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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

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provisions of subpart 101-40.7. When appropriate, GSA will prepare initial documentation to support claim actions.

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§ 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., overseas 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.

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(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.

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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.

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§ 101-26.501 Purchase of new motor vehicles.

(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 Nos. 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