

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY 8215

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF STANDARD STOCK-LISTED SKELETAL MUSCLE RELAXANTS

BACKGROUND:

1. ITEM IDENT: 6505-062-4833 CARISOPRODOL TABLETS, Sugar Coated,
0.35 Gram
UNIT OF ISSUE/PRICE: 100s BT/\$3.90 COST PER TABLET: \$0.039
ANNUAL DEMAND DATA: ARMY - 1,431; NAVY - 1,597; AIR FORCE - 1,402
TRADE MARK NAME: "RELA"
2. ITEM IDENT: 6505-904-3256 CARISOPRODOL TABLETS, Uncoated, 0.35 Gram
UNIT OF ISSUE/PRICE: 100s BT/\$4.18 COST PER TABLET: \$0.0418
ANNUAL DEMAND DATA: ARMY - 512; NAVY - 1,839; AIR FORCE - 1,090
TRADE MARK NAME: "SOMA"

DISCUSSION:

1. CARISOPRODOL, chemically related to both Mephenesin and Meproba-
mate Analgesic group of drugs. Authorities state that it has been found
superior to Placebo in the treatment of various musculo-skeletal com-
plaints, but it is uncertain whether its performance is superior to
substantial doses of tranquilizers or sedatives.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That FSNs 6505-062-4833 CARISOPRODOL TABLETS, Sugar Coated, 0.35
Gram (RELA) and 6505-904-3256 CARISOPRODOL TABLETS, Uncoated, 0.35 Gram
(SOMA) be type classified to "LIMITED STANDARD" with eventual deletion
from the Federal Supply Catalog.