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Purpose: The Defense Logistics Management Standards Office (DLMSO) chaired a meeting on May 7, 2002 at the HQC for the purpose of refining requirements for completion of Phase I of the DoD WebSDR application. DAASC presented a live demonstration of the system which accesses requisition history to pre-fill data for the submitter. Discussion addressed program improvements and integration of on-line submissions to Components SDR systems. A list of attendees is shown at Enclosure 1.

Review of Meeting Topics:

A. DoD WebSDR Overview and Demonstration: Mr. Sean Humenansky, lead DAASC programmer, walked the Committee through the various input screens, providing background and processes associated with each. DoD WebSDR screenshots are available at: https://day2k1.daas.dla.mil/websdr/demo_files/demo.htm. (These will be updated as corrections/additions are incorporated.) Specific areas discussed are reflected below. Please note

Component follow-on actions.

Discrepancy Codes: The DoD WebSDR site allows for selection of three discrepancy codes per SDR. DLA, USA, and USN indicated that their current design allows for a maximum of two. However, since identification of packaging discrepancies offers a detailed breakdown and there is more likelihood that multiples of such discrepancy conditions could occur, there was a suggestion that use of the third input box be retained but restricted to the P___ codes. No action has been taken as yet. Components should confirm the acceptability of the suggested approach. The third code would be passed in SDR transactions using the remarks field.

RIC Flips on the Pre-Fill Logic: Under DLA modernization (BSM) a single Routing Identifier Code “SMS” will be used to identify the source of supply (vice currently assigned ICP RICs). It is not yet clear what the impact of this will be on the WebSDR identification of the action activity. No action has been taken.
Requirements for the Activity Identification (To, Initiator). The program currently requires that selected address lines be filled. The system will prefill the address based upon the customer-entered RIC or DoDAAC. It allows the customer to alter the prefilled information or to type in a clear-text address. It is not clear how to handle this information when passing the SDR transaction to the action activity. Component suggestions should be provided. Also, Components must specify if we need to restrict the current flexibly which lets the customer chose to use either RIC or DoDAAC. Currently the application uses the TAC 1 (mailing) address. Components should comment if this is not acceptable.

Transportation Control Number (TCN) and Recognition of Partial Shipments: Currently the program does not address multiple depot shipments in response to single MRO (identified by the partial indicator in the 16th position of the TCN). Because the inability to recognize such shipments is an ongoing problem, the DoD WebSDR application will be modified to improve visibility. DLMSO will propose search and display criteria.

Shipment, Billing, and Receipt Data: Changes and clarification as follows.

- The application will prefill check box for EMALL requisitions based upon presence of Distribution Code = 4. Customer will have option to check and will be able to indicate payment method by purchase card.
- Shipped/billed Condition Codes (codes and narrative) will be copied to Discrepant Condition Codes selection box for ease of selection.
- The application currently allows for item identification by CAGE/part number. It uses a break-out according to MILSTRIP reflecting the 5 digit CAGE and a 10 digit part number. While this will work for prefilled data, it may not work for customer entries where the actual part-number exceeds 10 digits. Components should suggest the desired length if they prefer greater flexibility.
- A new requirement to identify Controlled Inventory Item Code and Flight Critical Safety Parts/Critical Safety Item (FSCAP/CSI) was established. This will require changes to the FLIS interface, but will be incorporated in near future.

Incorrect Item Received Data:

- Part number field size for incorrect item identification Same as above.
- For item identification only one of three IDs is needed: NSN or Cage/Part Number (CAGE may be blank) or Description. A note will be provided to clarify.
- Condition Code selection box will reflect same possible entries as previous screen.

Preparing Official Data:

- The application will use a pop-up box to recommend that the customer provide an email address for efficient handling of the action activity response but will continue to accept a blank email address.
¬ DAAS will determine feasibility of prefilling the preparing official data based upon WebVLIPS ID/Password structure.

¬ Distribution Depot Packaging Data: This screen provides a strawman for data requirements as previously provided by the USA. USA and DLA are to evaluate usefulness and provide comments/revisions.

B. Component/DoD WebSDR Interface: DLA, USA, and USN have begun working with DAASC to map SDR data to transactions which will feed directly into internal Component SDR applications. The Components will continue to work independently with DAASC to develop transaction interfaces. The USAF must provide email addresses to which their SDRs should be forwarded. The Air Force expressed concern about the limited scope of the initial deployment. They had hoped to be able to integrate the WebSDR application with their receiving process. It is unclear how this would be accomplished.

C. Automated SDR Distribution: A strawman guide delineating the business rules for SDR distribution was distributed for Component review and comment. (See Enclosure 2.) The concept behind this approach is that the customer should not need to understand the sometimes confusing rules dictating where to forward their SDR. Instead the rules can be built into the system, although the customer will be able to override or supplement the distribution. Components should complete their review of the strawman guide and forward corrections and additions to DLMSO.

E. WebSDR Option under WebVLIPS: DAASC is exploring the potential benefits of controlling access to the DoD WebSDR website though the existing WebVLIPS application. WebVLIPS currently offers the user the ability to track logistics transactions from inception to completion. The planned approach would leverage WebVLIPS security features and consolidate password/login accounts for the customer. However, the restrictive nature of WebVLIPS creates a significant drawback to be considered. Many DoD WebSDR customers would be low volume, infrequent users. This customer profile is inconsistent with the DoD WebVLIPS security concept which locks accounts not used at least once in 45 consecutive days and requires that account passwords be changed every 90 days. It is not clear how to reconcile this conflict.

F. DAAS On-line History: DAAS retention of on-line data is currently limited to 30 days from closeout (e.g. MRA posted). DAAS will extend on-line accessibility to meet SDR requirements when clarification of the exact requirement has been provided. Components should make recommendations to DLMSO. The on-line history does not currently retain the AB_ series Direct Delivery Notice transactions. DAAS will explore the feasibility of including these so that the contract information can be accessed for prefiling the SDR and identifying the ICP as the appropriate action activity.

G. Phase II Development: The initial deployment of the DoD WebSDR will only address submission of SDRs. The Components all expressed interest in expanding the
functionality to include capturing disposition/response for customer access and historical analysis. This will be pursued at the next meeting.

H. Wrap-up, Next Meeting:

The Components and DLMSO continued to voice concern regarding resource expenditures on “competing” web applications. However, this review of the DoD WebSDR application was very positive and all agreed that the DoD effort should proceed. The long-term goal will be to integrate the DoD application into Component systems to become the primary method of SDR submission. An alternative goal will be to provide access for smaller DoD agencies and contractors.

Components representatives wishing to obtain access to the test application may do so by contacting Ms. Hilert. Subsequent to the meeting, DLA centers were provided password/login for independent exploration of the cite.

This meeting did not address Security Assistance (SA) customer use of the DoD WebSDR application. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) has indicated that SDR submission will be incorporated in the SA system now under development and the DoD application will not be used. The AFSAC office has expressed some interest in the potential use of the DoD application for interim support for SA customers depending on timing and suitable programming.

Ms. Hilert thanked all the participants for their attendance and urged each one to review and identify their respective Component requirements for the DoD WebSDR application. The attendees suggested quarterly meetings to maintain open communication and help advance the development effort. The next meeting will be planned for September 25, 2002.

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