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STANAG 3151 (EDITION 10) – CODIFICATION - UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ITEM IDENTIFICATION

Reference:

NSA/0377-AC135/3151 dated 30 March 2004

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**NATO STANDARDIZATION OFFICE
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**STANDARDIZATION AGREEMENT
(STANAG)**

SUBJECT: CODIFICATION - UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ITEM IDENTIFICATION

Promulgated on 5 March 2015

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RECORD OF AMENDMENTS

No.	Reference/Date of amendment	Date entered	Signature

EXPLANATORY NOTES

AGREEMENT

1. This STANAG is promulgated by the Director NATO Standardization Agency under the authority vested in him by the North Atlantic Council.
2. No departure may be made from the agreement without informing the tasking authority in the form of a reservation. Nations may propose changes at any time to the tasking authority where they will be processed in the same manner as the original agreement.
3. Ratifying nations have agreed that national orders, manuals and instructions implementing this STANAG will include a reference to the STANAG number for purposes of identification.

RATIFICATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND RESERVATIONS

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**NATO STANDARDIZATION AGREEMENT
(STANAG)**

CODIFICATION - UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ITEM IDENTIFICATION

Related Documents:

STANAG 3150 - Codification - Uniform System of Supply Classification

ACodP-1 - NATO Manual on Codification

AIM

1. The aim of this agreement is to provide a uniform system of item identification for use by the Armed Forces of the NATO Nations as well as AC/135 Sponsored countries¹.

AGREEMENT

2. Participating nations agree to the following:
 - a. The United States "Federal System of Item Identification" is adopted as the basis for the NATO Item Identification System.
 - b. The NATO Uniform System of Item Identification, together with the NATO Uniform System of Supply Classification (STANAG 3150), forms the basis for the NATO Codification System.
 - c. All signatories participating in this agreement will use the NATO Item Identification System.
 - d. The NATO Group of National Directors on Codification (AC/135) is accepted as the responsible body to ensure the continuity and the interpretation of the system as described in the NATO Manual on Codification (ACodP-1).
 - e. Rules and procedures for the NATO Codification System are published in the NATO Manual on Codification (ACodP-1) under the authority of the AC/135. Agreements may be entered into between countries to supplement the dispositions of ACodP-1, but they must refer to this Manual and no contradictory dispositions shall be included.
 - f. The considerable interdependence of the system among the NATO Nations and AC/135 Sponsored countries necessitates a constant co-ordination of interests. Any major development or change envisaged by one partner will

¹ (1) PO(2001)225 dated 20 December 2001

therefore be communicated to the other signatories in sufficient time to examine its implications and effects and for establishment of implementation details.

- g. A uniform stock numbering system, based on the main principle that design control authority countries normally codify their products for all user countries, will be applied. When the main principle cannot be applied, alternative procedures are published in ACodP-1.
- h. A NATO Stock Number (NSN) of 13 digits in length, composed of a 4 digit NATO Supply Classification Code and a 9 digit NATO Item Identification Number (NIIN) is accepted by all signatories for assignment to an item of supply. The 9 digit NATO Item Identification Number is composed of a 2 digit NATO Code for the National Codification Bureau (NCB) plus a 7 digit non-significant number assigned by the individual NCB.

Example:

1005	13	123 4567
NATO Supply Classification Code	NATO Code for NCB	Non-significant Number
	NATO Item Identification Number (NIIN) - (Note 1)	
NATO STOCK NUMBER (NSN) - (Note 1)		

NOTE: (1) Terms used by the United States for US assigned NSNs:

"National Item Identification Number" for "NATO Item Identification Number" and "National Stock Number" for "NATO Stock Number".

To provide recognition at all times of NATO Stock Numbers the 13 digit NSN as illustrated above shall not be separated by supply management codes or other symbols.

- i. It will remain a principle of the NATO Codification System that an item of supply produced in more than one country shall be assigned the same NATO Stock Number when the signatories concerned agree that the items are identical.
- j. The method and rate of application of this STANAG within each NATO Nation shall remain a matter of National discretion.
- k. No signatory will terminate this agreement without three months formal notice to the other signatories.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

3. This STANAG is implemented when the provisions detailed in this agreement have been included in the national documentation concerned.