GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Washington, DC 20405

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GSA BULLETIN FMR B-41
FOREIGN GIFT AND DECORATION MINIMAL VALUE

TO: Heads of Federal agencies

SUBJECT: Redefinition of Foreign Gifts and Decorations Minimal Value

1. What is the purpose of this bulletin? In accordance with Federal Management Regulation (FMR) § 102-42.10, this bulletin provides the redefined minimal value for foreign gifts and decorations received by employees of the U. S. Government.

2. When does this bulletin expire? This bulletin remains in effect until cancelled.

3. What is the background? General Services Administration (GSA), in consultation with the Secretary of State, must redefine the minimal value of foreign gifts and decorations to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the preceding three-year period, as specified under 5 U.S.C. § 7342, Receipt and Disposition of Foreign Gifts and Decorations. The minimal value was last redefined effective January 1, 2014, and therefore, must be redefined as of January 1, 2017.

4. What will be the minimal value beginning January 1, 2017? The Government-wide minimal value beginning January 1, 2017, is **$390.00.** This increase is retroactively effective to January 1, 2017.

5. What must I do as a result of this bulletin? You should apply the new minimal value to foreign gifts and decorations received on or after January 1, 2017. Per FMR § 102-42.10, an agency may, by regulation, specify a lower value than the Government-wide value for its agency employees.

6. Who should I call for further information? For further information, you may contact Robert Holcombe, Program Director, Personal Property Management Policy, (MAD), Office of Government-wide Policy, General Services Administration, Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-3828.

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