

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY 12199



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SUBJECT: Criteria for Defining Categories of Medical Items

TO: Chairman
Ad Hoc Interagency Medical and Non-perishable Subsistence
Supply Management Committee

1. A meeting of the Task Group to Determine Criteria for Defining Categories of Medical Items was held on 11 December 1974 at the Defense Personnel Support Center, Philadelphia, PA, with the following members present:

Mr. Robert G. Rose, V.A. Marketing Center, Hines, ILL.
Mr. Elton G. Hailey, General Services Administration, Arlington, VA.
Mr. Charles E. Mumaw, National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD.
Colonel Ralph A. Trimble, Jr., Defense Personnel Support Center, Philadelphia, PA.

2. A review was made of your committee's Task Order #1, as well as background directives concerning the guidance for determining the criteria for defining categories of medical items for the assignment of procurement responsibility. Some of the highlights of the directives discussed were (1) "Establish criteria by which medical items can be categorized to make purchasing assignments to preclude overlap and duplication"; (2) "...A single system for management does not require all operational responsibility for a commodity be assigned ... one agency or single manager"; (3) "Objectives of single managership are seen to be available through a cross-servicing system of management that builds on established competence and experience". (4) "...should utilize the operational competence and capabilities for purchasing drugs, medical items, and subsistence now existing in the DOD and VA"; (5) "Purchasing responsibilities currently being carried out in GSA and HEW should be transferred to DOD and VA", and (6) "Duplication and overlapping of purchasing effort should be eliminated by fixing in a single purchasing office all purchasing responsibility for a single family of items".