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## ENGINEERING SUPPORT FOR ITEMS SUPPLIED BY DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY AND GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[This publication has been revised significantly  
and must be reviewed in its entirety.]

### A. REFERENCES

1. DLAR 3200.1, Engineering Support for Items Supplied by Defense Logistics Agency and General Services Administration, 13 Mar 86, superseded.
2. DLAR 4140.38, DLA Weapon Systems Support Program, 9 Jun 89.
3. DoD 4100.39-M, Federal Logistics Information System, Volume 10.
4. DoD 4120.3-M, Defense Standardization Program (DSP) Policies and Procedures, Jul 93.
5. DoD 4140.27-M, Shelf-Life Item Management Manual, Aug 90.
6. DoD 4160.21-M-1, Defense Demilitarization Manual, Oct 91.
7. FPMR 101-29, Federal Standardization Manual.

### B. PURPOSE. This directive:

1. Supersedes reference A1.
2. Establishes policy for engineering support provided by the Military Services to the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and to the General Services Administration (GSA).

### C. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

1. This directive is applicable to HQ DLA; Defense Supply Centers (DSCs), including the Defense Personnel Support Center except as noted in paragraph 2 below; the Military Services (Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps); and was concurred in by GSA. References to DLA in this directive will also include GSA.

2. The Directorate of Subsistence, Defense Personnel Support Center, is excluded from the requirements of this directive. Because its commodities are perishable, it has negotiated with its sole source of engineering support, U.S. Army Natick Research, Development and Engineering Center, specific, mutually acceptable requirements governed by a separate memorandum of agreement. For medical, dental, and veterinary equipment in Federal Supply Group 65 and Federal Supply Classes (FSC) 6630 and 6640, including medical peculiar repair parts within any FSC, the Engineering Support Activity (ESA) is DPSC-Medical in collaboration with the Defense Medical Standardization Board.

#### D. DEFINITIONS

1. CRITICAL APPLICATION ITEM. An item that is essential to weapon system performance or operation, or the preservation of life or safety of operating personnel, as determined by the Military Services.

2. ENGINEERING SUPPORT. Engineering and technical assistance, including the development, validation and approval of technical data and engineering criteria, engineering representation, guidance and decisions required in the management of an item.

3. ENGINEERING SUPPORT ACTIVITY (ESA). The Military Service organization designated as responsible for engineering support and technical decisions for a given part or component in that Service. In the case of multiple recorded users in a Service, there may be more than one ESA.

4. ENGINEERING SUPPORT FOCAL POINT. Entry and exit point for 339 activity within each Service. Focal point interfaces directly with DLA and ensures a 339 request is forwarded to the correct and proper ESA. Focal point also provides records and tracks associated timeliness and quality metric data. Focal point is identified in DoD 4100.39-M, Vol 10, Chapter 4, Table 104.

5. WEAPON SYSTEM ITEM. An item identified in the DLA Weapon System Support Program. (Reference A2.)

#### E. POLICY

1. DLA will perform those functions typically inherent in supply management, standardization, and procurement activities for items they manage.

2. The Military Services will always retain responsibility for engineering support, configuration management, and maintaining current technical data on secondary items managed by DLA which are used on Service end items.

3. The Military Services will provide DLA with the engineering and technical documentation to effectively and economically procure required items.

4. The Military Services will identify weapon system items and critical application items to DLA.

5. Reverse engineering projects proposed by DLA on weapon system items require Service approval before initiation.

6. Engineering support which may be required during standardization actions, interchangeability and substitutability actions, shelf life and demilitarization actions will be administered in accordance with DoD 4120.3-M, DoD 4140.27-M, DoD 4160.21-M-1 or FPMR 101-29.

7. DLA will budget for engineering support as defined in this directive required from the Services as part of the DLA Defense Business Operating Fund (DBOF).

8. The engineering support process will be managed and coordinated to prevent duplicate efforts among the services and DLA. Quality and timeliness will be measured throughout the process. Reviews will be conducted by the Services and DLA to monitor and improve the engineering support process.

F. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. HQ DLA

a. Executive Director, Supply Management (MMS) will:

- (1) Ensure DSCs comply uniformly with this directive.
- (2) Review metrics with the Military Services to determine if corrections to the engineering support process are needed.
- (3) Ensure DSC requests forwarded to HQ DLA for resolution of problems are appropriately resolved with Service counterparts.
- (4) Ensure DLA participation in joint forums to monitor and update the engineering support process.
- (5) Maintain this joint Services directive and ensure all implementing instructions comply with the provisions of this document.

b. The Comptroller (FO) will:

- (1) Coordinate DoD and DLA engineering support budgetary decisions.
- (2) Ensure engineering support the Services charge -- unit cost or fee for service -- DLA conforms to the principles of the Defense Business Operating Fund (DBOF).
- (3) Participate in a program review group of representatives from DLA and the Services to validate requirements and review performance indicators.

2. The Military Services will:

- a. Designate ESA(s).
- b. Ensure uniform compliance with this Directive within their Service.
- c. Ensure weapon system items and critical application items are identified to DLA.
- d. Review metrics with DLA to determine if corrections to the engineering support process are needed.
- e. Review requests for resolution of problems which may require consultation with appropriate DLA counterparts.
- f. Ensure Service participation in joint forums to monitor and update the engineering support process.
- g. Coordinate DoD/DLA engineering support budgetary decisions and participate in budget reviews with DLA to ensure accurate workload forecasts for engineering support are addressed.
- h. Maintain currency of the engineering support focal point data in DoD 4100.39-M, Vol 10, Chapter 4, Table 104, and notify DLA and the Defense Logistics Services Center (DLSC) of any changes.

G. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION. This publication is effective and shall be implemented upon distribution of the Jan 95 DLAPS CD-ROM.

H. INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS. (Reserved for future use.)

BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR

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