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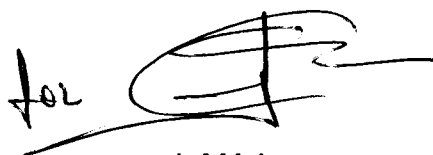
STANAG 4177 (EDITION 5) – CODIFICATION – UNIFORM SYSTEM OF DATA ACQUISITION

References: a. NSA/0378-AC135/4177, dated 30 March 2004 (EDITION 4)

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.

ACTION BY NATIONAL STAFFS

4. AC/135 considers this an editorial edition to the STANAG; previous ratifying references and implementation details are deemed to be valid.

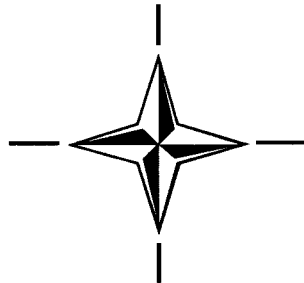


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(NATO)**



**NATO STANDARDIZATION AGENCY
(NSA)**

**STANDARDIZATION AGREEMENT
(STANAG)**

SUBJECT: CODIFICATION – UNIFORM SYSTEM OF DATA ACQUISITION

Promulgated on 14 June 2007

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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 DATA ACQUISITION

ANNEX A: Contract Clause Relating to the Supply of Technical Data for Identifying Items of Supply within the NATO Codification System.

Related documents:

STANAG 3150	Codification - Uniform System of Supply Classification
STANAG 3151	Codification - Uniform System of Item Identification
ACodP-1	NATO Manual on Codification

AIM

1. The aim of this agreement is to provide the policy for execution of a uniform system of data acquisition for use by the armed forces of the NATO countries and by NATO Agencies in Codification.

AGREEMENT

2. Participating countries agree to the following:
- a. Contracts for the supply of equipment and spare parts will include a clause, or an equivalent contractual instrument, for furnishing on request to the Codification Authority in the country of design or production such Technical Data as may be required for item identification purposes.
 - b. Technical information extracted for codification purposes from manufacturers' documentation may under this agreement be used for national and international governmental transactions. In the event of any part of it being categorized "Commercial in Confidence" such information will not be released outside governmental circles without the written authority of the manufacturer.
 - c. Some national Codification Authorities require that draft item identifications are prepared by the contractor as part of the Technical Data to be delivered under the contract. The extent and form of these draft item identifications is to be agreed between the contractor and the pertinent Codification Authorities with suitable conditions included in the final contract.
 - d. Conditions for the delivery of the Technical Data required for identification of items of supply are to be included in all contracts for equipment and spare parts.
 - e. All signatories participating in this agreement will in their contracts use a contract clause on the lines of the attached Annex A requiring contractors to furnish Technical Data as applicable. The clause may be substituted by equivalent contractual arrangements if so desired, as long as the delivery of proper documentation is guaranteed.
 - f. The method and rate of application of this STANAG within each NATO country shall remain a matter of national discretion.
 - g. 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 are included in the national documentation concerned.

**CONTRACT CLAUSE RELATING TO THE SUPPLY OF TECHNICAL DATA
FOR IDENTIFYING ITEMS OF SUPPLY WITHIN THE NATO CODIFICATION SYSTEM**

1. In this Clause:
 - a. "Codification Authority" means the National Codification Bureau (NCB) or Authorized Agency for Codification located in the country of design of the item(s) covered by this contract if the contractor is located in a NATO country or in an sponsored tier 2 country and if the contractor is not located in a NATO country or in an sponsored tier 2 country the "Codification Authority" will be the National Codification Bureau or Authorized Agency of the country where the "Contracting Authority" is located.
 - b. "Contracting Authority" means the procurement activity of a NATO country or a NATO Management Authority/ Activity.
 - c. "Technical Data" means the engineering drawings, standards, specification and/or technical documentation required to fully identify the items designated by the Contracting Authority to support the equipment covered by the contract.
 - d. "Equivalent contractual instrument" means an agreed formal contractual statement by which a contractor undertakes to furnish technical data in support of codification.
2. Technical Data (comprising drawings, specifications, catalogues or any other information describing the physical characteristics of an item) is required to enable codification to be undertaken for the identification and management of materiel as required by the NATO Codification System (NCS).

The contractor shall make available to the Codification Authority, within the timescales specified, the necessary technical data for all items supplied under this contract. This information can be provided either as 'hard copy' drawings, specifications etc or, where appropriate and available, via access by the Codification Authority to electronic data held at a specific World-Wide Web site address.

The contractor shall dispatch the data or arrange for access to the data via the web, from sub-contractors or suppliers on request from the Codification Authority within the timescales specified in the contract.

In addition to the initial provision of technical data the contractor shall also provide any updated information on all items specified in this contract resulting from agreed modifications, design or drawing changes as and when these changes are made during the life of the contract.
3. The contractor shall include the terms of this clause or an equivalent contractual instrument in any sub-contract(s) to ensure the availability of technical data to the Codification Authority. If dispatch of the data takes place from the sub-contractor or supplier, the contractor shall provide details of sub-contract numbers or similar to enable the Codification Authority to approach the sub-contractor or supplier direct for the data.
4. In the event of a sub-contract order being placed with a manufacturer in a non-NATO country, the contractor shall be responsible for obtaining the necessary technical data from the sub-contractor/supplier and furnishing it to the Contracting Authority.
5. The Technical Data for codification purposes shall include the name and address of the Design Control Authority(s), the Design Control Authority's drawing or item part number(s), standards/ specifications reference number(s) and item name(s), if these elements have not been provided in the Recommended Spare Parts List (RSPL) supplied in the initial provisioning phase, such that contractors will not be misled.
6. If the contractor/sub-contractor or supplier has previously supplied Technical Data for codification purpose on any of the items covered in this contract to the requesting Codification Authority, he is to state this fact and to indicate to which NCB/Codification Agency they were supplied. He shall not under normal circumstances be required to make further supply of the data already provided.
7. The contractor, sub-contractor or supplier shall contact the Codification Authority in his country for any information concerning the NATO Codification System.