

**§ 3015.162**

may not impose on recipients property requirements (including property reporting requirements) not authorized by this subpart.

**§ 3015.162 Title to real property, equipment and supplies.**

Subject to the obligations and conditions specified in this subpart, title to real property, equipment, and supplies acquired under a grant or subgrant shall vest, upon acquisition, in the recipient or subrecipient, respectively. In certain cases, money due the Federal government upon disposition of real property may be authorized to be used for allowable costs rather than paid to USDA. (See § 3015.173.)

**§ 3015.163 Real property.**

Except as stated otherwise by Federal statutes, real property applicable to this subpart shall be subject to the following requirements, in addition to any other requirements imposed by the provisions of the grant award:

(a) *Use.* The property shall be used for the originally authorized purpose as long as needed for that purpose. When no longer so needed, the awarding agency may approve the use of the property for other purposes. These uses shall be limited to:

(1) Projects or programs supported by other Federal grants or assistance agreements.

(2) Activities not supported by other Federal grants or assistance agreements but having purposes consistent with those of the legislation under which the original grant was made.

(b) *Transfer of title.* In accordance with paragraph (a) of this section, approval may be requested from the awarding agency to transfer title to an eligible third party for continued use for authorized purposes. If approval is permissible under Federal statutes, and is given, the terms of the transfer shall provide that the transferee shall assume all the rights and obligations of the transferor set forth in this subpart or in other terms of the grant or subgrant.

(c) *Disposition.* When the real property is no longer to be used as provided in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, the disposition instructions of the awarding agency shall be followed.

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Those instructions will provide for one of the following alternatives:

(1) The property shall be sold and the Federal government shall have a right to an amount computed by multiplying the Federal share of the property times the proceeds from sale (after deducting actual and reasonable selling and fix-up expenses, if any, from the sales proceeds). Proper sales procedures shall be followed which provide for competition to the extent practicable and result in the highest possible return.

(2) The recipient shall have the option either of selling the property in accordance with paragraph (c)(1) of this section or of retaining title. If title is retained, the Federal government shall have a right to an amount computed by multiplying the market value of the property by the Federal share of the property.

(3) The recipient shall transfer the title to either the Federal government or an eligible non-Federal party named by the awarding agency. The recipient shall be entitled to be paid an amount computed by multiplying the market value of the property by the non-Federal share of the property. In cases where the property belonged to a subrecipient, see § 3015.172 for the subrecipient's share.

**§ 3015.164 Statutory exemptions for equipment and supplies.**

(a) In certain circumstances some Federal statutes permit title to equipment or supplies acquired with grant funds to vest in the recipient without further obligation to the Federal government or on such terms and conditions set forth in the grant award, as deemed appropriate. The Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977, Pub. L. 95-224, is an example of such a statute. It provides this authority for equipment and supplies purchased with the funds of grants (and Federal contracts and cooperative agreements) for the conduct of basic or applied scientific research at non-profit institutions of higher education or at non-profit organizations whose primary purpose is the conduct of scientific research.

(b) If equipment is subject to a statute of the kind described in paragraph (a) of this section, it shall be exempt