

Federal Property Management Regulations

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§ 101-26.301 Applicability.

All executive agencies within the United States (including Hawaii and Alaska), in order to maximize the use of the Government's centralized supply system, shall requisition GSA stock items in accordance with the following:

(a) When the requirement is for Standard and optional forms, an item produced by the Federal Prison Industries, Inc. (FPI), or an item listed in the procurement list published by the Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped (NIB-NISH), the dollar thresholds and language indicated in paragraph (b) of this section are not applicable and acquisition of such items continues to be as set forth in the applicable sections of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, Federal Property Management Regulations and other appropriate regulations. In order to identify FPI/NIB-NISH items stocked by GSA, they are marked with an asterisk in the GSA Supply Catalog NSN index.

(b) GSA will process all requisitions for stock items, regardless of total line item value, from activities electing to purchase from GSA. If an agency determines that alternative sources are more favorable, the following guidelines shall apply. However, the price alone of an item without other substantive consideration will not be considered as sufficient justification to use alternative sources. (These guidelines also apply to the procurement of special order program (SOP) established source, see § 101-26.102-1.)

(1) When the total value of the line item requirement is less than \$100, procurement from other sources is authorized.

(2) When the total value of the line item requirement is \$100 or more, but less than \$5,000, procurement from other sources is authorized: provided, that a written justification shall be prepared and placed in the purchase file stating that such action is judged to be in the best interest of the Government in terms of the combination of quality, timeliness, and cost that best meets the requirement. Cost comparisons shall include the agency administrative cost to effect a local purchase.

(3) For total line item requirements of \$5,000 and over, agencies shall sub-

mit a requisition to GSA unless a waiver has been approved by GSA. Request for waivers shall be submitted in accordance with § 101-26.100-2.

(c) Agencies shall not divide requisitions to avoid higher threshold documentation requirements.

(d) In authorizing procurements in accordance with paragraph (b)(2) of this section, agencies shall reimburse GSA for any cost arising out of breach of a GSA contract, where sufficient justification is not documented in their procurement files.

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§ 101-26.301-1 Similar items.

(a) Agencies required to requisition, exclusively, items listed in the GSA Supply Catalog shall utilize such items in lieu of procuring similar items from other sources when the GSA items will adequately serve the required functional end-use purpose.

(b) When an agency determines that items available from GSA stock will not serve the required functional end-use purpose of the item proposed to be procured, a request to waive the requirement to use this source shall be submitted to GSA for consideration in accordance with the provisions of § 101-26.100-2.

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§ 101-26.301-2 Issue of used, repaired, and rehabilitated items in serviceable condition.

Stock items returned to GSA under the provisions of subpart 101-27.5 will be reissued to all requisitioning activities without distinction between new, used, repaired, or rehabilitated items in serviceable condition. Requisitioning agencies will be billed for these items at the current GSA selling price.

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§ 101-26.302 Standard and optional forms.

Agencies shall obtain Standard and optional forms by requisitioning them from GSA (FSS) unless the forms have been approved by GSA (KMPS) to be stocked and distributed by the promulgating agency or to be reproduced locally. Assistance or information on the

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forms management program may be obtained by contacting GSA (KMPS), Washington, DC 20405. (See part 201-45, subpart 201-45.5 of this chapter.)

(a) For purposes of economy, existing stocks are depleted prior to issuance of revisions unless the promulgating agency determines previous editions unusable and obsolete.

(b) Forms or form assemblies which deviate from the standard and optional forms listed in the GSA Supply Catalog have restricted use and are not stocked. Agencies requiring such forms shall prepare and transmit a Standard Form 1, Printing and Binding Requisition, or Standard Form 1-C, Printing and Binding Requisition for Specialty Items, to the General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service (FCNI), Washington, DC 20406, for review and submission to GPO. Prior approval of GSA (KMPS) is required whenever the content or construction of a form is altered or modified. Requests for such exceptions may be obtained by submission of a SF 152, Requests for Clearance of a Standard or Optional Form or Exception, to GSA (KMPS), with appropriate justification.

(c) Certain standard forms are serially numbered and are to be accounted for to prevent possible fraudulent use. The General Accounting Office (GAO) requires accurate accountability records to be maintained for such items by applicable agencies. GSA forwards a receipt verification card with each shipment of accountable forms. The receiving agency is responsible for verifying receipt of the serially numbered forms in the shipment by returning the card to the address preprinted on the card. See §101-41.308 of this chapter for information governing agency control and disposition of unused U.S. Government Bills of Lading (GBL's).

(d) Standard and optional forms which are excess to the needs of an agency shall be reported to GSA in the same manner as other excess personal property pursuant to part 101-43 of this chapter. Obsolete forms shall be disposed of under the provisions of part 101-45 of this chapter.

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§ 101-26.303 Out-of-stock items.

Generally, it is more advantageous to agencies if GSA backorders requisitions for out-of-stock items rather than cancels requisitions. Unless notified by agencies not to backorder a requisition, through FEDSTRIP advice codes 2C or 2J, a back order will be established. The agency will be notified of the estimated date that shipment will be made. Upon receipt of the status transaction, the agency shall determine if the estimated shipping date will meet its needs and, as appropriate: (a) Accept the back order, (b) request a suitable substitute item, or (c) request cancellation in accordance with §101-26.309.

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§ 101-26.304 Substitution policy.

In supplying items requisitioned from GSA stock, GSA may substitute items with similar characteristics. Substitute items may be issued from new stock or from returned stock that is in serviceable condition (condition code A) as described in §101-27.503-1. A notice of intent to substitute will be provided to the ordering activity only if the characteristics of the substitute item differ substantially from the characteristics of the item requisitioned. Ordering activities may prevent substitution by entering advice code 2B (do not substitute) or 2J (do not substitute or backorder) in cc 65-66 of requisitions.

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§ 101-26.305 Submission of orders to GSA.

(a) Orders shall be submitted in accordance with the instructions in the FEDSTRIP Operating Guide (FPMR 101-26.2).

(b) Orders in other than FEDSTRIP format shall be submitted:

(1) In original only when for shipment to destinations in the United States, including Hawaii but excluding Alaska.

(2) In accordance with applicable GSA/agency agreements when for shipment to Alaska or for export to destinations outside the United States.