

10030 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

<u>ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT</u>	<u>EXPLANATION AND SIGNIFICANCE</u>
Leakage Tests for Ampuls	to the ultimate user. In order to prevent or retard deterioration or decomposition, it is necessary to designate how long a refrigerated product may be out of refrigeration. This reduces the potential for administration of substandard medication. There was a time when the procuring agency experienced leakage of flame-sealed ampuls. In order to preclude the procurement of material with such defects, it is required that all flame-sealed ampuls be subjected to a leakage test. Ampuls which are not totally sealed are subject to contamination which would be detrimental to a patient.
Taste/Palatability Panel	The procuring agency experienced instances wherein a product could not be tolerated by patients because of objectionable taste. DPSC experienced a drug recall because of such circumstances. Accordingly, when appropriate for the particular item, samples are requested from bidders and are evaluated by a panel for acceptance of taste and palatability. This helps to preclude the problem of patients refusing to take medicine because of particularly objectionable taste.