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Dear Mr. Musgrove:

This is to inform you FHWA has determined the Cargo Preference Act (CPA) and the implementing regulations, 46 CFR Part 381, are applicable to the Federal-aid highway program. Therefore, the CPA requirements are effective for the Federal-aid highway program as follows:

- All recipients must insert a contract clause referencing and requiring compliance with the CPA requirements and its implementing regulations in 46 CFR 281 for all Federal-aid projects awarded after February 15, 2016.
- The clause should incorporate by reference the recommended clauses in 46 CFR 381.7(a)-(b) until FHWA-specific ones are developed and implemented through a revision of Form FHWA-1273

Additional information and guidance on the CPA requirements is available on FHWA's website: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/cqit/cargo.cfm>.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact Joe Jurasic at 515-233-7304.

Sincerely,

Karen A. Bobo
Division Administrator