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the value of the property. Subject to these limitations, the amount allowable is either:

(1) The depreciated value, immediately prior to the loss or damage, of property lost or damaged beyond economical repair, less any salvage value; or

(2) The reasonable cost of repairs, when property is economically repairable, provided that the cost of repairs does not exceed the amount allowable under paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(b) Depreciation in value is determined by considering the type of article involved, its cost, its condition when damaged or lost, and the time elapsed between the date of acquisition and the date of damage or loss.

(c) Replacement of lost or damaged property may be made in kind whenever appropriate.

### § 17.49 Attorney's fees.

No more than 10 per centum of the amount paid in settlement of each individual claim submitted and settled under this subpart shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with that claim.

### § 17.50 Claims procedures.

(a) Claims by, or on behalf of, employees of field offices shall be filed in writing with the appropriate Regional Counsel. Claims by, or on behalf of, employees of Department Headquarters shall be filed in writing with the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410.

(b) Each written claim shall contain, as a minimum:

(1) Name, address, place of employment of claimant.

(2) Place and date of loss or damage.

(3) A brief statement of the facts and circumstances surrounding loss or damage.

(4) Cost, date, and place of acquisition of each piece of property lost or damaged.

(5) Two itemized repair estimates, or value estimates, whichever is applicable.

(6) Copies of police reports, if applicable.

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(7) With respect to claims involving thefts or losses in quarters or other places where the property was reasonably kept, a statement as to what security precautions were taken to protect the property involved.

(8) With respect to claims involving property being used for the benefit of the Government, a statement by the employee's supervisor evidencing that the claimant was required to provide such property or that his providing it was in the interest of the Government.

(9) Other evidence as may be required by the General Counsel.

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## Subpart C—Procedures for the Collection of Claims by the Government

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### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### § 17.60 Scope and definitions.

(a) *Scope.* This subpart sets forth the regulations of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development implementing the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966, as amended by the Federal Debt Collection Act of 1982 (31 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*) (the Act), in conformity with the standards jointly promulgated by the Attorney General and the Comptroller General in 4 CFR parts 101 through 105. The Act:

(1) Requires the Secretary or his designee to attempt collection of all claims of the United States for money or property arising out of the activities of the Department; and

(2) Authorizes the Secretary or his designee to compromise claims that have not been referred to another executive or legislative agency for further collection action where the claim does not exceed \$100,000 exclusive of interest, or to suspend or terminate collection action where it appears that no person liable on the claim has the present or prospective financial ability to pay any significant sum thereon or