

2017 WORLD CODIFICATION FORUM

The 2017 World Codification Forum was held in Melbourne, Australia on 24-25 May 2017 themed as "Connecting Global Logistics Through Technology". This world class event had a thriving success, since 280 participants from governmental, defence and private entities attended the proceedings and commemorated the 60th anniversary of AC/135. A series of 16 intriguing workshops amalgamated with 10 thought-provoking presentations and key-note speeches introduced a multitude of captivating themes, which furthered Codification associated synergies and promoted data excellence in contemporary supply operations.



CODIFICATION PROJECTS

The main AC/135 project in terms of streamlining codification data exchange is to replace the current aged NATO data exchange standard (NADEX) by a state of the art format, the Extensible Markup Language (XML). Implementation is scheduled for 2022 and at this point of time NADEX will cease to be used for codification data exchange. This pivotal project will enrich codification data with additional information, such as technical drawings and images, will introduce flexibility and simplicity, reduce Codification lead times and associated costs, facilitate data transfer to Logistics systems and improve communication with ERP systems, supply chain tools and the industry.

NMCRL

As the NMCRL DVD was phased out in February 2016, this product is now available as an online product updated on a daily basis (NMCRL WEB) and as a downloadable offline version. In addition to that the NMCRL Web Lite introduces a three-month free trial access period in order to demonstrate the potential of this product. NMCRL is continuously evolving by developing new functionalities, like the Online Maintenance Tool for the NCB and the Industry and by adding novel data elements and enhancing functionality, like linking the Reportable Item Codes (RIC) with NSNs, uploading images, incorporating Coded Characteristics Data (Segment V) data, adding US Export codes (USML ECCN) and ultimately enduring preparation towards introduction of NSN data exchange in XML format.

CODIFICATION TRAINING CURRICULUM

Training is esteemed as the mainstay of the AC/135 effort to promote the NCS. As such Belgium, France and the Republic of Korea keep on developing training material in terms of Curriculum, Syllabus and E-learning modules. These comprise of detailed presentations, courses and influential e-learning modules which augment NCS awareness and promote Codification and its merits.

AC/135 SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

The highly successful Sponsorship programme is assisting candidate nations on the road to become full members of the NCS, thus ensuring continuous high quality of data and services. As of today there are 34 Sponsored nations: 13 at Tier 2 and 21 at Tier 1. Argentina joined the Tier 2 family on 1 January 2017 and Sweden will join on 1 August 2017. Interrogation tests of the Indian application will commence in 2017 in light of India's request for Tier 2. NSPA in cooperation with NATO HQ is assisting Ukraine in their effort to deploy their national codification capability.

NCB COLLEGE

The 2017 NCB College will be held at NSPA in Luxembourg and will be co-hosted by USA and NSPA. More precisely, the NCB Course for Logisticians and Managers and the one for Codifiers will provide participants with comprehensive education on NATO codification and its role into the overall logistics process. For registration please visit <https://eportal.nspa.nato.int/ac135public/ncbcollege/>

NORDEFECO

NORDEFECO Cooperation Area Armaments Working Group NATO Codification keeps on providing tailor made training services to Nordic nations. The next advanced codification training course will be held in Stockholm, Sweden, in November 2018 and Baltic states will be invited.

PACIFIC AREA CATALOGUING SEMINAR

The 2017 Pacific Area Cataloguing Seminar (PACS) will be held in Tokyo, Japan, on 24-26 October 2017. PACS is focusing on establishing Codification synergies within the Pacific region based on NCS disciplines.

SOUTH AMERICAN CODIFICATION SEMINAR

The 2017 South American Codification Seminar (SACS) will be held in Chile, at the last quarter of 2017. SACS is committed to promote the importance of Codification in South America, both in government and industry.