

8.712 Specification changes.

(a) The *contracting activity* shall notify the AbilityOne participating nonprofit agency and appropriate *central nonprofit agency* of any change in specifications or descriptions. In the absence of such written notification, the AbilityOne participating nonprofit agency shall furnish the *supplies* or services under the specification or description cited in the order.

(b) The *contracting activity* shall provide 90-days advance notification to the Committee and the *central nonprofit agency* on actions that affect *supplies* on the *Procurement List* and shall permit them to comment before action is taken, particularly when it involves-

(1) Changes that require new national stock numbers or item designations;

(2) Deleting items from the supply system;

(3) Standardization; or

(4) Developing new items to replace items on the *Procurement List*.

(c) For services, the *contracting activity* shall notify the AbilityOne participating nonprofit agency and *central nonprofit agency* concerned at least 90 days prior to the date that any changes in the scope of work or other conditions will be required.

(d) When, in order to meet its *emergency* needs, a *contracting activity* is unable to give the 90-day notification required in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, the *contracting activity* shall, at the time it places the order or change notice, inform the AbilityOne participating nonprofit agency and the *central nonprofit agency* in writing of the reasons that it cannot meet the 90-day notification requirement.

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