WORLD CODIFICATION FORUM

The 3rd World Codification Forum will be held in Melbourne, Australia on 24-25 May 2017 themed as “Connecting Global Logistics through Technology”. This world class event aims to examine the emerging importance and synergies of technology and data quality, especially in supply chain operations, and the added value of codification data to contemporary logistics processes and operations. An intriguing mix of presentations and workshops will convey Codification evolution findings to a multitude of experts from government, defence and industry. Moreover AC/135 will commemorate its 60th anniversary as the NATO Group which sets the tone in Codification activities and policy. For registration please visit

http://www.nato.int/structur/AC/135/welcome.htm

CODIFICATION PROJECTS

The primary 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). It is envisaged that implementation will be completed in each nation by 2022 and at this point of time NADEX will cease to be used for codification data exchange. In the meantime the transition to XML will run parallel with the original NADEX exchange, until all nations embrace the XML methodology. This pivotal project will enhance codification data with additional information, such as technical drawings and images, will introduce flexibility and simplicity, reduce Codification downtime, ease data transfer to other logistics systems and facilitate communication with ERP systems, supply chain tools and the industry.

NMCRL

Since the introduction of the first NMCRL DVD in February 1994, the product is continuously enhanced by the addition of novel data elements and associated functionality. As such the NMCRL DVD was phased out in February 2016 and it is replaced by the downloadable offline version. In addition to that, the NMCRL WEB is also available as an online product updated on a daily basis. Evolution of the NMCRL is perceived through a series of enhancements, like linking the Reportable Item Codes (RIC) with NSNs, incorporation of Coded Characteristics Data (Segment V) data and last but not least, continuous preparation towards introduction of NSNs in XML format.

CODIFICATION TRAINING CURRICULUM

Training is perceived as the mainstay of the AC/135 effort to promote the NCS. In light of this Belgium, France and the Republic of Korea lead an effort to develop training material in terms of Curriculum, Syllabus and E-learning. These comprise of detailed presentations, courses and powerful e-learning modules which further NCS awareness and promote Codification benefits.

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 35 Sponsored nations: 11 at Tier 2 and 24 at Tier 1. Having successfully completed interrogation tests, Argentina will join the Tier 2 family on 1 January 2017. Same tests are being conducted with regards to the Swedish Tier 2 application, whereas corresponding tests of the Indian system will commence in 2017. NSPA in cooperation with NATO HQ is assisting Jordan and Ukraine, both Tier 1 nations, in their effort to build their national codification capability.

NCS COLLEGE

The 2016 NCS College was held in the Czech Republic providing courses for logisticians and codifiers to participants from 15 different nations. This highly successful programme will be delivered in October 2017 at NSPA in Luxembourg, as it will be co-hosted by USA and NSPA.

NORDEFCO

NORDEFCO Cooperation Area Armaments Working Group NATO Codification held the 3rd Nordic NCS Advanced Training in Tampere, Finland with 23 participants from Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. The training was tailor made to fit the exact needs of Nordic NCBs, indicating a strong requirement for Nordic cooperation of this nature, and was conducted with the support of the French NCB.