

<b>Products or Services</b>	PARTS, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FOR RURAL ELECTRIC AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS
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<b>Initiated</b>	1938.
<b>Compliance</b>	Required for designated parties using RUS loans.
<b>Authority</b>	Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901). 7 CFR Part 1700.
<b>Aim</b>	To minimize capital requirements and control the quality of materials and equipment incorporated into rural electric and telephone systems. The evaluation and listing of material and equipment insures the availability of suitable products at reasonable costs and, together with RUS standards for construction and installation, provides an important element of loan security.
<b>Methodology</b>	Electric and telephone systems receiving financing administered by RUS should use materials and equipment evaluated and accepted by RUS.
<b>Testing</b>	Government labs. Manufacturers' labs.
<b>Conformity Identification</b>	Accepted products for rural electric systems are included in RUS Informational Publication 202-1 "List of Materials Acceptable for Use on Systems of RUS Electrification Borrowers." Accepted products rural telephone systems are listed in RUS Informational Publication 344-2 "List of Materials Acceptable for Use on Telecommunications Systems of RUS Borrowers."

**Availability  
of Documentation**

Informational Publications are available on a subscription basis from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. Information on acceptable telecommunications/electric materials is also available on the RUS website as <http://www.usda.gov/rus/home/home.htm>.

**Enforcement**

Acceptance voiding.

**Term**

Indefinite term.

**Standards, Codes  
or Regulations**

RUS prepares product standards which define performance and design requirements together with acceptance criteria.

**Keywords**

acceptable materials; central office equipment; components; distribution; electric systems; electronic; microwave; radio-telephone; telecommunications; telephone; transmission