

## 23.101 Definitions.

As used in this subpart—

*Contract action* means any oral or written action that results in the purchase, rent, or lease of *supplies* or equipment, services, or *construction*.

*Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-designated item* means a product that is or can be made with *recovered material*—

(1) That is listed by EPA in a *procurement* guideline ([40 CFR part 247](#)); and

(2) For which EPA has provided recommended *recovered material* content levels and other purchasing recommendations in a related *Recovered Materials* Advisory Notice (RMAN) (available at <https://www.epa.gov/smm/regulatory-background-comprehensive-procurement-guideline-program-cpg#rman>).

*Global warming potential* means how much a given mass of a chemical contributes to global warming over a given time period compared to the same mass of carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide's global warming potential is defined as 1.0.

*High global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons* means any *hydrofluorocarbons* in a particular end use for which EPA's Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program has identified other acceptable alternatives that have lower global warming potential. The SNAP list of alternatives is found at [40 CFR part 82, subpart G](#), with supplemental tables of alternatives available at <https://www.epa.gov/snap/>.

*Hydrofluorocarbons* means compounds that only contain hydrogen, fluorine, and carbon.

*Ozone-depleting substance* means any substance the EPA designates in [40 CFR part 82](#) as—

(1) Class I, including, but not limited to, chlorofluorocarbons, halons, carbon tetrachloride, and methyl chloroform; or

(2) Class II, including, but not limited to, hydrochlorofluorocarbons.

*United States*, as defined in the Executive Office of the President's Office of Management and Budget, Council on *Environmental* Quality, and Climate Policy Office Memorandum M-22-06, when used in a geographical sense means—

(1) The fifty States;

(2) The District of Columbia;

(3) The commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands;

(4) The territories of Guam, American Samoa, and the *United States* Virgin Islands; and

(5) Associated territorial waters and airspace.

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)-designated product category* means a generic grouping of

*products* that are or can be made with biobased materials—

(1) That are listed by *USDA* in a *procurement* guideline ([7 CFR part 3201, subpart B](#)); and

(2) For which *USDA* has provided purchasing recommendations (available at <https://www.biopreferred.gov>).

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