

401.602-3 Ratification of unauthorized commitments.

(a) *Ratification* means the signed, documented action taken by an authorized official to approve and sanction a previously unauthorized commitment. *Unauthorized commitment* means an agreement made by a Government representative who lacked the authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the Government.

(b) Procedures are in accordance with the USDA Contracting Desk Book, 401.602-3.

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