

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

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(a) (1) The Commissioner and general manager are authorized to develop programs that provide services or produce goods used by:

(i) State institutions or agencies;

(ii) Political subdivisions of this State;

(iii) Any federal institution or agency;

(iv) Any institution, agency, or political subdivision of another state.

(2) (i) A State agency shall purchase goods and services from State Use Industries, if the goods and services are available from State Use Industries.

(ii) The provisions of subsection (a) are applicable only to goods and services that the State Use Industries can supply at a cost that is no more than the prevailing average market price for goods as determined by the Department of General Services and services as determined by the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning.

(iii) The provisions of this subsection shall be suspended by the Board of Public Works if the Board of Public Works determines that, as a result of the volume and scope of activities and sales by State Use Industries, the purposes of the Procurement Article (Article 21 of the Code) are being unduly eroded.

(b) (1) The Division and the State Use Industries shall consult with the Department of General Services, contracting agencies, and political subdivisions and establish uniform standards of quantity, quality, style, design, delivery, scheduling, and pricing.

(2) The uniform standards shall be designed to reflect planned and forecasted product lines and production operations of State Use Industries commensurate with the State Use Industries' ability to produce.

(3) Following review of the uniform standards by the Advisory Committee, these standards shall be sent to the appropriate contracting agency for inclusion in the annual goods and service procurement contracts.

(c) (1) The contracting agency shall inform each State agency for which it procures goods or services within 60 days of the award of the contracts. All such agencies that require such goods and services for their operation shall transmit information