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The National Codification Bureau of Greece

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THE NATIONAL CODIFICATION BUREAU OF GREECE

1. **MISSION**

The NCB's mission is:

- a. The effective implementation of NATO Codification System in National Armed Forces, through the military codification agencies of the three Branches of Armed Forces.
- b. The observation and monitoring of all international developments in Codification, through the participation in AC/135 meetings (Panel A & Main Group), and their military application by the Armed Forces.
- c. The coordination of activities of the three military codification agencies, concerning the codification of items of supply.

2. **HISTORY**

- In 1961 Greece signed the STANAG 3150 and 3151 and undertook the obligation to develop and materialize the codification system for the Armed Forces. For this purpose were established the Hellenic Codification Centre in 1970 and the Codification Agencies of the three branches of the Armed Forces in 1972.
- In 1975 and 1977 respectively, the Civil Aviation Agency and the Hellenic Railroad Organization applied and were granted entry to the Codification System.
- In 1990 Greece signed STANAGS 4199 and 4177 and in 1982 developed the computerized application for the support of automated data processing.
- In 2002 the General Secretary of Financial Planning and Defence Investments has been created where the Hellenic NCB belongs.
At this moment, the Civil Aviation Agency, the Hellenic Railroad Organization, the Hellenic Aerospace Industry, the E.B.O Group of Companies and the E.L.B.O company, are not in the National Codification System as MOE rules. The existing National Codification System consists of the Hellenic NCB and the Codification Agencies of the three branches (Army – Navy – Air Force).
- In 2006 the General Secretary of Financial Planning and Defence Investments ended its operation and the General Directorate of Defence Armaments & Investments has been constituted. Hellenic NCB comes under this newly established general directorate and particularly is a department of the Offsets & Quality Assurance Directorate.

3. **ORGANIZATION**

The NCB is an administratively independent unit belonging to the General Directorate of Defence Armaments & Investments / Offsets & Quality Assurance Directorate. Its personnel is headed by a Civilian Director and consists of:

- Military personnel (5) from the Hellenic Army, Navy and Air Force
- Civil personnel (3)

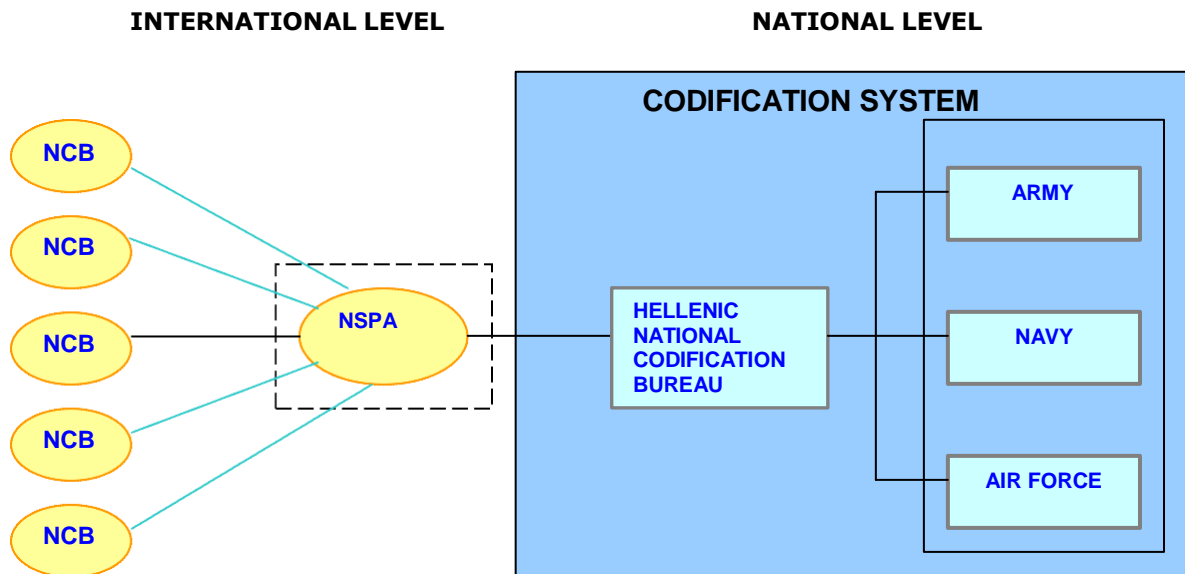
The organization of the NCB includes:

- (a) The Director
- (b) Office of Defence Equipment Codification
- (c) Office of NATO Coding Monitoring
- (d) Office of Initial Services Material Codification

The Codification Agencies of the three Branches of the Armed Forces ensure the identification of supply equipment they need.

The NCB is responsible for the identification of equipment for which there are codification requests from NATO countries.

NATO CODIFICATION SYSTEM IN GREECE



4. DATA BASE

The NCB Computer Office has installed and operates an Intranet based on Windows 2000 server operating system, through which the Codification Agencies of the three branches of the Armed Forces have daily access to it, in order to process items under codification or to modify others already codified. In particular, the Intranet consists of four LANS, one of each branch and one of the NCB with a total of 13 terminals and a Server.

The codification software tool is the N-CORE which was implemented in the year 2002. The system (N-CORE) has been designed and developed by ESG Elektroniksystem-und Logistik GMBH and its database is developed in Oracle 9i.

Data exchange with other states and e-mail as well, take place through the mailbox and the Internet system respectively.

5. SEGMENTS

The NCB usually uses the following segments:

- SEGMENT A – Identification Data
- SEGMENT B – MOE Rule Data
- SEGMENT C – Reference Data
- SEGMENT E – Standardization Relationship Data
- SEGMENT H – Material Management Data (required only)
- SEGMENT M – Clear Text Characteristics Data
- SEGMENT V – Coded Characteristics Data
- SEGMENT W – Packaging Data (required only)
- SEGMENT Z – Future Data (required only)

6. **STATISTICS**

Summary of active NSN's in use in Greece (not available)

7. **PUBLICATIONS**

Hellenic NCB is responsible for the production of the following publications:

- 23-H2-1 : List of Groups and classes (ACodP-2 translated into Greek)
- 23-H4-1 : Handbook for Hellenic manufacturers
- NATO Codification System Guide (translated into Greek)

8. **TRAINING**

A suite of formal codification training courses has been developed by the Greek NCB. The training is split in three (3) main courses. The first one has been developed by Hellenic Army General Staff in conjunction with Greek NCB covering an introductory overview of NCS, and is taking place on an annual basis. This course is a part of a wider training program covering aspects on Quality Assurance, Standardization – Technical Specifications and Codification. The second one provides a more detailed overview of the operation of NATO Codification System, alongside with the necessary technical tools required to effectively use and implement the NCS. The third course covers use of NATO Codification Software Tool operated at national level (N-CORE). Details of each course are as follows:

- **Introduction to NATO Codification System**
 - Aim :** Presentation of NCS (principles, procedures & benefits of NCS).
 - Applicability :** Any MoD personnel related with the logistics field.
 - Subjects :**
 - Introduction to NATO Codification System
 - NCS rules & procedures
 - Codification procedures at national level
 - Codification & Interoperability
 - Web-based Codification applications
 - Duration :** 2 days
- **NATO Codification System**
 - Aim :** Detailed knowledge of NCS operation.
 - Applicability :** NCB personnel & new Directors, codification agencies personnel, defence industry representatives.
 - Subjects :**
 - Introduction to NATO Codification System
 - NCS publications & Tools
 - NCS Processes & ADP
 - ✓ Item Classification
 - ✓ Item Identification
 - ✓ Types of Item Identification Method & IIGs
 - ✓ Reference Nos

- ✓ NATO commercial and governmental entity code
- ✓ Total Item Record
- ✓ Processing of Codification Transactions
- ✓ Cancellation & reinstatement of NSN
- ✓ Codification Contract Clause

➤ NCS Communication Systems

Duration : 7 days

- **Codification Software (N-CORE)**

Aim : Have a good knowledge and develop basic skills for performing main codification tasks.

Applicability : New codifiers from NCB & Codification agencies of the Armed Forces.

- Subjects :**
- Search criteria & Maintenance of NSN Data Elements
 - Search criteria & Maintenance of NCAGE Data
 - International Data Exchange (NADEX)
 - Codification Process
 - Item Identification / FIIGs
 - Reference Number Codes
 - Codification Contract Clause
 - System Support Files (H2, H6, NMCRLplus)
 - Hands-on Training

Duration : 5 days

9. **GREEK NCB ON INTERNET**

The homepage for the Greek NCB can be found at <http://www.gdaee.mil.gr/el/heldic> on Internet.