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Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS)

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Defense Production Act of 1950

- Under Title I of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (DPA), the President is authorized to require:
 - Preferential acceptance and performance of contracts or orders (other than contracts of employment) supporting certain approved national defense and energy programs.
 - The allocation of materials, services, and facilities in such a manner as to promote these approved programs.
 - Congress extended the non-permanent provisions of the DPA (Title I) through September 30, 2025.

Defense Production Act of 1950

The DPA's definition of "national defense" includes programs for:

- Military and energy production or construction.
- Military or critical infrastructure assistance to any foreign nation, homeland security, stockpiling, space, and any directly related activity.
- The definition also includes emergency preparedness activities conducted pursuant to Title VI of The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5195, et seq.) and critical infrastructure protection and restoration (CIPR).
- National defense is broadly defined and can include CIPR, emergency preparedness, and preparation for and recovery from natural disasters.

Agency Priorities and Allocations Rules

- **Agriculture** - (APAS): Food resources (includes meals-ready-to-eat, bottled water)
- **Energy** - (EPAS): Includes all forms of energy other than authority in DPA Section 101(c); maximization of domestic energy supplies
- **Health and Human Services** - (HRPAS): Health resources (includes vaccines and ancillary medical devices and equipment)
- **Transportation** - (TPAS): Includes priority use and allocation of shipping services, chassis, and port facilities, and services for national security and national defense related operations
- **Commerce** – (DPAS): All other materials not delegated above in E.O. 13603 (industrial resources)

What is the DPAS?

- The DPAS implements the Title I priorities and allocations authority contained in the DPA that has been delegated to the Secretary of Commerce.
- The DPAS establishes procedures for the placement, acceptance and priority performance of priority-rated contracts and purchase orders, called “rated orders.”
- The DOC has managed an operational priorities and allocations system since 1950.
- Historically, the DPAS has predominately been used to support military programs, but has been used more regularly in recent years for homeland security and emergency preparedness/response programs.

Key Features of the DPAS

- Mandatory Acceptance
- Mandatory and Optional Rejection
- Customer Notification Requirements
- Preferential Scheduling
- Extension of Priority Ratings
- Protection Against Claims

DPAS – Current Issues

- Ongoing supply chain constraints have led to increased focus on DPA Title I priorities and allocations authorities
- BIS is fielding an increased volume of inquiries about obtaining DPAS rating authority – from both government agencies and the private sector
- So far in FY22, BIS has issued 27 DPAS rating authorizations, which is the most since FY12 with several months left in the fiscal year
- BIS can only provide DPAS rating authorization if DOD, DOE or FEMA determine that the request is “necessary or appropriate” to promote the national defense
- Anyone seeking DPAS rating authorization must be able to describe the contractual situation that triggered the request and also provide a narrative linking the request to the DPA’s definition of national defense



DPAS Resources

- Additional information on the DPAS can be found on our website:
<https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/other-areas/strategic-industries-and-economic-security-sies/defense-priorities-a-allocations-system-program-dpas>
 - This page includes a training course to assist industry to comply with the DPAS
 - You can also email us at DPAS@bis.doc.gov