

Resolution 1011

METRIC STANDARDS

Whereas, the use of metric measurement standards has been authorized by law since the Act of July 28, 1866 (14 Stat 339) which authorized the use of the metric system of measurement in all transactions, public and private; and

Whereas, the Metric Conversion Act of 1975 declared the policy of the United States to coordinate and plan the increasing use of the metric system in the United States; and

Whereas, Federal civil and military departments and agencies have established policies to eliminate unjustified barriers to the purchase of metric products and services; and

Whereas, it is good public purchasing practice to eliminate impediments to voluntary metric transition by U.S. commerce and industry and avoid inadvertent discrimination against products designed to metric standards;

Now Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing and the National Association of State Purchasing Officials support the development and use of purchase descriptions and standards which broaden the procurement base by allowing metric designed products to compete equally with products designed to "customary" standards wherever possible.

The above resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing at its official meeting on the 27th day of April, 1984.

I certify that the above resolution was reviewed and ratified by the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing at its official meeting on the 11th day of November, 1995.

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