

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 4591 to 4595 were renumbered sections 7591 to 7595 of this title, respectively.

## AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283 renumbered section 2322a of this title as this section.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2021 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 116-283 effective Jan. 1, 2022, with additional provisions for delayed implementation and applicability of existing law, see section 1801(d) of Pub. L. 116-283, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

**Subpart H—Contract Management**

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §801(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1830, added subpart heading.

**CHAPTER 361—CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

Sec.

4601. Electronic submission and processing of claims for contract payments.
4602. Contracted property and services: prompt payment of vouchers.
4603. Advance notification of contract performance outside the United States.

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior chapter 361 “CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION”, consisting of reserved section 4601, was repealed by Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XVIII, §1861(a), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4277.

Another prior chapter 361, consisting of sections 3811 to 3820 relating to separation for various reasons, some of which had previously been repealed, was repealed in its entirety by Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title XVI, §§1629(a)(2), 1691(b)(1), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2963, 3026, effective Oct. 1, 1996.

**§ 4601. Electronic submission and processing of claims for contract payments**

(a) SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS.—The Secretary of Defense shall require that any claim for payment under a Department of Defense contract shall be submitted to the Department of Defense in electronic form.

(b) PROCESSING.—A contracting officer, contract administrator, certifying official, or other officer or employee of the Department of Defense who receives a claim for payment in electronic form in accordance with subsection (a) and is required to transmit the claim to any other officer or employee of the Department of Defense for processing under procedures of the department shall transmit the claim and any additional documentation necessary to support the determination and payment of the claim to such other officer or employee electronically.

(c) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—If the Secretary of Defense determines that the requirement for using electronic means for submitting claims under subsection (a), or for transmitting claims and supporting documentation under subsection (b), is unduly burdensome in any category of cases, the Secretary may exempt the cases in that category from the application of the requirement.

(d) IMPLEMENTATION OF REQUIREMENTS.—In implementing subsections (a) and (b), the Secretary of Defense shall provide for the following:

(1) Policies, requirements, and procedures for using electronic means for the submission of claims for payment to the Department of Defense and for the transmission, between Department of Defense officials, of claims for payment received in electronic form, together with supporting documentation (such as receiving reports, contracts and contract modifications, and required certifications).

(2) The format in which information can be accepted by the corporate database of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

(3) The requirements to be included in contracts regarding the electronic submission of claims for payment by contractors.

(e) CLAIM FOR PAYMENT DEFINED.—In this section, the term “claim for payment” means an invoice or any other demand or request for payment.

(Added Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title X, §1008(a)(1)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-249, §2227; renumbered §4601, Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XVIII, §1861(b), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4277.)

## AMENDMENTS

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## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2021 AMENDMENT

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**§ 4602. Contracted property and services: prompt payment of vouchers**

(a) REQUIREMENT.—Of the contract vouchers that are received by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service by means of the mechanization of contract administration services system, the number of such vouchers that remain unpaid for more than 30 days as of the last day of each month may not exceed 5 percent of the total number of the contract vouchers so received that remain unpaid on that day.

(b) CONTRACT VOUCHER DEFINED.—In this section, the term “contract voucher” means a voucher or invoice for the payment to a contractor for services or deliverable items provided by the contractor under a contract funded by the Department of Defense.

(Added Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title X, §1006(a)(1)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-247, §2226; amended Pub. L. 111-350, §5(b)(7), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3842; Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §836(e)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1869; renumbered §4602, Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XVIII, §1861(b), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4277.)

## AMENDMENTS

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