

(4) **ARMED SERVICES BOARD.**—The term “Armed Services Board” means the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals established under section 7105(a)(1) of this title.

(5) **CIVILIAN BOARD.**—The term “Civilian Board” means the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals established under section 7105(b)(1) of this title.

(6) **CONTRACTING OFFICER.**—The term “contracting officer”—

(A) means an individual who, by appointment in accordance with applicable regulations, has the authority to make and administer contracts and to make determinations and findings with respect to contracts; and

(B) includes an authorized representative of the contracting officer, acting within the limits of the representative’s authority.

(7) **CONTRACTOR.**—The term “contractor” means a party to a Federal Government contract other than the Federal Government.

(8) **EXECUTIVE AGENCY.**—The term “executive agency” means—

(A) an executive department as defined in section 101 of title 5;

(B) a military department as defined in section 102 of title 5;

(C) an independent establishment as defined in section 104 of title 5, except that the term does not include the Government Accountability Office; and

(D) a wholly owned Government corporation as defined in section 9101(3) of title 31.

(9) **MISREPRESENTATION OF FACT.**—The term “misrepresentation of fact” means a false statement of substantive fact, or conduct that leads to a belief of a substantive fact material to proper understanding of the matter in hand, made with intent to deceive or mislead.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7101	41:601.	Pub. L. 95-563, §2, Nov. 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 2383; Pub. L. 104-106, div. D, title XLIII, §4322(b)(5), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 677; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title VIII, §847(d)(1), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3393.

In paragraph (8)(C), the words “Government Accountability Office” are substituted for “General Accounting Office” because of section 8(b) of the GAO Human Capital Reform Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-271, 118 Stat. 814, 31 U.S.C. 702 note).

In paragraph (8)(D), the words “section 9101(3) of title 31” are substituted for “section 846 of title 31” because of section 4(b) of Public Law 97-258 (31 U.S.C. note prec. 101).

§ 7102. Applicability of chapter

(a) **EXECUTIVE AGENCY CONTRACTS.**—Unless otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, this chapter applies to any express or implied contract (including those of the nonappropriated fund activities described in sections 1346 and 1491 of title 28) made by an executive agency for—

(1) the procurement of property, other than real property in being;

(2) the procurement of services;

(3) the procurement of construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance of real property; or

(4) the disposal of personal property.

(b) **TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY CONTRACTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—With respect to contracts of the Tennessee Valley Authority, this chapter applies only to contracts containing a clause that requires contract disputes to be resolved through an agency administrative process.

(2) **EXCLUSION.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, this chapter does not apply to a contract of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the sale of fertilizer or electric power or related to the conduct or operation of the electric power system.

(c) **FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION CONTRACTS.**—If an agency head determines that applying this chapter would not be in the public interest, this chapter does not apply to a contract with a foreign government, an agency of a foreign government, an international organization, or a subsidiary body of an international organization.

(d) **MARITIME CONTRACTS.**—Appeals under section 7107(a) of this title and actions brought under sections 7104(b) and 7107(b) to (f) of this title, arising out of maritime contracts, are governed by chapter 309 or 311 of title 46, as applicable, to the extent that those chapters are not inconsistent with this chapter.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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7102(a)–(c) ..	41:602.	Pub. L. 95-563, §§3, 4, Nov. 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 2383.
7102(d)	41:603.	

In subsection (c), the words “an agency head” are substituted for “the head of the agency” for consistency with the defined term “agency head” in section 7101 of the revised title.

In subsection (d), the words “chapter 309 or 311 of title 46” are substituted for “the Act of March 9, 1920, as amended (41 Stat. 525, as amended; 46 U.S.C. 741–752) or the Act of March 3, 1925, as amended (43 Stat. 1112, as amended; 46 U.S.C. 781–790)” in section 4 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-563, 92 Stat. 2384) because of section 18(c) of Public Law 109-304 (46 U.S.C. note prec. 101).

§ 7103. Decision by contracting officer

(a) **CLAIMS GENERALLY.**—

(1) **SUBMISSION OF CONTRACTOR’S CLAIMS TO CONTRACTING OFFICER.**—Each claim by a contractor against the Federal Government relating to a contract shall be submitted to the contracting officer for a decision.

(2) **CONTRACTOR’S CLAIMS IN WRITING.**—Each claim by a contractor against the Federal Government relating to a contract shall be in writing.

(3) **CONTRACTING OFFICER TO DECIDE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT’S CLAIMS.**—Each claim by the Federal Government against a contractor relating to a contract shall be the subject of a written decision by the contracting officer.