

§ 101-28.303

by GSA to provide efficient, economical support of frequently needed common-use expendable items for the accomplishment of customer agency missions.

§ 101-28.303 Benefits provided by customer supply centers.

The customer supply centers (CSCs) provide the following:

(a) Overall savings to the Federal Government through volume purchases.

(b) Quick and easy catalog item selection and simplified order placement by telephone, mail, electronic mail, or customer walk-in for urgent agency requirements.

(c) Next business day shipment to the customer for most orders.

(d) Same day pick up of emergency walk-in and telephone orders.

(e) Immediate stock availability information for all telephone and walk-in orders.

(f) Extensive inventory designed to meet the needs of customer agencies within the geographic area served by each CSC.

(g) A detailed catalog which lists the items stocked and procedures for use of the CSC.

(h) Automated biweekly billings (consistent with DOD MILSBILLS).

(i) Other services as approved by the GSA Regional Administrator.

§ 101-28.304 Item selection and stockage criteria.

§ 101-28.304-1 Types of items.

Items stocked in customer supply centers are based on customer agency requirements for common use expendable items. In addition to administrative type items commonly used in Government offices, janitorial supplies, handtools, and other industrial-type items are stocked when required to meet the mission-related needs of the activities supported by the CSC.

§ 101-28.304-2 Determining items to be stocked.

(a) Each CSC will stock administrative items normally required by Federal agencies for day-to-day operations. In addition to those items, each CSC will stock additional items as determined by the requirements of the ac-

41 CFR Ch. 101 (7-1-02 Edition)

tivities within the geographic area it serves.

(b) Regional FSS offices will canvass customer agencies periodically to identify items for which there is an official need within their support area.

(c) Customer agencies may request that specific items be stocked by their support CSC. The requests must be submitted in writing to the appropriate FSS Bureau Director and must be signed by a customer agency official at a level of responsibility (division director or higher) acceptable to the GSA Regional Administrator. All requests must indicate the expected monthly usage of the item requested. Each request will be evaluated and the submitting activity notified of the results of the evaluation.

§ 101-28.305 Prices of customer supply center items.

The selling price of a CSC item is an average price which is calculated automatically by the CSC computer at the time the item is ordered. Items stocked in CSCs that are obtained from GSA wholesale supply distribution facilities are input into the computer at the price in effect at the time of shipment from the facilities (this price is normally the price shown in the GSA Supply Catalog). Items stocked in CSCs that are not available from GSA wholesale supply distribution facilities but which are obtained from other Government supply sources or commercial sources are input into the computer at the invoice cost. Due to cost averaging, item prices listed in the CSC catalog may differ somewhat from the sale price for a particular transaction.

§ 101-28.306 Customer supply center (CSC) accounts and related controls.

§ 101-28.306-1 Establishment of a CSC account by a customer activity.

(a) Eligible agencies should contact the GSA Regional Federal Supply Service Bureau to obtain full information on the use of the CSC for their locale. FSS Bureau personnel will provide assistance to agencies in the establishment of the CSC account, brief personnel on the use of the CSC to meet local, retail supply requirements, and provide copies of the CSC catalog.