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§ 1245.303 Criteria.

The following categories of inventions will be considered for the filing of patent applications by NASA in countries other than the United States:

(a) Inventions which may be utilized abroad in governmental programs of the United States.

(b) Inventions which may be exploited abroad in the public interest by license to U.S. nationals or others.

(c) Inventions which may be utilized in applications type satellites, such as communications and meteorological satellites.

(d) Inventions considered to be basic discoveries or of major significance in an art.

(e) Inventions in fields which directly concern the public health or public welfare.

§ 1245.304 Procedures.

(a) The patent counsel at each NASA field installation will review all invention disclosures at the time of docketing and will expedite the processing and preparation of a U.S. patent application, if justified, on those inventions which appear to fall within the criteria set forth in §1245.303. The patent counsel will make a recommendation as to whether or not foreign patent coverage appears justified at the time of assigning a priority evaluation to a disclosed invention.

(b) Preparation and filing of patent applications in foreign countries will be subject to approval of the Assistant General Counsel for Patent Matters, NASA Headquarters.

(c) The Office of Assistant General Counsel for Patent Matters will budget for and administer the filing of all patent applications in countries other than the United States.

(d) Coordination with other interested NASA offices will be undertaken by the Assistant General Counsel for Patent Matters.

Subpart 4 [Reserved]

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Subpart 5—Authority and Delegations To Take Certain Actions Relating to Patents and Other Intellectual Property Rights

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§ 1245.500 Scope.

This subpart 5 sets forth the authority and delegations relating to intellectual property rights, and the administration of the NASA patent program.

§ 1245.501 General Counsel.

The General Counsel administers the NASA patent program and is delegated authority to take the following specific actions related to intellectual property, including patent, copyright, trademark, and related matters:

(a) *Determination of rights.* (1) To execute notifications of the Administrator's determinations made pursuant to section 305(a) of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended;

(2) To make determinations, under Executive Order 10096 of January 23, 1950, as amended, of the respective rights of the Government and of the inventor in and to inventions made by employees under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and to appoint a liaison officer to deal with the Commissioner of Patents in such matters pursuant to 37 CFR 100.10, "Administration of a Uniform Patent Policy With Respect to the Domestic Rights in Inventions Made by Government Employees";

(b) *Powers of attorney.* To appoint and/or revoke principal attorneys and to execute necessary powers of attorney for the purpose of filing and prosecuting patent applications in which the United States, as represented by the Administrator, has an interest by way of either title or license;

(c) *Application papers and statements.* To receive patent applications, documents, and statements transmitted to the Administrator pursuant to section 305(c) of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended;