(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.

§ 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 shall be submitted to the General Services Administration (FRI), Washington, DC 20406. After reviewing the request for an exemption, GSA will inform the requesting agency of the decision and will provide instructions for implementation. The request for an exemption shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

(a) Number of items repetitively procured, stored, distributed, or issued.

(b) Number of items currently used having national stock numbers.

(c) Identification system planned or in use other than the Federal catalog system.

(d) Whether procurement is centralized.

(e) Description of any catalogs published. If none, so state.

(f) Whether supply support is received from another agency including the name of the agency and category of item involved; e.g., electronics.

(g) Cost differential between submitting a request for cataloging action and identifying the item under the agency’s current or planned system.

§ 101–30.400 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes the policies and procedures governing the dissemination of Federal catalog data, the conversion to and use of the Federal catalog system by Federal agencies, and the requesting of supply support from Government supply managers.

§ 101–30.401 Data available from the Federal Catalog System.

Federal Catalog System data are available in publications of general interest to Government supply activities and in the form of automated output tailored to meet individual agency needs.

§ 101–30.401–1 Publications providing Federal catalog data.

(a) Federal Catalog System publications contain selected data from the Defense Logistics Services Center (DLSC) files chosen, assembled, and formatted to meet recognized needs for information in support of assigned missions, functions, and related responsibilities. Most publications are produced in microfiche form; however, some are produced in hard copy form. The following publications are available:

(1) Master cross-reference list. A microfiche publication which contains a master list of national stock numbers (NSN’s) cross-referenced to and from manufacturers’ part numbers, specifications, or reference drawings. This publication is used to cross-relate reference numbers and stock numbers or to ascertain the manufacturer of an