

APPENDIX A-71

ACTION DECISION CODES

1. Number of characters: Two.
2. Type of code: Alpha.
3. Explanation:

a. These codes define the search pattern for an item when screening for stock availability across the DSCs supply support complex and provide system flexibility in processing of requisition type documents by DSC commodity requirements. They allow for the logical attrition of stocks and substitution within the criteria established in chapter 27, part II.

b. The two Search Patterns are:

(1) HORIZONTAL SEARCH PATTERN - An initial search across each distribution depot or SSP within the supply support complex of the processing DSC for the requisitioned item. The feasibility of substituting will not be considered until it is determined that the designated item is not available at any site under the DSCs cognizance, except if the stock number is coded with Action Decision Code AE or AF. The sequence of search for I&S items will be in accordance with the criteria set forth in chapter 27, part 2.

(2) VERTICAL SEARCH PATTERN - A search by distribution depot or SSP within the supply support complex of the processing DSC for first the requisitioned item, then the applicable I&S items. The search will not move to another distribution depot or SSP until it is determined that the requisitioned quantity cannot be supplied from stocks existing under the initially requested or I&S items located at the proposed shipping site. The sequence of substitution will be in accordance with criteria set forth in chapter 27, part 2.

4. Source: These codes are recorded in the National Inventory Record (NIR) with an Item Management Data Change Document, DIC ZJM.

5. The following codes are assigned:

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DEFINITION</u>
AA	This code depicts a horizontal search pattern item. If the item is a Requirements family head or an I&S master (preferred) all of the members (nonpreferred) will carry the same search pattern code.
AB	This code is the same as AA except the NSN must reflect a minimum order quantity on the NIR. Requisitions received for quantities in excess of the established minimum order quantity (excluding IPG I and II requisitions which will first search the designated preferred storage location, whereas if

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stocks located at that site are not sufficient to cover the total requirement, normal code action will apply) will immediately be placed on direct delivery from the vendor without an availability search. The type, size, and stockage logic will be the primary factors in determining application of this code. (At Centers using the DISC Control Levels, Action Decision Code AB will process in the same manner as Action Decision Code AA.)

- AC This code is the same as AA except the availability search of stock points is limited to those located on the same coast as the recipient of the materiel. This code will be utilized where transportation costs are significant in relation to the cost of the item.
- AD This code will cause processing as a Direct Delivery action on other than ISSP requisitions or on requisitions citing Advice Code 2C or 2J.
- AE This code depicts a horizontal search pattern except the initial search will be for Condition Code B assets across all locations. A check will be made for the availability of Condition Code C assets prior to Condition Code B, across all locations, for CONUS requisitioners. Condition Code A assets will be searched only upon depletion of all Condition B assets. All I&S items will be searched in the same manner.
- AF This code is the same as AE except the availability search of stock points is limited to those located on the same coast as the recipient of the materiel. This code will be utilized here transportation costs are significant in relation to the cost of the item.
- BA This code depicts a vertical search pattern item. If the item is a Requirements family head or an I&S master (preferred), all of the members (nonpreferred) will carry the same search pattern code.
- CS This code depicts items subject to special processing and search pattern techniques for subsistence items only.

NOTE: It should be recognized that the above codes are designed to offer the DSCs a variety of techniques for processing a requisition. The prime intent of these codes is to provide the DSCs with the capabilities to attrite designated stocks and/or conserve designated stocks through the most practical and economical means of supply support. They are not intended to bypass any normal requisition edit/validation checks, such as advice codes, levels, issue restrictions, and so forth.

6. Reference:

Appendix B-142, Item Management Data Change Document.