

8214 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF STANDARD STOCK-LISTED ANTACIDS

BACKGROUND:

1. ITEM IDENT: 6505-890-1658 CALCIUM CARBONATE AND AMINOACETIC
ACID TABLETS
UNIT OF ISSUE/PRICE: 500s BT/\$2.88 COST PER TABLET: \$0.0058
ANNUAL DEMAND DATA: ARMY - 17,799; NAVY - 9,878; AIR FORCE - 11,149
TRADE MARK NAME: "TITRALAC" and others

DISCUSSION:

1. Medical authorities state that a mixture of CALCIUM CARBONATE AND AMINOACETIC ACID (GLYCINE) is not more effective than aluminum Hydroxide (the basic ingredient in most antacids). Furthermore, it is more expensive and is more likely to lead to alkalosis.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That FSN 6505-890-1658 CALCIUM CARBONATE AND AMINOACETIC ACID TABLETS be type classified to "LIMITED STANDARD" with eventual deletion from the Federal Supply Catalog.