

Federal Property Management Regulations

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§ 101-29.216 Department of Defense Index of Specifications and Standards (DODISS).

The *Department of Defense Index of Specifications and Standards* is a Department of Defense (DoD) publication of unclassified Federal and military specifications and standards, related standardization documents, and voluntary standards that are used by DoD.

§ 101-29.217 Military specification or standard.

A *military specification or standard* is a specification or standard issued by the Department of Defense and listed in the DODISS.

§ 101-29.218 Voluntary standards.

Voluntary standards are established generally by private sector bodies and available for use by any person or organization, private or governmental. The term includes what are commonly referred to as “industry standards” as well as “consensus standards,” but does not include professional standards of personal conduct, institutional codes of ethics, private standards of individual firms, or standards mandated by law such as those contained in the United States Pharmacopeia as referenced in 21 U.S.C. 351.

§ 101-29.219 Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions.

The *Index of Federal Specification, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions* is a GSA publication that lists Federal specifications, qualified products lists, standards, and commercial item descriptions.

§ 101-29.220 Market research and analysis.

Market research and analysis is a process used to ascertain and analyze the range and quality of available commercial products to determine whether they meet user needs and to identify the market practices of firms engaged in producing, distributing, and supporting the products.

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

The *Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Description Program* is a standardization program developed under authority of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (63 Stat. 377) in consonance with the Defense Cataloging and Standardization Act (Sections 2451-2456, title 10, U.S.C. chapter 145), managed by the General Services Administration, for the purpose of coordinating civilian and military standardization functions to avoid unnecessary duplication. Within the program, procedures and controls govern the development, coordination, approval, issuance, indexing, management, and maintenance of product descriptions in the Federal series (Federal specifications, Federal standards, and CID's) that define commercial products and products that have high potential for common Federal agency use.

Subpart 101-29.3—Responsibilities

§ 101-29.301 General Services Administration.

§ 101-29.301-1 Policies and procedures.

The Administrator of General Services is responsible for establishing policies and procedures, in coordination with the other agencies, for the preparation, coordination, approval, issuance, and maintenance of product descriptions in the Federal series of specifications, standards, and CID's.

§ 101-29.301-2 Federal Standardization Handbook.

The Assistant Administrator for Federal Supply and Services will issue and maintain on a current basis a “Federal Standardization Handbook.” The Federal Standardization Handbook sets forth operating procedures and applicable definitions used in the development of Federal product descriptions under the Assigned Agency Plan described therein. Federal agencies shall adhere to the provisions of the handbook in the development and coordination of Federal product descriptions.