IAW USC Title 44 and the Joint Committee on Printing and Binding Regulations (JCP) to take documents to a commercial printer "outside of DAPS or the Government Printing Office (GPO)" is strictly prohibited unless authorized by the JCP. Per DODI 5330.3, DAPS serves as the Department of Defense (DOD) single manager for printing and high speed-high volume duplicating, including both the operation of DOD in-house facilities and the procurement of these services from outside the DOD.

DAPS recommends appropriate ink and paper (color and type) and cost-effective binding solutions to our customers. We ensure that advertisements are not placed in documents using appropriated funds and that copyrighted materials have properly obtained permissions. To provide the best value for our customers, all requirements are reviewed by DAPS personnel prior to making a decision as to whether to produce the job in-house or procure commercially through the GPO. We "shop" work around in order to obtain the best quality and price; meaning that we conduct comparisons on your documents with no additional surcharge/cost.

If a customer still wishes to pursue a waiver to go outside the Government, he/she will need to submit justification in writing to the Operations Director HQ DAPS (Michelle Spiro at michelle.spiro@dla.mil), who will forward it to the GPO for coordination and in turn they will submit it to the JCP. This can be a very time-consuming procedure. The GPO will do everything in their power to add it onto existing commercial printing contracts.

If a customer procures printing on their own with their GPC, they are in violation of the above mentioned regulations and laws. If audited by DFAS, the customer can be held personally liable for the cost of the printing.