



GSA Federal Supply Service

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Mr. Louis V. Kleinstiver
Secretary, Ambulance Manufacturers Division
National Truck Equipment Association
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Dear Mr. Kleinstiver:

Enclosed is a copy of the Federal Specification for the Star of Life Ambulance, (KKK-A-1822E). Because the effective date of Revision E is June 1, 2002, the GSA understands that ambulance manufacturers may not be certified at the time of an initial solicitation citing this revised specification.

Although the specification requires that all ambulances must be certified at the time of their inspection/delivery (paragraph 4.3.1), the GSA recognizes that this will pose scheduling and production problems for many builders, as well as possible delays in vehicle delivery to customers. This is due to the lead-time required to complete testing, and because of the limited number of experienced and qualified testing agencies.

Therefore, the GSA (as we have done with past revisions) requests that all state, county, and municipal governments and their agencies, other authorities, as well as all other purchasers citing this specification, permit manufacturers six (6) months from the effective date (June 1, 2002) to complete the required testing, and certification documentation per paragraph 4.3.2. As an interim measure, each manufacturer should provide a certification, on their company letterhead, signed by an authorized company official, which states that "the formal certification shall be furnished by December 1, 2002, and that any changes to the ambulance resulting from the certification testing process, shall be retrofitted on previously delivered units".

If there are any questions, please contact me at: Mel.Globerman@GSA.GOV, or by phone at 703 308-4670.

Sincerely,

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