

Article 21 - Procurement

7-202.

(c) (1) The Appeals Board shall have jurisdiction to hear and decide all appeals arising under the provisions of § 7-201(d) of this article.

(2) ~~{-Proceedings-}~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH ~~{3}~~ OF THIS SUBSECTION, PROCEEDINGS before the Appeals Board shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act as they relate to contested cases before agencies. The Appeals Board shall, in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, adopt regulations which are not inconsistent with that act to provide for informal, expeditious, and inexpensive resolution of appeals before the Appeals Board.

(3) THE FOLLOWING TIME LIMITS SHALL APPLY TO CONTRACT DISPUTE PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE APPEALS BOARD UNLESS ALL PARTIES IN A CASE AGREE TO A WAIVER OF ONE OR MORE OF THE TIME LIMITS:

~~{i}~~ THE APPELLANT'S BRIEF SHALL BE FILED WITHIN 40 DAYS AFTER THE PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE IN THE CASE;

~~{ii}~~ THE APPELLEE'S BRIEF SHALL BE FILED WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF THE APPELLANT'S BRIEF;

~~{iii}~~ THE APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF, IF ANY, SHALL BE FILED WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF THE APPELLEE'S BRIEF; AND

(I) BRIEFS A BRIEF, IF REQUIRED, SHALL BE FILED BY THE APPELLANT AND THE RESPONDENT IN THE ORDER AND WITHIN THE TIME LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY THE PRESIDING APPEALS BOARD MEMBER AFTER CONSULTATION WITH BOTH PARTIES; AND

~~{iv}~~ (II) THE FINAL DECISION OF THE APPEALS BOARD SHALL BE RENDERED WITHIN 120 180 DAYS AFTER ALL BRIEFS IN THE CASE HAVE BEEN FILED OR THE RECORD IS OTHERWISE CLOSED, WHICHEVER IS LATER, UNLESS BOTH PARTIES TO THE CONTRACT DISPUTE AGREE TO AN ENLARGEMENT OF THIS PERIOD.

~~SECTION--2.---AND BE IF FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 17, 1985 January 17, 1986.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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