

18.203 Emergency declaration or major disaster declaration.

(a) Disaster or *emergency* assistance activities. Preference will be given to local organizations, firms, and individuals when *contracting* for *major disaster* or *emergency* assistance activities when the President has made a declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and *Emergency* Assistance Act. Preference *may* take the form of local area set-asides or an evaluation preference. (See [6.208](#) and [subpart 26.2](#).)

(b) Ocean transportation by U.S. flag vessels. The provisions of the Cargo Preference Act of 1954 *may* be waived in *emergency* situations. (See [47.502\(c\)](#).)

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