

## 29.201 General.

(a) Federal excise taxes are levied on the sale or use of particular *supplies* or services. Subtitle D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, Miscellaneous Excise Taxes, [26 U.S.C.4041](#), *etseq.*, and its implementing regulations, 26 CFR parts 40 through 299, cover miscellaneous federal excise tax requirements. Questions arising in this area *should* be directed to the agency-designated counsel. The most common excise taxes are-

(1) Manufacturers' excise taxes imposed on certain motor-vehicle articles, tires and inner tubes, gasoline, lubricating oils, coal, fishing equipment, firearms, shells, and cartridges sold by manufacturers, producers, or importers; and

(2) Special-fuels excise taxes imposed at the retail level on diesel fuel and special motor fuels.

(b) Sometimes the law exempts the Federal Government from these taxes. *Contracting* officers *should* solicit prices on a tax-exclusive basis when it is known that the Government is exempt from these taxes, and on a tax-inclusive basis when no exemption exists.

(c) Executive agencies *shall* take maximum advantage of available Federal excise tax exemptions.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 29.2 - Federal Excise Taxes](#)