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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES MEMORANDUM NO. 09-06

TO: University Administrators and Chancellors

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**SUBJECT: ELIMINATION OF NON-CAPITAL THEFT SENSITIVE CONTROLLED
PROPERTY ASSET STATUS**

After reviewing the positive and negative impact of tracking non-capital theft sensitive controlled property (CP) assets in the Fixed Assets System (FFX) module of FMIS, the University of Hawaii Business Process Council has recommended that the mandatory requirement to establish an asset record for non-capital theft sensitive CP assets be eliminated. Key components supporting this recommendation are as follows:

1. One of the primary reasons for centralized administration of asset records is to allow for accurate asset reporting for financial and extramural award purposes. The reporting requirements, however, do not apply to the general population of non-capital theft sensitive items.
2. Individual departments can tailor their programs to appropriately address their risk associated with non-capital theft sensitive property.
3. For internal control purposes, physical security, individual responsibility and custodial oversight are at the department level and are more effective than central administration that PFMO may provide.
4. There should be a substantial decrease in paperwork and processing time for departments relating to non-capital assets as documents previously submitted to the Property and Fund Management Office (PFMO) for action can now be handled internally by the departments (i.e., transfers and disposals).
5. There should be a substantial reduction in time required by departments to complete and submit to PFMO annual equipment inventory verifications since non-capital assets will not be included.

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6. Departments will no longer need to transfer non-capital assets accountable to an invalid SL account code (accounts created and purged from FMIS because they are no longer required for accounting purposes) to a valid SL account code in FFX since non-capital assets will not be tracked in FFX.

The following classification of assets shall be removed from the definition of CP as defined in APM A8.550, Capitalization:

3) theft sensitive personal property with a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of at least \$1,000, but less than \$5,000 per unit. Theft sensitive property shall include:

- a. Fax machines*
- b. Microscopes and balances*
- c. Television sets, audiovisual recorders/players, cameras*
- d. Computers, printers, monitors, scanners*
- e. Works of art*
- f. Other items determined by a program to be theft sensitive or have a high loss history.*

The only mandatory asset records that must be established are for moveable equipment with a unit cost of \$5,000 or greater and a useful life of more than one year, firearms/weapons regardless of cost, and Federal/agency owned property regardless of cost which is accountable to the University under provisions of an extramural award.

Individual departments are to exercise appropriate control over their non-capital purchases that no longer meet the revised CP guidelines. As with all University purchases, management and individual responsibility for care, custody and physical security will continue to apply to all non-capital equipment purchases so that proper stewardship of public, Federal and agency funds is supported.

Impact

- 1. Existing asset records of non-capital theft sensitive items.** Since the centralized tracking of non-capital theft sensitive items is no longer mandatory, PFMO will discontinue administrative oversight of these assets. Applicable non-capital assets will be marked as “deleted” (status code D) in FFX. However, departments will continue to have access to their existing non-capital theft sensitive asset records in eInventory for viewing, updating, transferring and disposing if they choose to do so.
- 2. Annual inventory verification.** The annual physical inventory verification that is coordinated by PFMO will not include the assets that no longer meet the revised controlled property definition beginning with the June 30, 2009 inventory.

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3. **APMs.** Existing APMs have been updated to reflect the revised definition of CP. For both of the following APMs, the definition of CP will be revised. Non-capital theft sensitive items will no longer be considered CP.
 - APM A8.505, State Personal Property
 - APM A8.550, Capitalization
4. **eInventory.** ITS is working on modifications to eInventory to include basic functionality for departmental management of non-capital assets. The target completion date is June 30, 2009. Please note that tracking is non-mandatory and any tracking can be tailored accordingly.
5. **New acquisitions.** PFMO will no longer create non-capital theft sensitive asset records in FFX. If the individual campuses/departments elect to track any of these assets, they will be able to create asset records in eInventory when available. This process reflects the current Kualu Financial System (KFS) business process for non-capital assets.
6. **Asset decals.** For departments that elect to track non-capital assets using eInventory, decals for identification purposes can be obtained through PFMO. Decals issued by departments for non-capital assets will be both human and machine readable and will be printed on a white background.
7. **Transfers.** Form FMIS-74, Equipment Transfer, should be submitted to PFMO for processing transfers of equipment and controlled property assets administered by PFMO. As a reminder, transfers of building location, room/floor, other location and custodian name should continue to be updated by the departments in eInventory.
8. **Disposals.** Form FMIS-76, Disposal Application, should be submitted to PFMO for processing disposals of equipment and controlled property assets administered by PFMO.
9. **Subcodes.** New subcodes have been established for CP assets to be administratively monitored by PFMO.
 - **7759 Federal/agency owned property < \$5K**
 - **7789 Firearms/weapons < \$5K**

Departments should continue to code Federal/agency owned property and firearms/weapons \geq \$5,000.00 per unit to an already existing equipment subcode in the 77X0 subcode format as appropriate.

- **7700 Equip, & Mach, Other**
- **7710 Equip, Office**
- **7720 Equip, Educational**
- **7730 Equip, Scientific**
- **7780 Motor Vehicle**

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10. Processing by PFMO. Effective May 22, 2009, PFMO will no longer create, transfer or dispose of non-capital theft sensitive assets.

Should you have any questions, please call Karen Morimoto at 956-3359.