

C1. CHAPTER 1 – INTRODUCTION

C1.1. GENERAL.

C1.1.1. **Purpose.** This volume provides DoD standard procedures, data and transactions for the interchange of information between the logistics and transportation domains. Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Implementation Conventions (ICs) use American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 transactions. Implementation of these guidelines facilitates seamless entry of materiel from the supply domain into the Defense Transportation System (DTS). It also enhances In-Transit Visibility (ITV) and improves data quality.

C1.1.2. **Defense Logistics Management Standards (DLMS) Volume Access.** Use of this volume requires simultaneous access to the DLMS Manual Volume 1 administrative items such as the lists of, acronyms and abbreviations, terms and definitions, and references; instructions for acquiring access to the DLMS standards data base; DLMS-to-Defense Logistics Standard System (DLSS) cross-references and DoD/ASC X12 Conversion Guides; specific guidance that applies to all implementation conventions; and functional and technical information that is relatively stable and applies to the DLMS as a whole.

C1.2. **POLICY.** The corresponding DoD Directives, DoD Instructions, Defense Logistics Manuals (DLMs), Defense Transportation Regulation, and any other applicable references will be cited in the individual Transportation Volume chapters as appropriate. At a minimum, these references include:

C1.2.1. DoD Instruction 4140.01, “DoD Supply Chain Materiel Management Policy,” December 14, 2011.

C1.2.2. DoD Manual 4140.01, “DoD Supply Chain Materiel Management Procedures.”

C1.2.3. DTR 4500.9-R, “Defense Transportation Regulation (DTR).”

C1.3. **APPLICABILITY.** This volume applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, and Defense Agencies. The manual applies, by agreement, to external organizations conducting logistics business operations with DoD including (a) non-Government organizations, both commercial and nonprofit; (b) Federal agencies of the U.S. Government other than DoD; (c) foreign national governments; and (d) international government organizations. The procedures in this volume apply in those instances when DoD logistics and transportation systems need to exchange standardized business information about materiel and shipments. This includes, for example, warehouse operations, vendor shipments, and reference tables where electronic transactions are exchanged “across the seams” of the logistics and transportation domains. The use of standardized DLMS transactions in this interchange process, where supply and transportation business processes intersect, helps improve asset visibility and communications related to cargo movement operations.

C1.4. COMMITTEES. A coordination process will be conducted for the implementation and use of electronic transactions exchanged between the supply and transportation domains. The committees listed below, in addition to any others as required, will participate in the coordination and subsequent standardization process. Each of the committees below has a designated member serving as a representative on the other committee.

C1.4.1. The Defense Transportation Electronic Business (DTEB) Committee. The DTEB Committee, usually referred to as “the DTEB,” identifies and resolves issues and recommends management actions that support the accelerated implementation of electronic business information exchange. As the focal point for all defense transportation e-business development efforts, it coordinates e-business standards and requirements with defense and federal organizations and commercial industry. The committee represents transportation interests at all levels of the Federal Government. The United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) serves as chair of the DTEB; Defense Logistics Management Standards is a member of the DTEB.

C1.4.2. The Supply Process Review Committee (PRC). The Supply PRC is the forum through which the DoD Components and other participating organizations participate in the development, expansion, improvement, maintenance, and administration of supply requirements for the DLMS. DLA Logistics Management Standards serves as chair of the Supply PRC; USTRANSCOM/DTEB is a member of the Supply PRC.

C1.5. NONCOMPLIANCE. If reasonable attempts to obtain 1) compliance with prescribed procedures or 2) resolution of DLMS supply-related problems are unsatisfactory, the activity having the problem will request assistance from either its DLMS Supply PRC representative or DTEB representative, depending on the nature of the problem. For transportation issues, contact the DTEB representative; for supply issues, contact the Supply PRC representative. The request will include information and copies of all correspondence pertinent to the problem; including the transaction set number, the transaction number, the date of the transaction involved, and any applicable DLMS Manual and DTR references. The representative will take the necessary actions to resolve the issue or problem. The actions may include requesting assistance from the DTEB chairperson (for transportation issues) or the Supply PRC chairperson (for supply issues).