

whether the property is scrap. The contractor shall sort the scrap to the extent economically feasible to assure the highest sale proceeds.

(b) The plant clearance officer shall review the schedules of property reported as scrap and, if necessary, physically inspect the property involved. If the plant clearance officer determines that any of the property is serviceable, usable, or salvable, the contractor shall resubmit it on appropriate inventory schedules.

#### 45.607-2 Recovering precious metals.

(a) GSA is responsible for initiating the Government-wide precious metals recovery program (see FPMR 101-42.3 for procedures and requirements in recovering precious metals).

(b) Agencies shall assure that contractors generating contractor inventory containing precious metal-bearing scrap identify and promptly report such items. Agencies are also responsible for establishing and maintaining a program for recovering precious metals. Agencies having no recovery and disposal facility available may request information or recovery assistance from the GSA regional office serving the area or the DOD Precious Metals Recovery Program, Defense Logistics Agency, Attn: DLSC-LC, 8725 John J Kingman Road, Fort Belvoir VA 22060.

(c) Precious metals shall be packaged in nonporous, smooth containers in a manner to prevent loss through leakage or damage to the containers. (Glass containers shall not be used.) Grindings or sweepings shall not be packaged in paper or wooden containers, because loss occurs by adhesion to the containers. Containers shall be marked to show the type of precious metals.

(d) The shipping document shall indicate the net weight of each item to the nearest ounce (troy or avoirdupois). Shipment shall be made by the most economical means available, consistent with adequate safeguards to prevent loss or theft.

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#### 45.608 Screening of contractor inventory.

##### 45.608-1 General.

(a) Serviceable or usable property included in the contractor's inventory schedules that is not purchased or retained by the prime contractor or subcontractor or returned to suppliers shall be screened for use by Government agencies before disposition by donation or sale. Agencies shall assure the widespread dissemination of information concerning the availability of contractor inventory.

(b) There are four categories of screening: standard, agency, limited, and special items. The plant clearance officer shall determine the categories of screening required, initiate prescribed screening, and assure accomplishment of transfer and donation.

Table 45-1 lists the type of property and screening period for each of these categories. When circumstances warrant, the plant clearance officer may extend the period for agency screening or arrange for more extensive screening than that prescribed. In the event of a conflict between Table 45-1 and a specific contract requirement, items shall be screened as provided by the contract.

TABLE 45-1  
Screening Requirements by Type of Property

Screening Categories	Type of Property	Period
Standard	Line items valued at \$1,000 or more (\$500 for furniture).	90 days/(see 45.608-2)
Agency	Special tooling, perishables, property bearing a security classification, property dangerous to public health and safety, regardless of acquisition cost, and agency-peculiar property..	30 days/(See 45.608-3)
Limited	Special tooling, scrap and salvage, property in condition codes 3, 6, 9, X, and S, work-in-process, inventory schedules (the total acquisition cost of which is reported as \$2,500 or less), and line items of less than \$1,000 (\$500 for furniture) (except perishables, property bearing a security classification, and property dangerous to public health and safety)..	30 days/(see 45.608-4)
Special Items	Special test equipment with standard components..	(see 45.608-5(a))

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**TABLE 45-1—Continued**  
Screening Requirements by Type of Property

Screening Categories	Type of Property	Period
	Special test equipment without standard components..	(see 45.608-5(b))
	Printing equipment. ....	(see 45.608-5(c))
	Nuclear materials. ....	(see 45.608-5(d))

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**45.608-2 Standard screening.**

(a) Standard screening applies to serviceable property with a line item value of \$1,000 or more (\$500 for furniture) that does not meet the criteria for another screening category.

(b) Standard screening begins on the date the plant clearance officer receives acceptable contractor inventory schedules and ends 90 days thereafter. The period is broken into three phases as follows:

(1) *1st through 30th day—screening by the contracting agency.* The agency shall screen the listed items for its use. When screening is completed, the plant clearance officer shall delete the retained items from the schedules.

(2) *31st through 75th day—screening by all Federal agencies.* Not later than the 31st day, the plant clearance officer shall send four copies of the revised schedules and Standard Form (SF) 120, Report of Excess Personal Property, to the General Services Administration (GSA) regional office that serves the region in which the property is located. If the plant clearance officer receives a request for property transfer after submission of the SF 120, and before receiving a GSA property transfer order, a prompt request shall be forwarded to GSA for approval to withdraw the items from the inventory schedule. The regional GSA office will prepare and issue circulars and catalogs to all Federal agencies within the region. GSA will honor requests for transfer of property on a *first-come first-served* basis through the 75th day. The GSA regional office will transmit to the plant clearance officer the approved orders and shipping instructions for property to be transferred. The 75th day is the

surplus release date and will be shown on the SF 120. The plant clearance officer may not extend this date.

(3) *76th through 90th day—screening by GSA for possible donation.* During this period, GSA will arrange for screening of all remaining property for possible donation to eligible donees. Procedures for donation are in 45.609. The 90th day is the screening completion date and will be shown on the SF 120. The plant clearance officer shall not extend this date.

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**45.608-3 Agency screening.**

Agency screening is the procedure for screening certain types of property (see Table 45-1) only within the contracting agency. The screening period begins on the date the plant clearance officer receives acceptable inventory schedules and ends 30 days later.

**45.608-4 Limited screening.**

(a) Items that are scrap or salvage or that otherwise have a limited potential for use (except special tooling) are not ordinarily subject to standard or agency screening. The plant clearance officer shall include listings of such property in a special file, which shall be made available to GSA for limited screening. The screening period for such property begins on the date the plant clearance officer receives acceptable inventory schedules and ends 30 days later. This period is apportioned into two phases, as follows:

(1) *1st through 15th day—GSA selection of items for Federal utilization.*

(2) *16th through 30th day—GSA selection of items for donation.*

(b) For special tooling, the screening period described in paragraph (a) above begins upon completion of agency screening.

**45.608-5 Special items screening.**

Special procedures are established for the following types of property:

(a) *Special test equipment with standard components.* (1) Contractors reporting special test equipment that contains standard, general, or multipurpose components will describe the composite unit to clearly reflect its capability. Standard components that can