

8204 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF STANDARD (BULK-PROD) ANTI-INFECTION DRUGS

REFERENCE:

1. ITEM NAME: 6505-880-8081 CHLOROTETRACYCLINE HYDROCHLORIDE TABLETS, 0.15 GRAM
UNIT OF ISSUE/PRICE: 100s BT/\$11.30 UNIT PER TABLET: \$0.113
ACTUAL PRICED DATA: ARMY - 5,639; NAVY - 2,114; AIR FORCE - 2,904
MARKETING NAME: "CHLOROTRIN"
2. ITEM NAME: 6505-782-6485 CHLOROTETRACYCLINE HYDROCHLORIDE TABLETS, 0.30 GRAM
UNIT OF ISSUE/PRICE: 40s BT/\$10.30 UNIT PER TABLET: \$0.216
ACTUAL PRICED DATA: ARMY - 2,505; NAVY - 2,070; AIR FORCE - 3,424
MARKETING NAME: "CHLOROTRIN"
3. ITEM NAME: 6505-159-6575 OXYTETRACYCLINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES, 0.25 GRAM
UNIT OF ISSUE/PRICE: 100s BT/\$3.12 UNIT PER CAPSULE: \$0.0312
ACTUAL PRICED DATA: ARMY - 62,913; NAVY - 999; AIR FORCE - 324
MARKETING NAME: "TETRACONIN"
4. ITEM NAME: 6505-299-8276 OXYTETRACYCLINE TABLETS, 0.25 GRAM
UNIT OF ISSUE/PRICE: 100s BT/\$4.24 UNIT PER TABLET: \$0.0424
ACTUAL PRICED DATA: ARMY - 116,566; NAVY - 11,188; AIR FORCE - 5,790
MARKETING NAME: "TETRACONIN"
5. ITEM NAME: 6505-286-7302 TETRACYCLINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES, 0.25 GRAM
UNIT OF ISSUE/PRICE: 100s BT/\$0.97 UNIT PER TABLET: \$0.0097
ACTUAL PRICED DATA: ARMY - 606,127; NAVY - 174,296; AIR FORCE - 207,04
MARKETING NAME: "TETRACONIN" - "TETRACONIN" and others

REMARKS:

1. Medical authorities state that the tetracyclines do not differ in any essential characteristics and are essentially identical in terms of antibacterial activity. The differences in pharmacologic activity, due to molecular modifications, are relatively minor in importance.

2. Differences in costs are significant.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That items 6505-880-8081 CHLOROTETRACYCLINE HYDROCHLORIDE TABLETS, 0.15 GRAM, 6505-782-6485 CHLOROTETRACYCLINE HYDROCHLORIDE TABLETS, 0.30 GRAM, 6505-159-6575 OXYTETRACYCLINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES, 0.25 GRAM, and 6505-299-8276 OXYTETRACYCLINE TABLETS, 0.25 GRAM, be type-classified as "LIMITED ORPHANS" with eventual deletion from the Federal Supply Catalog.