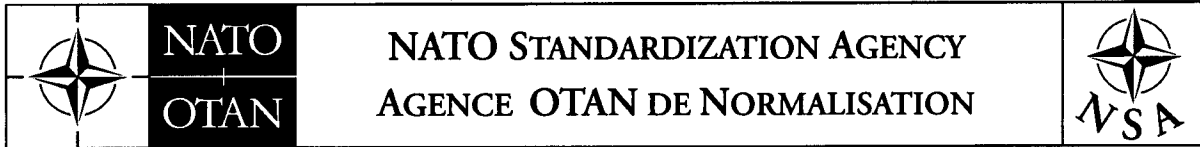


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**STANAG 4438 (EDITION 2) – CODIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT – UNIFORM
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1. The enclosed NATO Standardization Agreement, which has been ratified by nations as reflected in the NATO Standardization Document Database (NSDD), is promulgated herewith.
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3. AAP-4 should be amended to reflect the latest status of the STANAG.
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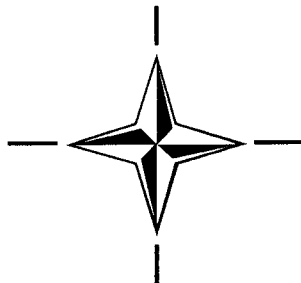
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**NATO STANDARDIZATION AGENCY
(NSA)**

**STANDARDIZATION AGREEMENT
(STANAG)**

SUBJECT: CODIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT – UNIFORM SYSTEM OF
DISSEMINATION OF DATA ASSOCIATED WITH NATO STOCK
NUMBERS

Promulgated on 30 March 2004

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RECORD OF AMENDMENTS

No.	Reference/date of Amendment	Date Entered	Signature

EXPLANATORY NOTES

AGREEMENT

1. This NATO Standardization Agreement (STANAG) is promulgated by the Director NATO Standardization Agency under the authority vested in him by the NATO Standardization Organisation Charter.
2. No departure may be made from the agreement without informing the tasking authority in the form of a reservation. Nations may propose changes at any time to the tasking authority where they will be processed in the same manner as the original agreement.
3. Ratifying nations have agreed that national orders, manuals and instructions implementing this STANAG will include a reference to the STANAG number for purposes of identification.

RATIFICATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND RESERVATIONS

4. Ratification, implementation and reservation details are available on request or through the NSA websites (internet <http://nsa.nato.int>; NATO Secure WAN <http://nsa.hq.nato.int>).

FEEDBACK

5. Any comments concerning this publication should be directed to NATO/NSA – Bvd Leopold III - 1110 Brussels - BE.

NATO STANDARDIZATION AGREEMENT
(STANAG)
CODIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT
UNIFORM SYSTEM OF DISSEMINATION OF DATA
ASSOCIATED WITH NATO STOCK NUMBERS

Related Documents - STANAG 3151 - Codification - Uniform System of Item Identification
- STANAG 4199 - Codification - Uniform System of Exchange of Materiel Management Data
- ACodP-1-NATO Manual on Codification

AIM

1. The aim of this Agreement is to provide a uniform system for the dissemination of data associated with NATO Stock Numbers (NSNs) for use by the Armed Forces of the NATO countries.

AGREEMENT

2. Participating nations agree to the following:
 - a. A NATO country may disseminate to other NATO countries or NAMSA its NATO codification and management data associated with the NSNs of Items of Supply codified by that country as provided in the NATO Manual on Codification, ACodP-1, Sub-Sections 112.2 and 132.1;
 - b. A NATO country may disseminate to other NATO countries or NAMSA its limited rights data and its administrative or procedural data associated with the NSNs of Items of Supply codified by that country or other countries in its discretion;
 - c. A NATO country may disseminate to non-NATO countries its limited rights data, its NATO codification or management data, and its administrative or procedural data associated with the NSNs of Items of Supply codified by that country or other countries as a matter of national discretion;
 - d. A country may disseminate another country's NSN, item name and reference. It shall not disseminate the following:
 - any other NATO codification or management data associated with the NSNs of Items of Supply codified by another country;
 - another country's administrative or procedural data associated with the NSNs of Items of Supply codified by that country or other countries, or
 - another country's limited rights data.

A country may disclose data, to which it has access pursuant to this Agreement, to its governmental civilian and military agencies that require the data for logistics purposes, and to contractors that are subject to non-disclosure agreements and that need access to such data in the performance of their contractual duties in support of such Agencies. NAMSA shall not disseminate such data except in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning NAMSA Services in Support of the NATO Codification System. A country may agree that its data may be disseminated by other countries or NAMSA, with such restrictions as it deems appropriate;

 - e. The NATO Group of National Directors on Codification (AC/135) is accepted as the responsible body for the policy related to the development, maintenance and interpretation of the uniformity of data dissemination;
 - f. Agreements may be entered into between countries to supplement the dispositions of this STANAG and the NATO Manual on Codification, but they must refer to this STANAG and the Manual and no contradictory dispositions shall be included;

- g. The considerable interdependence of the codification system including the dissemination of data, among the NATO countries necessitates a constant co-ordination of interests. Any major development or change anticipated by one country that could affect the dissemination of data as provided by this STANAG shall be communicated to the other signatories so that its implications and effects can be examined;
- h. The NATO System of Dissemination of Data is applicable to all NATO Organizations possessing data associated with NSNs;
- i. Rules for decisions on changes are contained in the NATO Manual on Codification as maintained by the Group of National Directors on Codification;
- j. The method and rate of application of this STANAG within each NATO country shall remain a matter for national discretion;
- k. No signatory will withdraw from this Agreement without three months' formal notice to the other signatories.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

- 3. This Agreement is implemented when the provisions detailed in this Agreement have been included in the national documentation concerned.