46.401 General.

(a) Government contract quality assurance *shall* be performed at such times (including any stage of manufacture or performance of services) and places (including subcontractors' plants) as *may* be necessary to determine that the *supplies* or services conform to contract requirements. Quality assurance surveillance plans *should* be prepared in conjunction with the preparation of the statement of work. The plans *should* specify-

(1) All work requiring surveillance; and

(2) The method of surveillance.

(b) Each contract *shall* designate the place or places where the Government reserves the right to perform quality assurance.

(c) If the contract provides for performance of Government quality assurance at source, the place or places of performance *may* not be changed without the authorization of the *contracting officer*.

(d) If a contract provides for delivery and acceptance at destination and the Government inspects the *supplies* at a place other than destination, the *supplies shall* not ordinarily be reinspected at destination, but *should* be examined for quantity, damage in transit, and possible substitution or fraud.

(e) Government *inspection shall* be performed by or under the direction or supervision of Government personnel.

(f) Government *inspection shall* be documented on an *inspection* or *receiving report* form or commercial shipping document/packing list, under agency procedures (see subpart 46.6).

(g) Agencies *may* prescribe the use of *inspection* approval or disapproval stamps to identify and control *supplies* and material that have been inspected for conformance with contract quality requirements.

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