§ 101–30.700 Scope of subpart.

This subpart defines the objectives of the item reduction program and assigns responsibilities for its operation. Procedures implementing the policy set forth herein are contained in the GSA Handbook, Item Elimination (FPMR 101–30.7), issued by the Commissioner, Federal Supply Service.

§ 101–30.701 Definitions.

As used in this subpart 101–30.7, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth in this §101–30.701.

§ 101–30.701–1 Item reduction study.

Item reduction study means the study of a group of generally similar items which are subject to evaluation by physical and performance characteristics. This evaluation process identifies items determined to be unnecessarily similar or uneconomical for Government use and which will be considered for removal from Government supply systems. For items so identified, a replacement item shall be proposed. The result of item reduction studies will indicate items which are authorized for procurement or not authorized for procurement.

§ 101–30.701–2 Item standardization code.

Item standardization code (ISC) means a code assigned an item in the supply system which identifies the item as authorized for procurement or not authorized for procurement.

§ 101–30.702 Determining item reduction potential.

Item reduction studies are required where there are large numbers of generally similar items which are subject to grouping and examination by item name, item name modifiers, or other characteristics such as sizes, grades, lengths, and materials. Before conducting a full scale item reduction study, the assignee activity shall determine whether sufficient item reduction potential appears to exist. Item reduction studies shall be undertaken only when the expected benefits outweigh the costs of performing the study.

§ 101–30.703 Program objectives.

The objective of the item reduction program is to reduce the varieties and sizes of similar items in the Government supply system by:

(a) Implementing a coordinated item reduction process among supply managers of using activities;

(b) Standardizing items of supply used by the Government;

(c) Ensuring that all participants in item reduction studies give priority to controlling and completing item reduction studies.

SOURCE: 43 FR 4999, Feb. 7, 1978, unless otherwise noted.
(d) Promptly recording decisions in the Federal catalog system data base; and
(e) Phasing out of the Government supply system those items identified in item reduction studies as not authorized for procurement to reduce cataloging, supply management, and warehousing costs; then following through to eliminate the items from agency catalog systems.


§ 101–30.704 Agency responsibilities.

§ 101–30.704–1 General Services Administration.

(a) The General Services Administration (GSA) will develop or authorize other Government agencies to develop item reduction studies on items within the Federal supply classification (FSC) classes for which GSA is the integrated material manager.

(b) GSA, as the civil agency coordinating activity for item reduction studies originated by both GSA and DOD, will:

(1) Distribute proposed item reduction studies, as appropriate, to all civil agencies recorded as users of the item in the DLSC data base. This distribution will be made by coordination letters in which a time frame for a response will be specified. GSA will interpret each nonresponse to a proposed study to mean that the activity concurs with the study. Extensions, when requested by an agency, normally will be granted by GSA.

(2) Respond to questions concerning proposed item reduction studies.

(3) Prepare a consolidated civil agency position paper (including comments and nonconcurrences) relative to each study upon receipt of user responses.

(4) Incorporate civil agency positions into proposed item reduction studies prepared by GSA or forward a consolidated civil agency position paper to appropriate preparing activities.

(5) Resolve controversies arising from proposed item reduction study recommendations.

(6) Review approved item reduction studies to ensure that concurrences and nonconcurrences from all civil agencies are accurately reflected.

(7) Register into the Federal catalog system, data base approved item reduction decisions concerning items within the FSC classes which are managed by GSA.

(8) Implement decisions documented in approved item reduction studies within the GSA supply system.

(9) Distribute approved item reduction studies to all recorded civil agency users. All civil agencies (except direct submitters of catalog data to DLSC) will also be forwarded covering letters which will request specific information relative to implementing the studies; i.e., inventory levels of items coded ISC 3. Activities not responding within the time frame specified (60 calendar days) will receive a followup notice before being automatically withdrawn as users of all items coded as not authorized for procurement.


§ 101–30.704–2 Other agencies.

Civil agencies participating in the Federal Catalog System shall:

(a) Conduct a review of the items included in the proposed study by the preparing activity with respect to the ISC to determine the impact the assigned code may have on the agency’s supply system.

(b) Prepare and submit written comments on the proposed study to GSA within the time frame specified in the GSA coordination letter, concur with the study, or nonconcur on specific proposed standardization relationships. If comments cannot be prepared and submitted within the time frame specified, an extension shall be requested from GSA.

(c) Review the approved item reduction study and notify GSA in writing if the activity is to be retained or deleted as a user of any item coded as “not authorized for procurement.” This notification will allow the preparer of the study to complete coordination of the study and update the DLSC Total Item Record (TIR).

(d) Implement within the agency those item reduction decisions resulting from the study.

(e) Request, as appropriate, the retention of a nonstandard item in their