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standards, shall be promptly reported in accordance with part 101-43.

[29 FR 15993, Dec. 1, 1964, as amended at 61 FR 14978, Apr. 4, 1996]

§ 101-25.302 Office furniture, furnishings, and equipment.

(a) Each executive agency shall establish criteria for the use of office furniture, furnishings, and equipment. Such criteria shall be in consonance with the provisions of §101-25.104 pertaining to office furniture and office machines and shall be limited to the minimum essential requirements as established by the agency head for authorized functions and programs which will, beyond a reasonable doubt, be in operation within the following 6 months.

(b) In developing such criteria, a distinction shall be made between the requirements of organizational elements concerned with purely administrative functions, and those of a technical, scientific, or specialized nature.

(c) Items of office equipment, used only occasionally, should be pooled within an agency and made available to activities of the agency when and as necessary.

[29 FR 15993, Dec. 1, 1964, as amended at 42 FR 1031, Jan. 5, 1977]

§ 101-25.302-1 [Reserved]

§ 101-25.302-2 Filing cabinets.

Executive agencies shall make every effort to effect maximum use of filing cabinets and to limit the purchase of new equipment. Filing cabinets should be replaced only in accordance with the standards in subpart 101-25.4. Maximum utilization of equipment should be obtained by:

(a) Disposing of all records that have been authorized for disposition by the Congress or, where such authorization has not been obtained, through the preparation and obtaining of authorized disposal schedules with the assistance of the National Archives and Records Administration.

(b) Removing office supplies, publications, and other nonrecord material from filing cabinets to more suitable storage equipment, except where the quantity of such material is small (as a rule, less than half a cabinet).

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(c) Transferring to Federal Records Centers or approved agency records centers (to the extent that facilities are made available) inactive records not needed in daily business but not yet ready for disposal, when filing equipment can be released by such action.

(d) Shifting less active files, not transferable to approved records centers, to fiberboard storage boxes, using filing cabinets only when files are constantly used.

(e) Using filing cabinets with locks only when required by special needs that cannot be satisfied less expensively.

(f) Using letter-size filing cabinets instead of legal-size whenever possible.

(g) Using 5-drawer filing cabinets whenever available in lieu of 4-drawer cabinets.

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§§ 101-25.302-3—101-25.302-4 [Reserved]

§ 101-25.302-5 Carpeting.

(a) Carpeting is authorized for use where it can be justified over other types of floor covering on the basis of cost, safety, insulation, acoustical control, the degree of interior decoration required, or the need to maintain an environment commensurate with the purpose for which the space is allocated.

(b) In connection with new construction or alteration of space, if it is known that the area will eventually require carpeting, then resilient floor covering should be omitted and the carpeting installed initially.

[43 FR 18673, May 2, 1978, as amended at 49 FR 48546, Dec. 13, 1984]

§ 101-25.302-6 [Reserved]

§ 101-25.302-7 Draperies.

Draperies are authorized for use where justified over other types of window coverings on the basis of cost, insulation, acoustical control, or maintenance of an environment commensurate with the purpose for which the space is allocated. Determining whether the use of draperies is justified is a

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responsibility of the agency occupying the building or space involved after consultation with the agency operating or managing the building. Authorized draperies shall be of non-combustible or flame-resistant fabric as required in § 101-20.105-1.

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Subpart 101-25.4—Replacement Standards

§ 101-25.401 General.

This subpart prescribes minimum replacement standards to be used by executive agencies desiring to replace specified types of items indicated in this subpart. Executive agencies shall retain items which are in usable workable condition even though the standard permits replacement, provided the item can continue to be used or operated without excessive maintenance cost or substantial reduction in trade-in value.

[29 FR 15994, Dec. 1, 1964]

§ 101-25.402 Motor vehicles.

Replacement of motor vehicles shall be in accordance with the standards prescribed in § 101-38.402.

[53 FR 11848, Apr. 11, 1988]

§ 101-25.403 [Reserved]

§ 101-25.404 Furniture.

Furniture (office, household and quarters, and institutional) shall not be replaced unless the estimated cost of repair or rehabilitation (based on GSA term contracts), including any transportation expense, exceeds at least 75 percent of the cost of a new item of the same type and class (based on prices as shown in the current edition of the GSA Supply Catalog, applicable Federal Supply Schedules, or the lowest available market price). An exception is authorized in those unusual situations in which rehabilitation of

the furniture at 75 percent or less of the cost of a new item would not extend its useful life for a period compatible with the cost of rehabilitation as determined by the agency head or his designee.

[38 FR 28566, Oct. 15, 1973]

§ 101-25.404-1 Limitation.

Notwithstanding the provisions in § 101-25.404, agencies shall limit acquisition of new office furniture to essential requirements as provided in § 101-25.104. Replacement of correspondence filing cabinets will be governed by the provisions of § 101-26.308.

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§ 101-25.405 Materials handling equipment.

(a) Materials handling equipment will not be replaced unless the estimated cost of necessary one-time repair or reconditioning of each piece of equipment exceeds, at lowest available cost, the applicable percentage of acquisition cost as shown in column 3 of the following table. Equipment eligible for replacement under the criteria established by this standard may be repaired provided the expected economical life is extended commensurate with the expenditure required. Prior to incurring repair costs for equipment eligible for replacement, consideration should be given to the continuing availability of repair parts.

(1) Years in use shall be determined in accordance with the following:

(i) An operating month is considered equal to 100 operating hours. For materials handling equipment in storage, one month in storage equals 50 hours of operation.

(ii) The number of years in use is determined by dividing the number of operating months by 12. The fractional years in use resulting from this computation will be rounded to the nearest full year.