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46.504 Certificate of conformance.

A certificate of conformance (see [46.315](#)) *may* be used in certain instances instead of source *inspection* (whether the contract calls for acceptance at source or destination) at the discretion of the *contracting officer* if the following conditions apply:

(a) Acceptance on the basis of a contractor's certificate of conformance is in the Government's interest.

(b)

(1) Small losses would be incurred in the event of a defect; or

(2) Because of the contractor's reputation or *past performance*, it is likely that the *supplies* or services furnished will be acceptable and any defective work would be replaced, corrected, or repaired without contest. In no case *shall* the Government's right to inspect *supplies* under the *inspection* provisions of the contract be prejudiced.

Parent topic: [Subpart 46.5 - Acceptance](#)