Federal Property Management Regulations

§ 101–42.202 Identification of hazardous materials.

(a) Current acquisition standards (Fed. Std. No. 313 and Fed. Std. No. 123) and the Federal Acquisition Regulation require that manufacturers identify and document potential hazards on material safety data sheets (MSDSs) as part of the acquisition process. Acquisition of MSDSs is also prescribed by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations found in 29 CFR part 1910 and paragraph 1–602(c) of Executive Order 12196, Occupational Safety and Health Programs for Federal Employees, dated February 26, 1980. GSA’s Federal Supply Service (4FQ) maintains an automated data base, accessible via modem and computer terminal, that contains MSDSs for all GSA-procured hazardous materials. In addition to display of the MSDS on the terminal screen, the system allows for the addition of the MSDS to the user’s local data base and the transmission of the MSDS via facsimile to the user’s site. Detailed instructions on how to access this system may be obtained by sending a self-addressed envelope to General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service, Attn: MSDS Coordinator, 401 W. Peachtree St., NE, suite 3021, Atlanta, Georgia 30365.

(b) The Hazardous Materials Information System (HMIS) is a collection of MSDS information, transportation information, and disposal information that was established by the Department of Defense to assist personnel who handle, store, ship, use or dispose of hazardous materials. Each record in the data base is defined by a stock number (either national stock number or local numbers), the manufacturer’s contractor and Government entity (CAGE) code, and a part number indicator which is linked to the manufacturer’s part number or trade name. The data base (DoD 6050.5L) is available on microfiche and compact disc-read only memory (CD-ROM) through the Naval Computer and Telecommunication Area Master Station, Atlantic (NCTAMS LANT), Attn.: Code 911.3, Norfolk, VA 23511–5355.

(c) For items not listed or adequately described in the HMIS or on a MSDS, contact the procuring agency, the manufacturer, or your technical staff for information as to the potential hazards of the item.

(d) Some hazardous items were acquired by Federal agencies prior to implementation of the standards requiring identification of potential hazards. Identification and documentation of the hazardous nature of such items is the responsibility of the owning or holding agency. Hazardous materials are found in most Federal supply classification (FSC) classes. Section 101–42.1101 contains a table of FSC classes composed predominantly of hazardous items and a table of FSC groups and classes which contain a significant number of hazardous items. These tables are designed to assist Federal agencies in reviewing personal property inventories to identify hazardous materials.

(e) When an item has been determined hazardous, the owning Federal agency shall document the accountable inventory record accordingly. If the item has not been appropriately labeled by the manufacturer or distributor, the owning agency shall appropriately label, mark, or tag the
§ 101–42.203 Reassignment of hazardous materials.

When hazardous materials are reassigned within an executive agency, information on the actual or potential hazard shall be included in the documentation effecting the reassignment, and the recipient organization shall perpetuate in the inventory or control records visibility of the nature of the actual or potential hazard.

§ 101–42.204 Reporting requirements.

(a) Except as set forth in this 101–42.204, excess personal property which has been identified as hazardous shall be reported promptly in accordance with this part and §101–43.301, with a complete description of the actual or potential hazard associated with the handling, storage, or use of the item.

(b) If the hazardous characteristics of the item are adequately described on a MSDS or HMIS record (or equivalent), the reporting document should so indicate, and a copy of the MSDS or HMIS record shall be included. If no MSDS or HMIS is available, information must be obtained by the reporting activity and furnished with the reporting document. A certification by a duly authorized agency official that the item has been clearly labeled as prescribed in §101–42.202(e) should be included in the description of the hazard. The agency official must also certify that the containers and/or packaging meet or exceed Department of Transportation specifications for a hazardous material container (49 CFR parts 178–180).

(c) Hazardous wastes shall not be reported to GSA for disposal, and shall be disposed of by the holding agency or the reporting activity only under the laws and regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State and local regulations. Holding agencies shall contact the manufacturer, the agency’s technical staff, or the local State EPA office for assistance in this matter if needed.

§ 101–42.205 Exceptions to reporting.

(a) When the actual or potential hazard is such that an item is determined by the holding agency to be extremely hazardous property, the item shall not be reported on Standard Form (SF) 120, Report of Excess Personal Property, unless so directed by a GSA regional office or GSA Central Office. Other items identified as hazardous shall be reported to GSA on SF 120 unless otherwise excepted by §§101–43.304 and 101–43.305.

(b) When an item determined to be extremely hazardous property becomes excess, the holding agency shall notify the appropriate GSA regional personal property office, identify the item, and describe the actual or potential hazard associated with the handling, storage, or use of the item. On a case-by-case basis, the GSA regional office will determine the utilization, donation, sales, or other disposal requirements, and provide appropriate guidance to the holding agency.

(c) When EPA, under its authorities, transfers accountability for hazardous materials to Federal, State, and local agencies, to research institutions, or to commercial businesses to conduct research or to perform the actual cleanup of a contaminated site, the item is not required to be reported.

§ 101–42.206 Special requirements for utilization of hazardous materials and certain categories of property.

Special utilization requirements for certain categories of property are provided in §101–42.1102. Many hazardous materials require special storage and handling. It is the responsibility of the holding agency to properly store hazardous materials and ensure the use of appropriate safeguards such as warning signs, labels, and use of protective clothing and equipment by utilization screeners who are inspecting excess hazardous materials.