§ 101–30.302 Types of items excluded from cataloging.

Items of personal property in the following categories are to be excluded from the Federal Catalog System except when an agency determines that Federal item identification data will be of value in its supply management operations:

(a) Capital equipment items which are nonexpendable and are especially designed for a specific purpose, such as elevators or central air-conditioning system installations.

(b) Items of personal property on which security classification is imposed.

(c) Items procured on a one-time or infrequent basis for use in research and development, experimentation, construction, or testing and not subject to centralized item inventory management, reporting, or stock control.

(d) Items procured in foreign markets for use in overseas activities of Federal agencies.

(e) Printed forms.


Each agency shall ensure that each of its items to be cataloged is included and maintained in the Federal Catalog System.

(a) Agencies with cataloging and data preparation and transmission capabilities, when authorized by GSA, shall submit data direct to the Defense Logistics Services Center (DLSC) in conformance with procedures set forth in the Defense Integrated Data System (DIDS) Procedures Manual (DOD 4100.39-M).

(b) Agencies not having the capabilities cited in paragraph (a) of this section shall submit their request to the appropriate cataloging activity; i.e., GSA or VA, for the performance of all cataloging functions and/or the preparation of data for submission to DLSC. Cataloging requests to GSA or VA shall be prepared using Standard Form 1303, Request for Federal Cataloging/Supply Support Action (illustrated at § 101–30.4901–1303). EAM card formatted requests for volume add/delete user actions may also be submitted. Instructions on the preparation of Standard Form 1303 and EAM card formatted requests and guidance in determining the appropriate cataloging activity designated to receive requests are in the GSA Handbook, Federal Catalog System-Logistics Data (FPMR 101–30.3), issued by the Commissioner, Federal Supply Service.

(c) GSA will confer with civil agencies periodically to review and devise methods of submission according to their needs and capabilities.


§ 101–30.304 Application of item entry control.

In addition to the reviews attendant to the process of item identification and assignment of national stock numbers, proposed new items will be subjected to a technical review to associate them with items available through the GSA supply system. Where a similar item is available through the GSA supply system, the agency will be informed of the national stock number and a source of supply and will be requested to use that item. If the requesting agency considers the GSA item unacceptable because of technical differences, the requesting agency shall notify GSA of the technical differences between the alternate item and the requested item to allow for the assignment of a new national stock number to the requested item.

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§ 101–30.305 Exemptions from the system.

When an agency believes that the benefits of the Federal Catalog System may be realized without formal participation, a request for an exemption