www.epa.gov/greenerproducts/how-epas-recommended-standards-and-ecolabels-address-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances)
Summary: The chart on this page characterizes how ecolabels included in EPA’s Recommendations of Specifications address some of the “covered materials” that may contain PFOS and PFOA. The Recommendations help purchasers identify and use private sector and federal environmental performance standards and ecolabels within federal procurement to help them meet various sustainability goals and requirements.
6. Green Procurement Compilation (https://sftool.gov/greenprocurement)
Summary: This tool is a green purchasing resource designed for federal contracting personnel and program managers. It is designed to help purchasers identify applicable green purchasing requirements by consolidating and organizing information from Federal environmental programs in one place, saving you from visiting multiple web sites. It supports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quick identification of federal green purchasing requirements for the products and services;• Search by keyword or browse by category to find products and services;• Explore tools and resources for buyers;• See procurement options available to federal buyers, including applicable GSA Multiple Award Schedules (MAS), GSA Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) Best-in-Class Designated Solutions, and GSA Global Supply.