

12108 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

3. Duplicative Efforts

At both the central and field levels the Study disclosed that there was little evidence of the existence of a government-wide procurement and supply system which could provide for the avoidance of duplicative efforts.

Because each affected agency has a great degree of expertise and commodity orientation, these resources should be utilized cooperatively in the logistic and technical areas.

This is not now being done.

4. There Is Little Formal Exchange of Product Information Between Civil and Military Agencies in the Drug, Medical and Nonperishable Subsistence Commodity Groups

a. Evaluation of drugs and medical items are now being performed by two professional groups. These groups are identified as the Defense Medical Material Board (DMMB) and the civilian agencies' Inter-Governmental Professional Advisory Council on Drugs and Devices (IPADD). The DMMB has the management responsibility for determining what kind of items should be cataloged for entry into DOD's supply system. While the IPADD group exchanges information related to the medical field, there is no evidence to indicate that within the past two years a joint exchange of information on a coordinated military or civil agency basis was being accomplished adequately.