

EXAMPLE 12

1. Item : Felt tip markers.
2. Quantity : 1,200 dozen.
3. Rejecting agency : General Services Administration.
4. Contractor : Alperstein Brothers, Washington, D.C.
5. Reason for rejection : Markers rejected because of excessive leakage. GSA weight loss requirement is 1 milligram maximum. These markers registered 1.8 milligram and all leaked.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Our first witness this morning will be Dr. James L. Goddard, Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration.
Dr. Goddard.

STATEMENT OF DR. JAMES L. GODDARD, COMMISSIONER, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION; ACCOMPANIED BY WILLIAM W. GOODRICH, GENERAL COUNSEL; AND ALFRED BARNARD, CHIEF, BUREAU OF REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Dr. GODDARD. Mr. Chairman, members of the special subcommittee study section, I have with me William Goodrich, General Counsel for Food and Drug Administration, and Mr. Alfred Barnard, Chief, Bureau of Regulatory Compliance.

I appreciate the opportunity of appearing before you this morning to discuss the Food and Drug Administration's policies relative to the sale in commercial channels of foods and drugs rejected for Federal use because of a failure to meet Government specifications.

There are no published regulations within the Federal Government which require other Federal Agencies to report to FDA the identity of foods and drugs which they reject.

However, FDA has initiated and entered into agreements and memoranda of understanding with other agencies providing for exchanges of knowledge and information to strengthen programs of mutual concern in the public interest. The Food and Drug Administration also provides resources and facilities to assist other agencies as our program capabilities and legislative authority permit.

At the present time these agreements with other governmental agencies include working arrangements with the Department of Agriculture, Department of Defense, and the Veterans' Administration—which are the agencies directly involved in the purchase of foods and drugs for Federal use.

Briefly stated, our agreements with the Department of Agriculture deal with the disposal of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service products which have become adulterated or misbranded; promotion of greater sanitation in the warehousing, transportation, and milling of food grain; coordination of the activities of the Departments of Agriculture; Interior; and Health, Education, and Welfare pertaining to pesticides and the establishment of a joint contract with the Department of Agriculture for salmonella research by the National Research Council.

We have an agreement with the Defense Medical Supply Center of the Department of Defense establishing policy and procedures for FDA inspections and tests relative to certain pharmaceuticals manufactured in foreign countries. We also have an agreement to provide the Defense Supply Agency information on food and drug manu-