

46.102 Policy.

Agencies shall ensure that-

- (a) Contracts include inspection and other quality requirements, including warranty clauses when appropriate, that are determined necessary to protect the Government's interest;
- (b) Supplies or services tendered by contractors meet contract requirements;
- (c) Government contract quality assurance is conducted before acceptance (except as otherwise provided in this part), by or under the direction of Government personnel;
- (d) No contract precludes the Government from performing inspection;
- (e) Nonconforming supplies or services are rejected, except as otherwise provided in [46.407](#);
- (f) Contracts for commercial items shall rely on a contractor's existing quality assurance system as a substitute for compliance with Government inspection and testing before tender for acceptance unless customary market practices for the commercial item being acquired permit in-process inspection ([41 U.S.C. 3307](#)). Any in-process inspection by the Government shall be conducted in a manner consistent with commercial practice; and
- (g) The quality assurance and acceptance services of other agencies are used when this will be effective, economical, or otherwise in the Government's interest (see [subpart 42.1](#)).

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