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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS
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SUBJECT: Expiration of Defense Base Act Geographic Waivers for Contracts in Russia,
Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan

The Department of Labor has notified the Department of Defense that the Defense Base Act geographic waivers for Russia, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan—all three of which will expire on October 31, 2016—will not be renewed due to inadequate war hazards insurance coverage in these countries. Accordingly, contracting officers shall amend all solicitations and modify all contracts covered by the expiring geographic waivers for Russia, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan to insert FAR 52.228-3, Workers' Compensation Insurance (Defense Base Act) and delete FAR 52.228-4, Workers' Compensation and War-Hazard Insurance Overseas. In addition to the modification, contracting officers must obtain additional funding, as necessary, to cover the cost of obtaining Defense Base Act insurance and ensure that contractors maintain workers' compensation insurance or qualify as a self-insurer as required by FAR 52.228-3(a)(1).

More information on Defense Base Act geographic waivers may be found at http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/cpic/cp/waivers_for_defense_base_act_insurance.html. My action officer is Ms. Gina Bova, regina.m.bova.civ@mail.mil or (571) 256-7002.

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