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Process Review Committee (PRC) Meeting 99-1,
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The attached minutes of the DLMS Supply PRC Meeting 99-1 are forwarded for your information and appropriate action.

The 99-2 Supply PRC meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 20-22, 1999.

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Purpose: The Defense Logistics Management Standards Office (DLMSO) hosted the subject meeting at the Headquarters Complex, Ft. Belvoir, VA. Specific discussion topics are noted below. A list of attendees is shown at Enclosure 1.

Brief Summary of Discussion: Ms. Ellen Hilert and Ms. Mary Jane Johnson, Supply PRC Co-Chairs, and Ms. Vermella Savage, MILSTRIP Administrator, facilitated discussion.

Review of Meeting Topics:

a. **Air Force Policy Change for Reporting Assets under Defense Program for Redistribution of Assets (DEPRA).** Pat Cronin, AF ILSP, informed the PRC of recent changes in AF reporting of excess consumable assets where AF is the Primary Inventory Control Activity (PICA). The AF is no longer sending reports of excess to DEPRA for these assets since recent improvements to the AF systems now provide full visibility of these assets supporting the Joint Total Asset Visibility (JTAV). Reporting of additional AF owned assets will be discontinued under DEPRA as JTAV improvements are fielded. This change negates the colateral agreement with the Army and Navy for inter-Service free redistribution within EUCOM and PACOM. Redistribution under JTAV requires reimbursement. The AF was not able to successfully measure the impact of this change, and the Army and Navy may wish to pursue this with the Defense Automatic Addressing System Center (DAASC). Further, with the absence of a reciprocal agreement, the Army and Navy may wish to pursue changes to what assets they make available to the AF under DEPRA.

Action: DLMSO must update DEPRA procedures under the MILSTRIP Supplement.

b. **Draft Change Proposal for DAAS Edit of All DoD Requisitions for Invalid/Expired CJCS Project Codes.** The AF briefed the PRC at the 98-3 meeting on the highly successful implementation of a DAASC edit on AF requisitions for proper CJCS project codes. By request of the AF, DAASC rejects the invalid requisitions with a clear text explanation. By request

of the PRC, the AF documented their unique validation and submitted a change proposal for DoD-wide validation. The proposal suggested a PRC determination on the appropriateness of rejection or acceptance with modification of invalid requisitions. After discussion, the PRC agreed that the requisitions should not be rejected. When the proposal is staffed it will reflect a BK status (with a modified MILSTRIP definition) back to the submitter and continued processing of the requisition minus the project code. The proposal will also reflect assignment of a new status code with a definition specific to the project code for later use under the DLMS.

Action: DLMSO will discuss with the J4 their acceptance of responsibility for the providing a list of valid Project Codes and future updates to the DAASC in a manner similar to the authorized DoDAACs under Approved Change 9A/Addendum. It was noted that future plans should include use of a single source for identification and validation. Consideration will also be given to the addition of the invalid project code transactions to the unauthorized priority designator report. Barring unforeseen problems, the proposal will be released for staffing in this quarter.

c. **Draft Change Proposal for Removal of All Air Force "FX" Accounts from the DoD Materiel Obligation Validation (MOV) Program.** DLA strenuously objected to the requested circumventing of the MOV program as it is a proven method of validating requirements saving millions in cost avoidance. Although it appears that numerous FX accounts are already exempted by Air Force under a long-standing DAASC programming provision, there appears to be little validity to the argument that these accounts should be exempted due to either volume or the presumed manual effort to support the MOV.

Action: AF will investigate other options.

d. **Draft Change Proposal for Removal of All Air Force "FM" Accounts from the DoD Materiel Obligation Validation (MOV) Program.** This proposal would exempt the AF medical accounts from the MOV process until the planned 2003 fielding of a new automated system. Again, DLA objected to the requested exemption. The AF reported that a significant number of cancellations of valid requirements occurred under the MOV program due to nonresponse to the MOV request. The AF was advised to research the cause of the nonreceipt of the MOV request so that valid responses can be submitted rather than disabling the process.

Action: AF will investigate options.

e. **DLMS Implementation.** LTC Richard Modell, DLMSO, was introduced as the Chair of the IPT for Adoption of Commercial Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Standards for DoD Logistics Business Practices. The mission of the IPT is to develop a phased implementation plan that moves the DoD to commercial logistics EDI standards. The kick-off meeting of the IPT was held January 20, 1999. LTC Modell summarized for the PRC the objectives and taskings addressed at that meeting. For detailed information on the IPT refer to the IPT web page at www.log.edi.migration.hq.dla.mil.

f. **DLMS Mapping.** The chairs shared with the PRC an improved format for the DLSS to DLMS mapping found in the supplement to the DLMS manual. The 511 Requisition sample was distributed showing greater detail in mapping and explanation of embedded data and multi-use fields. The revised supplement will also provide greater detail listing available enhancements under the DLMS.

Action: The revised supplement will be posted to the web when complete. No provisions are currently planned for distributing hard-copy revisions to the manual. Once updated to the 4010 baseline, DLMSO will pursue complete reissuance of the manual. Also, DLMSO will determine status of DLMS equivalent of the MILSCAP PJJ transaction (question forwarded through DAASC for Navy).

g. **DLMS/DLSS Semiannual Status Report.** The status of Service/Agency reports is as follows: Navy, Marine Corps, DLA and GSA reports outstanding; Army in work/draft provided; AF received. The PRC reviewed individual changes to determine which may be implemented on a staggered basis.

Action: Components will continue efforts to complete reporting. DLMSO will post implementation status to the web as available.

h. **Draft Change Proposals Supporting Defense Security Assistance Management System (DSAMS).** Pat Craig of the Defense Security Assistance Development Center (DSADC) presented five change proposals for PRC review and comment:

1. **Establishment of New MILSTRIP Transactions, Advice Codes, and Status Codes for an Automated Price Quote Process.** The PRC suggested that the DSADC investigate using ANSI procurement transactions vice proprietary MILSTRIP transactions for DSAMS price quote interaction with the Commercial Buying Service.

2. **Establishment of New MILSTRIP Transaction for Suspension of Security Assistance requisitions and New Supply Status Codes to Report Results of the Suspension Request.** DSADC will rework this proposal to include supporting procedures (e.g. depot action to segregate stock).

3. **Revised Requisition Modification Criteria and New Advice Code for Security Assistance.** DSADC was advised to investigate use of ANSI (860 Purchase Order Change Request) for this purpose.

4. **Establishment of New MILSTRIP Advice Code for Shelf Life Materiel Destined for a FMS customer.** DLA voiced concerns that the proposed capability to request new procurement for shelf-life items would undermine the existing procedures. It would allow material purchased to support programmed requirements to remain in DLA stock while new material is bought to fill the requisition impacting stock rotation and eventually impacting overall prices if the new material continued to be sold at standard price. To reduce the negative impact, it was suggested that the proposal be modified to support requests for new shelf-life material at "market price." The additional cost might dissuade FMS customers from routinely requesting new material.

5. **Establishment of New MILSTRIP Supply Status Codes for Security Assistance Requisitions.** DLMSO will assist DSADC in modifying this proposal to reflect appropriate DLMS mapping for the supplemental information to be passed with the new status codes. If DSADC desires, they may address nonstandard placement of this information with the 80 rp transaction.

i. **Processing Cooperative Logistics Supply Support Arrangement (CLSSA) Requisitions.** Ms. Betty Holden, U.S. Army Security Assistance Command, requested that the PRC reopen approved DLMS Change 40 to expand the applicability of Not Mission Capable Supply (NMCS) and Anticipated of Not Mission Capable Supply (ANMCS) beyond CLSSA to all FMS requisitions. The PRC reiterated its earlier agreement that the Components move to implement change 40 which standardizes the application of NMCS/special transportation/handling coding among the Components. Any new requirement to expand coverage should be submitted as a new proposal. Additionally, in development of the proposed change, consideration should be given to impact on DoD 5105.38-M, Security Assistance Management Manual, policy for filling FMS requisitions at or below the reorder point.

j. **Issues Relevant to Approved DLSS/DLMS Change 9A**

w/Addendum, Validation of F/AD I Activities. This change implemented validation of F/AD I requisitions using a table of authorized activity DoDAACs maintained at the DAASC. Beginning on September 1, 1998, requisitions reflecting unauthorized use of the associated priority designators were output to a report. Components were to evaluate the process and consider moving to automatic downgrading four months after implementation.

k. **Performance Evaluation and General Issues.** The PRC agreed to postpone evaluation until the 99-2 meeting. This delay will allow the Services to adjust the list of authorized activities in accordance with newly defined F/AD criteria and the annual review directed by J4. It was noted that there is continued abuse incurred by civil agencies which the General Services Administration (GSA) is attempting to resolve. The AF requested clarification of contractor authorization for F/AD I and contractor representation on the Master Urgency List (MUL). In response, J4 will provide an informal brief on the MUL categories (CUE-CAP and BRICK-BAT) at the 99-2 meeting.

2. **Report Format, Sort Sequence.** The detail report lists requisitions in sequence by DoDAAC. This makes working with the report somewhat difficult for the AF. The AF will work with DAASC to determine the best way to obtain report data in a more usable sequence (sort by major command). DLMSO will look into suggesting possible enhancements to increase "user-friendliness."

3. **Automatic Downgrading on a Selected Basis.** Shortly after implementation of Change 9A, the U.S. Coast Guard requested that DAASC begin automatic downgrading of USCG requisitions which fail validation. DAASC advised the USCG to first seek a DoD solution to the method of implementing automatic downgrading and the USCG prepared a draft change proposal for PRC review. The PRC found no reason to delay the DAASC downgrading requested by the USCG.

Action: DLMSO will modify the draft proposal in accordance with PRC suggestions. As with the project code proposal above, the proposal will reflect a BK status (with modified MILSTRIP definition) back to the submitter and continued processing of the requisition. The proposal will also reflect assignment of a new status code with a definition specific to the PD for later use under the DLMS and the output report will be modified to show downgraded requisitions. DAASC will implement automatic downgrading for the USCG.

1. **Project Code 3AB Discussion.** This project code is used for material shipments to a designated activity for repair

and return or shipment as directed under a DMISA. The Army reported that there is a problem determining upon receipt at DLA depots which condition is applicable. It was proposed that the current repair and return meaning be retained for 3AB and a new code assigned for DMISA use thus minimizing the impact of the change.

Action: The Components were asked to check for possible "hard-coding" of the 3AB within their systems and respond by February 8, 1999. If such hard-coding is not reported, DLMSO will proceed with assignment of a new code and separation of the definition.

m. **Logistics Response Time (LRT) Steering Group Exploring New Metrics.** Mr. Terry Trepal, DUSD(L), informed the PRC of a proposed new LRT measurement for on-time deliveries based upon the customer required delivery date (RDD). The committee discussed at some length the inappropriateness of such a measurement. The true RDD date is not a routine entry, being required for subsistence requisitions only. Additionally, certain RDDs would be ignored by supply systems programmed to schedule delivery based upon the PD in accordance with Uniform Material Movement and Issue Priority System (UMMIPS). A preliminary DAASC inquiry to determine RDD usage has already been requested, however, Mr. Trepal will report the admonitions voiced at this meeting to the LRT group and those initiating the action.

n. **Weapons System Coding.** Postponed until 99-2 meeting. At that time, DLA will provide a WSDB demonstration and report status pursuant to DLA study (Task Order >Assessing the Feasibility for Providing Integrated Data Access to Weapon System Data=).

o. **EMALL Demonstration and Discussion.** Mr. Steve Bohn and Mr. Damond Osterhus, contractors supporting DoD EMALL development, provided a detailed demonstration and briefing on the electronic catalog and ordering system which has been operational since January 1998. Using EMALL, customers can view descriptive information and obtain stock availability prior to placing orders for purchase by IMPAC card or interfund payment. Orders are filled from depot stocks or under direct vendor delivery contracts. The JECPO is working with the Services to increase EMALL flexibility in an effort to gain greater acceptance of the new system. Two draft change proposals supporting EMALL were presented to the PRC for review and comment:

1. **In-The-Clear Addressing for MILSTRIP-Based Requisitions.** Currently, MILSTRIP restricts use of in-the-clear

ship-to addressing to specified exception situations. MILSTRIP further directs use of DoDAACs for repetitive shipments and instructs Components to assign DoDAACs for each receiving location. This request would extend in-the-clear addressing capability to EMALL customers allowing them to direct shipments to any location. After discussion, it was agreed that the proposal would be formally staffed. In the interim, DLA will proceed with a test of this functionality using trailer transactions to forward the address to the ICP and depot automated systems. The customer identification will also be provided on the trailer for retention on the DLA record. The test will be restricted to IMPAC card purchases due to concern regarding security for interfund purchases and potential for fraud. The PRC expressed concern for potential noncompliance with material receipt acknowledgement procedures and difficulty managing LRT data without a DoDAAC to identify the ship-to activity.

2. Use of Surrogate DoDAAC for USAF EMALL.

Under this proposal, AF EMALL customers would use a surrogate DoDAAC for registration and ordering of non-weapons system coded items for payment by IMPAC card. A single (or multiple surrogate DoDAACs representing AF Major Commands) would simplify the EMALL process for non-supply personnel. The EMALL system will retain the customer account name for information purposes. The PRC expressed concern for unforeseen problems down the road, particularly in obtaining management information, where the 80 rp transaction used in current systems no longer identifies either the ship-to location or the requisitioner. It was noted, however, that no proposal or waiver would be required to implement this change. The AF need only register the desired DoDAAC(s) with DAASC through the appropriate AF channels and instruct EMALL designers to construct the MILSTRIP document number using this DoDAAC. Once registered with DAASC, DoD systems will accept the DoDAAC as valid, regardless of its artificial nature.

Action: DLMSO will staff the proposal for in-the-clear ship-to addressing. DLA will work with EMALL designers to resolve processing issues for the testing phase. AF should carefully consider ramifications of pursuing use of a surrogate DoDAAC(s) for EMALL customers.

k. **Next Meeting.** The 99-2, Supply PRC meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 20-22, 1999. The agenda will include an EDI IPT report, E-Mall topics, Weapons Systems Designator demonstration by DLA, F/AD I validation evaluation, MUL presentation by J4, and change proposal resolution as needed.

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Enclosures

