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101–29.221 Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Description Program (Federal Standardization Program).

Subpart 101–29.3—Responsibilities

101–29.301 General Services Administration.


101–29.302 Other Federal agencies.

101–29.303 All Federal executive agencies.

Subpart 101–29.4—Mandatory Use of Federal Product Descriptions


101–29.403–2 Agency responsibility relative to exceptions to Federal product descriptions.


Subpart 101–29.5—Use of and Optional Use of Federal Product Descriptions and Agency Product Descriptions


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§ 101–29.000 Scope of part.

This part sets forth the policy and procedures for managing and using Federal product descriptions.

Subpart 101–29.1—General


Federal and interim Federal specifications, their associated Federal qualified products lists (QPL’s), Federal and interim Federal standards and Commercial item descriptions (CID’s) are referred to collectively as Federal product descriptions. They are developed by GSA or other Federal agencies under the Assigned Agency Plan described in the “Federal Standardization Handbook” issued by the Assistant Administrator for Federal Supply and Services (FSS). Product descriptions are coordinated with other Federal agencies having technical, statutory, or regulatory interest in the commodity or other subject matter covered. Generally, before they are issued, Federal product descriptions are reviewed by technical societies, individual industrial producers, and organizations representing industrial producers and consumers.

§ 101–29.102 Use of metric system of measurement in Federal product descriptions.

In accordance with Public Law 94–168, 15 U.S.C. 205b, the Administrator of General Services shall develop procedures and plan for the increasing use of metric products by requiring Federal agencies to:

(a) Maintain close liaison with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, and the private sector on metric matters, and (b) Review, prepare, and revise Federal standardization documents to eliminate barriers to the procurement of metric goods and services. These actions will occur during the overage document review or when the agency is informed by the private sector that metric products can be produced in a specific Federal supply classification class.

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Subpart 101–29.2—Definitions


A specification is a document, prepared specifically to support acquisition that clearly and accurately describes the essential technical requirements for purchased material. Procedures necessary to determine whether these requirements have been met are also included.