(b) Sources other than those listed in paragraph (a) of this section may be used as prescribed in §101–26.301 and in an unusual and compelling urgency as prescribed in §101–25.101–5 and 48 CFR 6.302–2.

[58 FR 41367, Aug. 5, 1993]

Subpart 101–26.2—Federal Requisitioning System

§ 101–26.200 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes a uniform requisitioning and issue system for use in obtaining supplies and equipment from GSA, Department of Defense, and Veterans Administration sources.

[43 FR 19852, May 9, 1978]


This requisitioning and issue system is identified as the Federal Standard Requisitioning and Issue Procedures (FEDSTRIP) and is similar to and compatible with the Military Standard Requisitioning and Issue Procedures (MILSTRIP). The FEDSTRIP system provides GSA and other supply sources the means to automate the processing of requisitions. Detailed instructions required to implement FEDSTRIP are contained in the GSA Handbook, FEDSTRIP Operating Guide (FPMR 101–26.2), which is issued and maintained by the Commissioner, Federal Supply Service, GSA.

[43 FR 19852, May 9, 1978]


The FEDSTRIP system shall be used by civilian agencies to requisition any item from GSA or to requisition any specifically authorized item from Department of Defense (DOD). Requisitions to the Veterans Administration (VA) should be submitted on punched cards in FEDSTRIP format or typed on Standard Form 147, Order for Supplies or Services.

[43 FR 19853, May 9, 1978]

§ 101–26.203 Activity address codes.

To obtain items through the FEDSTRIP system, each ordering activity is required to have an activity address code. The FEDSTRIP Operating Guide (FPMR 101–26.2) contains instructions to civilian agencies on requesting activity address codes. Once assigned, an activity address code allows an activity to order supplies under the FEDSTRIP system. Because there is a potential for abuse in the use of these codes, agencies shall establish stringent internal controls to ensure that the codes are used only by authorized personnel. It is imperative that all requests for activity address codes or deletions or address changes flow through a central contact point in the agency headquarters or regions where the need, purpose, and validity of the request can be verified. Agencies should send GSA the addresses of the contact points (mailing address: General Services Administration (FSR), Washington, DC 20406). GSA will only honor requests from the established points within the agency. GSA will periodically send a listing of current activity address codes and addresses to contact points for review.

[45 FR 71565, Oct. 29, 1980]


§ 101–26.206 GSA assistance.

Agency field activities should direct their questions regarding FEDSTRIP to the Federal Supply Service at each GSA regional office. The addresses of GSA regional offices are listed in each of the volumes of the GSA Supply Catalog. Agency headquarters activities requiring assistance may contact General Services Administration (FSR), Washington, DC 20406.

[45 FR 71565, Oct. 29, 1980]

Subpart 101–26.3—Procurement of GSA Stock Items

§ 101–26.300 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes policy and procedures governing the procurement by agencies of items of supply stocked by GSA, including reporting and obtaining adjustments for overages, shortages, and damages and the issue of used, repaired, and rehabilitated items in serviceable condition.

[35 FR 12721, Aug. 11, 1970]
§ 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 submit 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.

§ 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.

§ 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.


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

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.

[43 FR 22210, May 24, 1978]


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.

[45 FR 27764, Apr. 24, 1980]

§ 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.
(c) Sufficient funds should be reserved by the requisitioner to cover expenses incurred by GSA in export packing, marking, documentation, etc. GSA will assess a surcharge on all material ordered and delivered to customers in certain overseas areas. The surcharge is a percentage factor of the value of the material shipped. Information on the specific areas and the current percentage of surcharge is included in the GSA Handbook, Discrepancies or Deficiencies in GSA or DOD Shipments, Material, or Billings (FPMR 101–26.8). The surcharge is a percentage factor of the value of the material shipped. Information on the current percentage of surcharge may be obtained from the GSA regional office to which orders are submitted.

§ 101–26.306 Planned requisitioning for GSA stock items.

In preparing requisitions for GSA stock items, agencies shall follow schedules or cyclical plans for replenishment of stocks so as to reduce the number of repetitive requisitions required while adjusting ordering frequency to comply with the economic order quantity principle. (See §101–27.102.)


(a) Transportation-type discrepancies shall be processed in accordance with the instructions in subpart 101–40.7 when the discrepancies are the fault of the carrier and occur while the shipments are in the possession of:

(1) International ocean or air carriers, regardless of who pays the transportation charges, except when shipment is on a through Government bill of lading (TGBL) or is made through the Defense Transportation System (DTS) (Discrepancies in shipments on a TGBL or which occur while in the DTS shall be reported as prescribed in subpart 101–26.8.); or

(2) Carriers within the continental United States, when other than GSA or DOD pays the transportation charges.

(b) Reporting discrepancies or deficiencies in material or shipments and processing requests for or documenting adjustments in billings from or directed by GSA activities shall be in accordance with the provisions of subpart 101–26.8.


Each agency head, after taking actions prescribed in §101–25.302–2, shall determine agency requirements for filing cabinets. When additional filing cabinets are required, requisitions shall be submitted in FEDSTRIP format to the GSA region supporting the geographic area in which the requisitioning agency is located.


When an agency determines that material ordered from GSA is not required, GSA will accept requests for cancellation as long as the items ordered have not been shipped. However, since processing cancellations is costly and interferes with normal order processing, agencies are cautioned to use discretion in requesting cancellation of low dollar value orders. Cancellation of orders may be accomplished by agencies through written, telegraphic, or telephonic communication with the GSA regional office to which the order was sent. However, telephonic communication should be used whenever feasible to forestall shipment of material and subsequent billing by GSA. If material has been shipped, GSA will advise that cancellation cannot be effected and agency requests for return for credit will be processed under the provisions of §§101–26.310 and 101–26.311.


In accordance with the provisions of this §101–26.310, GSA may authorize agencies to return for credit material that has been ordered in error by the agency. Material shipped in error by GSA is subject to the provisions of the GSA Handbook, Discrepancies or Deficiencies in GSA or DOD Shipments, Material, or Billings (FPMR 101–26.8).
§ 101–26.311 Credit for material ordered in error

Credit for material ordered in error will be based on the selling price billed the agency at the time shipment was made to the agency, with the adjustment reflected in current or future billings. Material shall not be returned until appropriate documentation is received from GSA.

(a) The return of material by an agency, to correct ordering errors, may be authorized and later accepted by GSA: Provided, (1) The value of the material exceeds $25 per line item based on the selling price billed the customer. (2) Authorization to return is requested from the GSA Discrepancy Reports Center (6FRB), 1500 East Bannister Road, Kansas City, MO 64131 within 45 calendar days (60 calendar days for overseas points) after receipt of shipment. Requests should always contain a complete explanation of reason(s) for return of the material. Exceptions may be granted on a case-by-case basis when GSA is in need of the material and extenuating circumstances precluded earlier submission of the request. (3) Each item is in “like-new” condition and is identified by a stock number in the current edition of the GSA Supply Catalog. (4) Each item is identified with a specific purchase order or requisition number. (5) The condition of the material is acceptable on inspection by GSA. When it is not acceptable, disposition, without credit, will be made by GSA. However, when the condition is attributable to carrier negligence, subsequent credit allowed by GSA will be reduced by the amount to be paid the agency by the carrier for damages incurred. (6) The merchandise to be returned will not adversely affect the GSA nationwide inventory situation. (7) The return transportation costs are not excessive in relation to the cost of the material. 

(b) Transportation costs on material specifically authorized for return by a GSA regional office will be paid by the customer activity. Claims against carriers for discrepancies in shipment will also be the responsibility of the customer activity in accordance with the provisions of subpart 101–40.7. When appropriate, GSA will prepare initial documentation to support claim actions.


§ 101–26.311 Frustrated shipments.

(a) At the request of the ordering agency, GSA may authorize diversion or return for credit of any shipment consigned to an overseas destination which, while en route, cannot be continued onward for any reason and for which the consignee or requisitioning agency cannot provide diversion instructions: Provided, The frustration occurs at a water or air terminal and title to the material has not passed from the Government. Frustrated shipments located outside the United States are the responsibility of the consignee or ordering agency. However, GSA will assist the agency whenever possible in disposing of the material when it cannot be utilized by the overseas control area of the agency, e.g., oversea command or AID area.

(b) Requests to GSA for disposition instructions shall be directed to the GSA office which made the shipment. Data provided by the agency shall include the original requisition document number, purchase order number (if any), supplementary addresses, and present location of the frustrated shipment. In addition, the agency should furnish the Government bill of lading number or commercial bill of lading reference, and the carrier’s freight or waybill number.

(c) GSA may direct disposition of such material through any of the means listed below. Disposition instructions will include a determination by GSA as to the responsibility for payment of transportation costs. (1) Shipment of material to another consignee. (2) Temporary storage pending further instructions. (3) Return to GSA stock. (4) Disposal by agency. (5) Disposition through other means if deemed to be in the best interest of the Government.
(d) GSA will provide required documentation to accomplish the desired action and will, if appropriate, initiate necessary adjustments in billing.

(e) Frustrated shipments involving other than GSA stock items will be treated in a manner similar to that prescribed in this §101–26.311 on a case by case basis.


Subpart 101–26.4—Federal Supply Schedules [Reserved]

Subpart 101–26.5—GSA Procurement Programs

§ 101–26.500 Scope and applicability of subpart.

(a) This subpart prescribes policies and procedures relating to GSA procurement programs other than the GSA stock and the Federal supply schedule programs. Also excluded are the policies and procedures relating to the procurement of automatic data processing equipment and services set forth in part 101–36.

(b) The policies and procedures in this subpart 101–26.5 are applicable to executive agencies except as otherwise specifically indicated. Federal agencies other than executive agencies may participate in these programs and are encouraged to do so.

[43 FR 32767, July 28, 1978]


(a) It shall be the policy to procure commercially available motor vehicles, unless other vehicles are specifically required.

(b) New sedans, station wagons, and light trucks (other than those to be used for law enforcement or where other than standard vehicles are required) shall be procured as follows: Sedans, class IB-subcompact or II-compact; station wagons, class I-subcompact or class II compact vehicles, as described in Federal standard No. 122; and light trucks as defined in Federal standard Nos. 292 and 307. (Federal standard Nos. 122, 292, and 307 as used in this section mean the latest editions.)

Requisitions submitted to GSA for motor vehicles shall be in conformance with the requirements of subpart 101–38.1.

(1) Standard passenger vehicles as defined in Federal standard No. 122 are considered to be completely equipped for ordinary operation and are subject to the maximum statutory price limitation.

(2) Items (vehicles) included in Federal standard No. 122 other than those listed as standard (basic units) are considered to be equipped with additional systems and equipment for passenger vehicles.

(c) Requisitions submitted to GSA for the acquisition of new passenger vehicles and light trucks under 8500 GVWR (gross vehicle weight rating) shall be in conformance with Pub. L. 94–163 and Executive Order 12375.

(d) New trucks and buses shall be requisitioned in accordance with the provisions of this §101–26.501 and the following:

(1) Light trucks shall be in accordance with Federal standard No. 292 and 307; and

(2) Medium and heavy trucks and buses, when not procured from standardized buying programs, shall be in accordance with the latest editions of Federal standard No. 794, Federal specification Nos. KKK-T-2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, and Federal specification No. KKK-B-1579. Standardized buying programs shall be based on these specifications as appropriate.

(e) Selection of additional systems or equipment in new vehicles shall be made by the requiring agency and shall be based on the need to provide for overall safety, efficiency, economy, and suitability of the vehicle for the purposes intended pursuant to §101–38.104–2.

(1) The essentiality of such systems or equipment shall be weighed against the economic factors involved, the potential benefits to be derived therefrom, and the impact on the fuel consumption characteristics of the vehicle.

(2) Additional systems or equipment requested to be purchased by GSA will be construed to have been determined