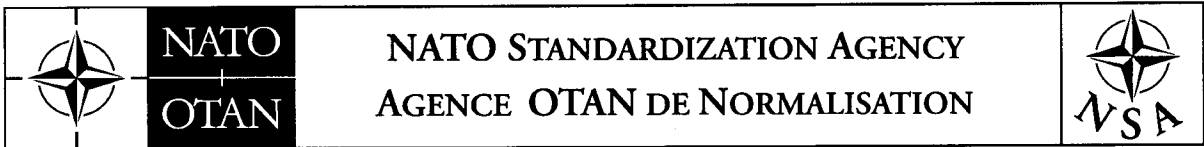


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STANAG 3151 (EDITION 9) – CODIFICATION – UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ITEM IDENTIFICATION

Reference: MAS/269-3151, dated 28 July 1994 (Edition 8)

1. The enclosed NATO Standardization Agreement, which has been ratified by nations as reflected in the NATO Standardization Document Database (NSDD), is promulgated herewith.
2. The reference listed above is to be destroyed in accordance with local document destruction procedures.
3. AAP-4 should be amended to reflect the latest status of the STANAG.
4. AC/135 considers this an editorial edition to the STANAG; previous ratifying references and implementation details are deemed to be valid.

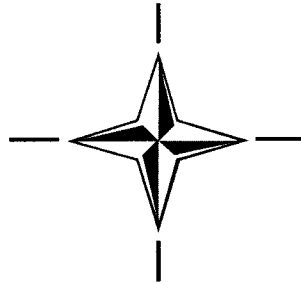
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**NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION
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**NATO STANDARDIZATION AGENCY
(NSA)**

**STANDARDIZATION AGREEMENT
(STANAG)**

SUBJECT: CODIFICATION – UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ITEM IDENTIFICATION

Promulgated on 30 March 2004

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RECORD OF AMENDMENTS

No.	Reference/date of Amendment	Date Entered	Signature

EXPLANATORY NOTES

AGREEMENT

1. This NATO Standardization Agreement (STANAG) is promulgated by the Director NATO Standardization Agency under the authority vested in him by the NATO Standardization Organisation Charter.

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

4. Ratification, implementation and reservation details are available on request or through the NSA websites (internet <http://nsa.nato.int>; NATO Secure WAN <http://nsa.hq.nato.int>).

FEEDBACK

5. Any comments concerning this publication should be directed to NATO/NSA – Bvd Leopold III - 1110 Brussels - BE.

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 countries.

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 Group of National Directors on Codification. 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 countries necessitates a constant co-ordination of interests. Any major development or change envisaged by one partner will 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 principle that producing countries normally codify their products for all user countries, will be applied.

Exceptions have been agreed as follows:

- (1) Items produced in Non-NATO countries are codified by the NATO country procuring the item for the first time;

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- (2) Items identified solely by NATO Production and Logistics Organizations (NPLO) drawings/ specifications, are to be codified by a NATO pilot country as determined and agreed by AC/135.

- 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 country 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.