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**Summary.** This regulation establishes an organizational structure for decision making; provides goals and objectives for Army participation in the Defense Logistics Agency Weapon System Support Program; provides guidance for nominating, changing, and selecting weapon systems for enrollment in the Defense Logistics Agency Weapon System Support Program; and establishes responsibilities both internal to the Army and external to

the Defense Logistics Agency. It also establishes metrics to ensure timeliness, quality, and accuracy of the data provided.

Applicability. This regulation applies to the Regular Army, the Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and the U.S. Army Reserve, unless otherwise stated. During mobilization, chapters and policies contained in this regulation may be modified by the proponent.

#### Proponent and exception authority.

The proponent of this regulation is the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4. The proponent has the authority to approve exceptions or waivers to this regulation that are consistent with controlling law and regulations. The proponent may delegate this approval authority, in writing, to a division chief within the proponent agency or its direct reporting unit or field operating agency, in the grade of colonel or the civilian equivalent. Activities may request a waiver to this regulation by providing justification that includes a full analysis of the expected benefits and must include formal review by the activity's senior legal officer. All waiver requests will be endorsed by the commander or senior leader

of the requesting activity and forwarded through their higher headquarters to the policy proponent. Refer to AR 25–30 for specific guidance.

Army internal control process. This regulation contains internal control provisions in accordance with AR 11–2 and identifies key internal controls that must be evaluated (see app B).

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# Chapter 1

# **Weapon System Support Program**

### 1-1. Purpose

This regulation prescribes Department of the Army policies, responsibilities, and procedures for managing and executing Army participation in the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Weapon System Support Program (WSSP) administered by DLA.

# 1-2. References and forms

See appendix A.

#### 1-3. Explanation of abbreviations and terms

See the glossary.

#### 1-4. Responsibilities

- a. Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4. The DCS, G-4 will—
- (1) Set policies for management of Army participation in the DLA WSSP.
- (2) For Army systems registered within the WSSP, act as approval authority for proposed weapon system group code (WSGC) migrations to level A or from level A to level B or level C. In addition, act as approval authority for proposed deletions of WSGC level A systems from WSSP.
- (3) Nominate systems registered within the WSSP for migrations from WSGC level B and level C designations to level A designations and migrations from WSGC level A designations to WSGC level B and level C designations.
- (4) Participate in the review of system nominations for WSSP registration and proposed WSGC migrations or other DLA WSSP changes.
- b. Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command. The Commanding General (CG), U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) will—
- (1) Serve as responsible official for the Army's processes for participating in the DLA WSSP and, as a materiel developer, ensure proper registration of emerging systems in the DLA WSSP.
  - (2) Nominate systems for registration within the WSSP at WSGC level A.
  - (3) Approve—
  - (a) Temporary level A, permanent level B, and level C system nominations.
  - (b) Level C to level B and level B to level C WSGC migrations.
  - (c) Level B and level C weapon system designator code (WSDC) deletions.
- (4) Forward recommended permanent level A nominations, proposed migrations from WSGC level B or level C designations to level A designations, proposed migrations from WSGC A designations to WSGC level B or level C designations, and proposed level A WSDC deletions to the DCS, G-4 (DALO-ZA) for approval.
  - (5) Review all the nomination, migration, or change packages for completeness.
- (6) Develop and distribute implementing instructions for the execution of the DLA WSSP at life cycle management commands (LCMCs).
  - (7) Collect recommendations for WSSP nominations and changes from all Army activities.
- (8) Develop a standard automated methodology for reconciling weapon system configuration files at the LCMCs with the DLA WSSP.
- (9) Monitor performance standards as they apply to AMC LCMCs to ensure timeliness, quality, and accuracy of data submissions to DLA. Establish an Army WSSP integrated process team (IPT), chaired by AMC, and convene IPT meetings periodically. Permanent IPT membership will consist of representatives from the DCS, G–4; Headquarters, AMC; AMC LCMCs; and DLA.

### Chapter 2

# **Registration and Determining Criticality/Priority**

#### Section I

## **Management Process**

#### 2-1. Introduction

The overall objective of the DLA WSSP is to enhance the readiness and sustainability of the Services by providing the maximum practical level of support for DLA-managed items with weapon system application. The WSSP provides the Services the means to prioritize their weapon systems and identify DLA-managed, repair-part requirements to each of these systems. As a participant in the DLA WSSP, the Army—

- a. Selects the weapon system end items for inclusion or registration in the DLA WSSP (see AR 71–32 for criteria).
- b. Determines the criticality and priority of each of these weapon system end items.
- c. Provides required input to the corresponding weapon system end item file for each of these weapon system end items (see AR 70–1 for criteria).
  - d. Continually provides DLA with weapon system end item file change data.
- e. Ensures that all DLA-managed national stock numbered repair parts currently used to support each of these weapon system end items, as well as associated essentiality codes (ECs) and all other required data, are properly included and registered in WSSP, and that any change data are incorporated therein continually.

*Note*. More detailed policy guidance with respect to the foregoing procedures is contained within the principal text of this document and in appendix A.

#### 2-2. Weapon system group code levels

- a. The WSGC (an alpha code) is based on the criticality and priority the Services assign to each weapon system. DLA has identified three levels of criticality or priority, or WSGCs, for the Services to use within the DLA WSSP.
  - (1) WSGC level A designates a most critical (highest) priority weapon system or end item.
  - (2) WSGC level B designates a critical (priority) weapon system or end item.
  - (3) WSGC level C designates a least critical (sustainment) weapon system or end item.
- b. Wherever possible, WSSP registration will be in accordance with the definition of a weapon system in AR 700–138. If this is not possible, then registration will be at the line item number (LIN) level. For major components without LINs—for example, engines—registration will be at the NSN level.
- c. DLA has allocated 30 WSDCs to the Army for identifying 30 systems or components to be managed at WSGC level A. Use WSGC level A designations to define and highlight the most critical of Army weapon systems or components. DLA will assign a weapon system support manager (WSSM) DLA center for a WSGC level A weapon system or component. The DLA WSSM will be the Army's focal point for all actions for the assigned WSDC. WSSMs will be assigned from the lead DLA center for the WSGC level A system or components involved.
- d. DLA has allocated 50 WSDCs to the Army for identifying 50 weapon systems or components to be managed at WSGC level B. Ordinarily, DLA will not assign a WSSM for WSGC level B systems or components, but the Army may request, or the DLA may assign, a WSSM to a WSGC level B system or component that is experiencing significant supply problems or degradation in readiness.
- e. All other Army systems or components registered within the WSSP will be designated as WSGC level C WSDCs.

#### Section II

#### Inputs to and Validity of the Weapon System End Item File

### 2-3. Life cycle management command integrated materiel management center

- a. An LCMC will provide required input and maintain the validity of the DLA WSSP weapon system end item file. The program executive officers (PEOs) and program managers (PMs) are required to provide programmatic and technical support to the LCMCs in the execution of this task. The CG, AMC will provide the appropriate level of management oversight with respect to this process.
- b. An LCMC is responsible for ensuring that the NSNs, ECs, and all other required data for weapon system end item repair parts registered within the WSSP have been accurately identified and that the validity of this data is continually maintained. The PEOs and PMs will provide programmatic and technical support to the LCMC in the

execution of this task. The CG, AMC will provide the appropriate level of management oversight with respect to this process.

- c. An LCMC will ensure that document identifier code weapon system one will be sent out for NSNs involved in a logistical reassignment within two weeks of the transfer date.
  - d. An LCMC will reconcile Army databases with DLA WSSP management databases annually.

#### 2-4. Management structure

This regulation establishes the following management structure for reviewing and making determinations on the criticality or priority of weapon system end items nominated for or currently participating in the DLA WSSP. This regulation establishes a final review committee (FRC)—

- a. The committee will be chaired by the DCS, G-4.
- b. The FRC members will be the DCS, G-4; AMC, G-4; and LCMC, DLA will be invited to participate, as required.
  - c. The FRC will meet only when changes within the DLA WSSP are recommended for level A and level B systems.

#### 2-5. Nomination process

- a. Proposed system nominations for registration within the WSSP, WSGC migrations, and other changes will be submitted to the AMC, G–4. As detailed above, nominations and WSGC migrations involving WSGC level A systems will be forwarded from the AMC, G–4, to the DCS, G–4, for review and approval. Approved nominations will be forwarded to AMC for execution.
- b. Only those weapon systems that have supportability strategies requiring supply support from the DLA will be registered in the DLA WSSP.
  - c. PMs will request a WSDC at the same time that they request a developmental LIN.
- d. If not otherwise assigned, those requesting a WSDC will request that the two-digit Army weapon system code be used as the first two positions. DLA will assign an A in the third position to all Army WSDCs in the WSSP.

#### 2-6. Nominated systems

The following guidance will apply for nominating weapon systems at WSGC level A or level B.

- a. Nominations for WSGC level A will be limited to combatant weapon systems designed as instruments of combat, either offensive or defensive, used to destroy, injure, defeat, or threaten the enemy. These systems require the most intensive management to support performance goals and readiness objectives. Aircraft and tank engines may be separately nominated (from the airframe or chassis) for WSGC level A in order to target readiness concerns on these important assemblies. Nominations for WSGC level A may also include weapon systems experiencing long-term readiness problems or failures of supply support where the condition can be improved by management and resource reallocation within the DLA (see para 2–8).
- b. Nominations for WSGC level B will be limited priority systems that are designed for and have a primary combatant function or that provide supplemental, direct, and immediate support to a combatant weapon system or situation. These systems require intensive management to support performance goals and readiness objectives. Engines or other major assemblies may be nominated separately for the purpose of facilitating tracking of supply impacts directly to the assembly.
- c. The WSGC level C will be assigned to all systems requiring DLA supply support but not requiring intensive management by DLA in order to reach assigned performance goals and readiness objectives.

### 2-7. Business rules

- a. The WSGC level A will be approved by the DCS, G-4, WSGC.
- b. The WSGC level B and temporary assignment of level A will be approved by AMC, G-4.
- c. WSGC level A is limited to 30 WSDCs to identify 30 weapon systems, plus the components of those systems. The WSGC level B is limited to 50 systems, or subassemblies or components, of systems.
- d. In the event of a deployment, the AMC, G–4, may request entry or upgrade of a system or systems to a temporary level A status. This designation will be time sensitive, not to exceed 1 year.
  - e. The criteria for WSGC level A designation may include but are not limited to—
  - (1) Status of Resources and Training System (SORTS).
  - (2) Low-density but critical systems for which demand criteria may not be met.
- (3) Systems exhibiting downward trending or actual degradation of readiness due to insufficient supply availability.

- (4) Assemblies or components critical to the operational availability of a weapon system (for example, engines) that would benefit from the increased visibility afforded by a separate WSDC.
- (5) A special need, such as the Recapitalization Program, unplanned deployment, increased operating tempo, and so on.
- f. The LCMCs will validate all WSSP-related data contained within Army files and will reconcile these data with data contained within the DLA WSSP at least annually or at any time operational requirements are expected to intensify requiring a higher level of confidence. The PEOs and PMs are required to provide programmatic and technical support to the LCMCs in the execution of this task. The CG, AMC, will provide the appropriate level of management oversight with respect to this process.
- g. AMC will identify program changes to the WSSP manager and will ensure appropriate action is taken to reflect the change in the WSSP database. Notification of deletion of a weapon system from the WSSP will occur no fewer than 2 years prior to phase-out date.
- h. The PEO and PM and AMC LCMC will support DLA data or program requests in a timely manner (for example, Army input to aviation investment strategy assessments).

# 2-8. Defense Logistics Agency weapon system indicator codes

Once a weapon system is approved or validated for the WSSP, a weapon system indicator code (WSIC) is automatically generated in the DLA Enterprise Business System after the WSGC has been assigned to the WSDC, and the EC has been assigned to the NSN. The WSIC correlates to investment tiers (tiers I, II, III) used by DLA to prioritize stock buys. The code is determined based on the WSGC and the EC for the NSN. (See table 2–1 to determine the criticality of NSNs being managed by DLA.)

Table 2-1	
Weapon system inc	dicator codes-

System criticality	NSN EC-1	NSN EC-5	NSN EC-6	NSN EC-7	NSN EC-3/blk
WSIC					
A	F	G	Н	J	К
В	L	М	Р	R	S
С	Т	W	Х	Υ	Z
NSN rank					
A	1	2	3	10	13
В	4	6	8	11	14
С	5	7	9	12	15

# **Chapter 3 Performance Standards**

#### 3-1. Overview

The purpose of the WSSP is to ensure that the DLA contribution to the health, vitality, and readiness of the Services' weapon systems is in harmony with the performance and readiness goals and priorities of the registering Service. It ensures that the Services have a continuing relationship with, and share responsibility for, the management of consumable items unique to its weapon systems. The metrics are established in table 3–1.

Table 3-1	
Performance standards-	

Program management	Objective	Management level
Notification approved engineering change proposals through AMC to DLA	7 days	10 days
Program changes	Objective	Management level
Cancellation of program	7 days	10 days

Table 3–1
Performance standards—Continued

Program management	Objective	Management level
Withdrawal/cancellation of program of WSSP from Army	Minimum 2 years prior	Minimum 2 years prior
Data submission (initial)	Objective	Management level
DCS, G-4 response to level A change	90 days	60 days
AMC response to level B/level C change	90 days	
Reconciliation	Objective	Management level
Timeliness	No later than 30 June	No later than 30 June
For items with unit price greater than \$100	98 percent accuracy	100 percent accuracy
For items with unit price less than \$100	95 percent accuracy	100 percent accuracy

# 3-2. Performance by the Defense Logistics Agency

To ensure that the DLA provides the support required by the Army mission performance, DLA—

- a. Makes available monthly supply availability figures as well as trends, in an electronic medium.
- b. Participates in the quarterly inventory management review as scheduled by the DCS, G-4.
- c. Assigns a WSSM to any Army level B system for which they report a trend of supply availability below 85 percent.
- d. Notifies the Army when they receive three or more non-mission-capable system requisitions for parts with an EC other than EC-1.

### Appendix A

#### References

#### Section I

# **Required Publications**

#### AR 70-1

Army Acquisition Policy (Cited in para 2–1c.)

#### AR 71-32

Force Development and Documentation Consolidated Policies (Cited in para 2–1a.)

#### AR 700-138

Army Logistics Readiness and Sustainability (Cited in para 2–2b.)

#### Section II

#### **Related Publications**

A related publication is a source of additional information. The user does not have to read it to understand this publication. Unless otherwise indicated, Department of the Army publications are available on the Army Publishing Directorate website (https://armypubs.army.mil/) and DoD issuances are available on the Washington Headquarters Services website (https://www.esd.whs.mil/).

#### AR 11-2

Managers' Internal Control Program

#### AR 25–30

Army Publishing Program

#### DoDM 4140.01, Vol 1

DoD Supply Chain Material Management Procedures: Operational Requirements

#### DoDM 4140.01, Vol 2

DoD Supply Chain Material Management Procedures: Demand and Supply Planning

# DoDM 4140.01, Vol 3

DoD Supply Chain Material Management Procedures: Materiel Sourcing

# DoDM 4140.01, Vol 4

DoD Supply Chain Material Management Procedures: Make and Maintain Materiel

#### **DoDM 4140.01, Vol 5**

DoD Supply Chain Material Management Procedures: Delivery of Materiel

#### **DoDM 4140.01, Vol 6**

DoD Supply Chain Material Management Procedures: Materiel Returns, Retention, and Disposition

#### **DoDM 4140.01, Vol 7**

DoD Supply Chain Material Management Procedures: Supporting Technologies

#### **DoDM 4140.01, Vol 8**

DoD Supply Chain Material Management Procedures: Materiel Data Management and Exchange

#### DoDM 4140.01, Vol 9

DoD Supply Chain Material Management Procedures: Materiel Programs

#### **DoDM 4140.01, Vol 10**

DoD Supply Chain Material Management Procedures: Supply Chain Inventory Reporting and Metrics

# DoDM 4140.01, Vol 11

DoD Supply Chain Material Management Procedures: Inventory Accountability and Special Management and Handling

# DoDM 4140.01, Vol 12

DoD Supply Chain Material Management Procedures: Sales and Operations Planning

# **DoDM 4140.26, Vol 1**

DoD Integrated Materiel Management for Consumable Items: Item Management Code Assignment

#### **DoDM 4140.26, Vol 2**

DoD Integrated Materiel Management for Consumable Items: Logistics Assignments

# **DoDM 4140.26, Vol 3**

DoD Integrated Materiel Management for Consumable Items: Auditing and Financial Management

# **DoDM 4140.26, Vol 4**

DoD Integrated Materiel Management for Consumable Items: Supply Support Requests

# Section III

#### **Prescribed Forms**

This section contains no entries.

#### **Section IV**

#### **Referenced Forms**

Unless otherwise indicates, DA forms are available on the Army Publishing Directorate website (https://armypubs.army.mil).

#### **DA Form 11–2**

Internal Control Evaluation Certification

#### **DA Form 2028**

Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms

# Appendix B

#### **Internal Control Evaluation**

#### B-1. Function

The function covered by this evaluation is the management and control of all Army assigned coding for the WSSP.

# B-2. Purpose

The purpose of this evaluation is to assist all Army activities (AMC LCMCs or PMs) that submit supply support requests, or manage Army weapon systems in evaluating the key internal controls listed. It is intended as a guide and does not cover all controls.

#### B-3. Instructions

Answers must be based on the actual testing of key internal controls (for example, document analysis, direct observation, sampling, simulation, or other). Answers that indicate deficiencies must be explained and the corrective action identified in supporting documentation. These internal controls must be evaluated at least once every 5 years. Certification that the evaluation has been conducted must be accomplished on DA Form 11–2 (Internal Control Evaluation Certification).

#### B-4. Test questions

- a. Has AMC ensured PEO/PMs and LCMCs have identified all WSSP A, B, C systems authorized by DLA?
- b. Has AMC G-4 requested an FRC review for any new nominations to the WSSP?
- c. Do all PEO/PMs and LCMCs nominated systems for WSSP A and B systems have primary combat functions?
- d. Has AMC G-4 conducted annual validations of WSSP A and B systems?
- e. Have PEO/PMs and LCMCs responded to DLA requests for data validation?

#### B-5. Supersession

Not applicable.

# B-6. Comments

Help make this a better tool for evaluating internal controls. Submit comments to Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4 (DALO-ZA), 500 Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0500.

# **Glossary**

#### Section I

#### **Abbreviations**

#### **AMC**

Army Materiel Command

#### AR

Army regulation

#### $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{G}$

commanding general

#### **DA Form**

Department of the Army form

#### DCS

Deputy Chief of Staff

#### **DLA**

Defense Logistics Agency

#### DoD

Department of Defense

# **DoDM**

Department of Defense manual

# $\mathbf{EC}$

essentiality code

# **FRC**

final review committee

# **IPT**

integrated process team

### **LCMC**

life cycle management command

#### LIN

line item number

# **NSN**

national stock number

#### PEO

program executive officer

#### PM

program manager

#### **SORTS**

Status of Resources and Training System

#### WSDC

weapon system designator code

#### WSGC

weapon system group code

# **WSIC**

weapon system indicator code

# WSSM

weapon system support manager

#### WSSP

weapon system support program

#### Section II

#### **Terms**

#### Criticality

In this context, criticality designates the importance of a weapon system to the Service mission.

# **Essentiality**

The degree to which any given part affects the performance of the end item. Essentiality is designated by the use of ECs as defined below. Note that DLA identifies these as mission ECs.

# **Essentiality code**

A code assigned to each NSN to indicate the degree to which the failure of the part affects the ability of the weapon system to perform its intended mission (see DoDM 4140.01, Vols 1 through 12 for a full discussion of essentiality coding). For the purpose of this program, the following ECs apply: EC-1, failure of the item will render the end item inoperable; EC-3, failure of the items will not render the end item inoperable; EC-5, item does not qualify for the assignment of EC-1, but is needed for personnel safety; EC-6, item does not qualify for the assignment of EC-1, but is needed for legal, climatic, or other requirements peculiar to the planned operational environment of the end item; EC-7, item does not qualify for the assignment of EC-1, but is needed to prevent the impairment of, or the temporary reduction of, operational effectiveness of the end item.

#### Reconciliation

Reconciliation is a joint effort between DLA centers and AMC LCMC to compare the WSSP database with the most current Service files to ensure that the files match, that the data in both files are accurate (for example, ECs are appropriately assigned), and that the WSSP reflects the latest and best configuration. Reconciliation will be performed at least annually. If there are special circumstances, such as application of a material change, the notification to DLA will occur within 7 working days, with a full systems reconciliation performed in 30 days.

#### Sustainment

Support required to maintain and prolong operations or combat until successful accomplishment or revision of the mission or of the national objective. In this context, it is that portion of the life cycle after completion of provisioning through designation for disposal.

#### Weapon system designator code

A three-position code assigned by DLA to all weapon systems registered in the WSSP. The first two positions will be alpha, numeric, or a combination. It has been agreed that the Army will request the two-position weapon system code that the Army assigns as the fourth and fifth positions of the material category code. The third position will always be an alpha indicating the Service registering the weapon system in the WSSP. The designation for Army is the letter A.

#### Weapon system group code

This is a one-position alpha code indicating the priority of the weapon system to the registering Service. DLA, Defense Logistics Services Center, will determine the number of weapon systems that may be assigned to each WSGC. The WSGC is indicative of the amount of management focus and resource allocation the Service has requested that DLA apply. Level A—highest priority—requires maximum management intensity and resourcing. Aircraft and tank engines should be registered separately from the airframe or chassis to increase the visibility of these readiness drivers. All level A systems will have a DLA WSSM assigned, which may include but is not limited to: critical warfighting systems, low-density systems with irregular demand patterns, systems with down trending supply availability or readiness problems, medical materiel systems, assemblies, or components critical to the operational availability of a weapon system (for example, engines), end items that are required to support many platforms or soldiers (for example, generators, communication), and weapon systems involved in a special need or program. Level B—priority—may require additional management focus and resources: systems with significant materiel changes pending, midlife systems with unusual demand patterns, and low-density equipment. Level C—sustainment—may include but is not limited to: balance of SORTS systems, systems in development with approved supportability strategies that include DLA supply support, and stable systems with steady demand that are not experiencing supply problems.

#### Weapon system indicator code

An internal DLA code applied to each NSN registered in the WSSP. It is determined by the WSGC of the weapon system and the EC of the part (by NSN). It identifies the management intensity required by each NSN. NSNs common

to more than one weapon system will be managed according to the highest system criticality or NSN essentiality combination regardless of system applicability.

# Weapon system support manager

The WSSM is the person designated by DLA to coordinate DLA support for assigned systems. All level A systems will have a WSSM assigned. On an exception basis, DLA may assign a WSSM to level B or level C systems.