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SUBJECT: Covered Applications (“TikTok”) Added to Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card Prohibited Purchase List (GPC 2024-01)

Reference: (1) *Department of Defense Government Charge Card Guidebook for Establishing and Managing Purchase, Travel, and Fuel Card Programs* or its successor issuance, <https://www.acq.osd.mil/asda/dpc/ce/pc/docs-guides.html>

In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 4.22, the presence or use of a covered application on information technology (IT), including certain equipment used by Federal contractors, is prohibited unless an exception is granted in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum (OMB) Memorandum M-23-13. FAR 4.2201 defines the term “covered application” as the social networking service TikTok or any successor application or service developed or provided by ByteDance Limited, or an entity owned by ByteDance Limited. As stated in FAR 13.201(k), this prohibition applies to purchases at or below the micro-purchase threshold where the performance of the contract may require the presence or use of a covered application, (e.g., where social media advertising services might be part of the procurement), unless an exception is granted in accordance with OMB M-23-13 (see 4.2202).

Accordingly, covered applications are added to the Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card (GPC) Prohibited Purchases list at Reference 1, Paragraph A.1.2.4. Examples of the types of GPC micro-purchases that merit additional attention include IT devices where TikTok may be pre-loaded and/or services that include the use of TikTok (e.g., social media advertising and advertising services).

Components are reminded of their responsibility to evaluate and mitigate cybersecurity, supply chain, and counterintelligence risks associated with all IT supply and service purchases regardless of purchase method; this includes purchases made using the GPC. Proper attention to

this responsibility is integral to DoD's ability to manage risk from foreign intelligence collection; hardware, software, and cyber vulnerability; counterfeit items; and supply chain exploitation.

Cardholders are reminded to follow Component and local IT purchasing policies (e.g., obtaining pre-approval and/or purchasing from specified indefinite delivery contracts that have been awarded in accordance with DoD supply chain risk management requirements). Use of the GPC by Contract Ordering Official Cardholders to place orders and make payments against contracts (e.g., indefinite delivery, Federal Supply Schedules, and Blanket Purchase Agreements) is not prohibited if Component policy authorizes such use and the clause prescription at FAR 4.2203 has been followed.

These requirements will be incorporated in the next update to Reference 1 or its successor document. Additional resources are listed in the attached document. My point of contact is Ms. Denise Reich, who may be reached at [osd.pentagon.ousd-a-s.mbx.dpc-cb@mail.mil](mailto:osd.pentagon.ousd-a-s.mbx.dpc-cb@mail.mil) or by phone at 703-697-4404.

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Attachments:  
As stated

## Additional Resources

1. GSA SmartPay Smart Bulletin No. 37, “TikTok Ban; Micro-Purchasing Implications,” June 22, 2023, <https://smartpay.gsa.gov/smart-bulletin-no-037>
2. Interim Rule, Effective June 2, 2023, amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement Section 102 of Division R of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Pub. L. 117–328), the No TikTok on Government Devices Act, and its implementing guidance under OMB Memorandum M–23–13, dated February 27, 2023, “No TikTok on Government Devices” Implementation Guidance, <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/06/02/2023-11756/federal-acquisition-regulation-prohibition-on-a-bytedance-covered-application>
3. Office of Management and Budget Memo M-23-13, “No TikTok on Government Devices Implementation Guidance,” February 27, 2023, [https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/M-23-13-No-TikTok-on-Government-Devices-Implementation-Guidance\\_final.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/M-23-13-No-TikTok-on-Government-Devices-Implementation-Guidance_final.pdf)
4. Federal Acquisition Circular 2023-04, Federal Acquisition Regulation Case 2023-010, subject: “Prohibition on a ByteDance Covered Application,” June 2, 2023, <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/06/02/2023-11755/federal-acquisition-regulation-federal-acquisition-circular-2023-04-introduction>