

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY 8219

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF STANDARD STOCK-LISTED ANALGESICS

BACKGROUND:

1. ITEM IDENT: 6505-687-7901 ASPIRIN AND ETHOHEPTAZINE TABLETS
UNIT OF ISSUE/PRICE: 1000s BT/\$15.80 COST PER TABLET: \$0.0158
ANNUAL DEMAND DATA: ARMY - 13,481; NAVY - 2,661; AIR FORCE - 3,188
TRADE MARK NAME: "ZACTIRIN"

DISCUSSION:

1. Medical authorities state that studies indicate that ETHOHEPTAZINE in clinically used doses has little or no analgesic activity.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That FSN 6505-687-7901 ASPIRIN AND ETHOHEPTAZINE TABLETS be type-classified to "LIMITED STANDARD" with eventual deletion from the Federal Supply Catalog.