

APPENDIX A-47

SHELF-LIFE CODES (SLCs)

1. Number of characters: One.
2. Type of code: Alpha/Numeric.
3. Explanation: These codes indicate that an item of supply possesses deteriorative or unstable characteristics to the degree that a limited storage time period must be assigned to assure issue of satisfactory materiel. Each code indicates both shelf-life in months and whether the shelf-life is nonextendable (Type I) or extendable (Type II). Shelf-life periods are recorded in the Supply Control File as months as well as by code.
4. Source: DoD 4100.39-M, Volume 10, Table 50.
5. Codes are assigned as follows:

<u>SHELF-LIFE PERIOD</u>	<u>CODE</u>	
	<u>TYPE I</u>	<u>TYPE II</u>
Nondeteriorative	0	0
1 month	A	
2 months	B	
3 months	C	1
4 months	D	
5 months	E	
6 months	F	2
9 months	G	3
12 months	H	4
15 months	J	
18 months	K	5
21 months	L	
24 months	M	6
27 months	N	
30 months	P	
36 months	Q	7
48 months	R	8
60 months	S	9
72 months	I	
84 months	T	
96 months	U	
108 months	V	
120 months	W	
144 months	Y	
240 months	Z	
Medical Items, Parachutes and Chemical Protective Clothing with a shelf-life greater than 60 months.		X

NOTE: The Shelf-Life Code field may be blank only if the NSN is in FSG 11, 13, or 14; or in FSC 2845, 8905, 8910, 8915 or 9135. The Shelf-Life Code field may be blank when the Unit of Issue is GL and the FSC is 9130 or 9140.