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MEMORANDUM FOR JOINT INTERMODAL WORKING GROUP

SUBJECT: Joint Standardization Board for Intermodal Equipment

The attached charter establishing the Joint Intermodal Working Group as a Joint Standardization Board (JSB) for Intermodal Equipment under the Defense Standardization Program (DSP) is approved. The objective of the JSB is to achieve common, mutually satisfactory solutions to shared requirements and problems. The JSB will:

- Develop and improve processes and procedures to facilitate intermodal equipment initiatives;
- Establish DOD standards (IAW DOD 4120.24-M, Defense Standardization Program (DSP) Policies & Procedures);
- Define joint doctrine, tactics, techniques and procedures and recommend DOD policy to improve end-to-end (E2E) distribution effectiveness and efficiency;
- Enhance integration and interoperability;
- Develop solutions to intermodal equipment problems and issues;
- Establish a comprehensive, integrated structure necessary to achieve interoperability, promote standardization, and conserve resources in support of Joint Service and Multinational Operations;
- Establish an effective, Department-wide forum for interoperability coordination, planning, and decision making.

Your participation in the DSP's efforts to achieve interoperability and standardization for intermodal equipment is appreciated.

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CHARTER FOR THE JOINT INTERMODAL WORKING GROUP

1. Mission

The mission of the Joint Intermodal Working Group (JIWG) is to facilitate and manage intermodal equipment initiatives; establish DOD standards (IAW DOD 4120.24-M, Defense Standardization Program, Policies & Procedures); define joint doctrine, tactics, techniques and procedures; recommend DOD policy to improve end-to-end (E2E) distribution effectiveness and efficiency; enhance integration and interoperability; and develop solutions to intermodal equipment problems and issues.

2. Applicability, authority and scope

Applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Defense Agencies, the DOD Field Activities, and all logistics organizational entities in the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the "DOD Logistics Components" under the authority of the Secretary of Defense Memorandum, 16 Sep 03, Subject: Actions to Improve Logistics and Global Supply Chain Management, which designated Commander United States Transportation Command (CDR USTRANSCOM) as the Distribution Process Owner (DPO).

2.1 JIWG is designated as lead organization under the DPO for joint modular intermodal container/platform standards, system development, and policy coordination.

2.2 JIWG is the validating authority for new modular container/platform initiatives prior to their submission to the DPO and the Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System (JCIDS) Functional Capabilities Board for processing and final approval. Without JIWG validation and DPO approval, new initiatives will not enter the JCIDS process.

3. Membership

The JIWG shall be comprised of the following:

(a) Action officer level (O4/O5 or civilian equivalent) working group to address specific JIWG Chairman taskings, or

(b) Council of Colonels/Captains (COC) to meet on an as required basis, to review and approve recommendations made by the AO working group for submission to the DPO, as required.

3.1 Chairman

The USTRANSCOM, Director of Strategy, Plans, Policy and Programs (TCJ5), as the office of primary responsibility/single point of contact within USTRANSCOM for all intermodal equipment issues, will designate an O6 or civilian equivalent representative to chair the JIWG.

3.2. JIWG Members (one per organization) (voting)

Action Officer Working Group (O4/O5 or civilian equivalent) and COC (O6 or civilian equivalent):

- USTRANSCOM (chair)
- Joint Staff J-4
- Military Services (one representative to act as spokesman for each Service)
- Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)

3.3 Advisory Members (non-voting)

- Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Transportation Policy)
- Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command
- Defense Packaging Policy Group (DPPG)
- Joint Munitions Command
- Defense Standardization Program Office (DSPO)

3.4 Functional Area and Interested Organizations (non-voting)

- Combatant Commands (COCOMs) (USCENTCOM, USEUCOM, USPACOM, USSOUTHCOM, USJFCOM, USNORTHCOM) and/or component commands as designated by the COCOM, (i.e., FORSCOM, USAFE, NAVCENT, etc.)
- Army Air Force Exchange System
- Service Major Commands as designated by the Service, (i.e., Army Intermodal Distribution Platform Management Office, CASCOM, MARCORSSYSCOM, Naval Surface Warfare Center, etc.)
- Department of Transportation (Office of Intermodalism, Maritime Administration)
- Department of Homeland Security (US Coast Guard)
- Commercial Industry Representatives (upon invitation or request)

4. Responsibilities and Master Action Plan

4.1 The JIWG integrates and facilitates DOD intermodal equipment management and transformation efforts by the Services, COCOMs, and DOD Agencies on behalf of the DPO. The JIWG is responsible for issues concerning intermodal equipment, i.e., ISO containers/flatracks, container/material handling equipment (C/MHE), chassis, system 463L pallets, emerging modular non-ISO containers/platforms, and intermodal equipment support systems. JIWG will perform the following functions:

4.1.1 Review doctrine, policy, rules and regulations that affect the operations, procurement, research studies, mobility systems and hardware of intermodal equipment and supporting systems.

4.1.2 Assess impacts of developments in the commercial intermodal container industry on defense transportation and logistics systems. Evaluate commercial innovations and programs and assess their suitability for military requirements.

4.1.3 Address emerging intermodal issues and recommendations identified by DOD-approved mobility studies, and other forums such as war games and Congressional/DOD/Joint Staff-directed studies. Develop joint implementation strategies/recommendations for senior logistics leadership of the Joint Staff, Services, COCOMs, Defense Agencies, and other government organizations, as required.

4.1.4 Review, assess, and analyze input from government and commercial sources to recommend, develop, support and coordinate the establishment of joint modular intermodal container/platform standards and their policy and oversight.

4.1.5 Review, assess, and analyze DTS requirements to recommend the process and authority for systems development within the JCIDS process.

4.1.6 Provide functional expertise to review policy and joint doctrine, tactics, techniques, and procedures for DOD intermodal equipment management.

4.1.7 Review, assess, analyze, recommend, and support the process and policies for incorporation of new technologies into the DTS standards.

4.1.8 Coordinate with the Defense Packaging Policy Group (DPPG), as appropriate, on issues related to special purpose containers and unitization efforts to ensure safety and preservation standards are addressed for unique commodities in modular container standards, and to ensure new packaging designs are fully vetted and comply with the requirements of intermodal systems in the DTS.

4.2 The Joint Intermodal Equipment Master Action Plan (JIEMAP) consists of prioritized actions by the JIWG critical to fully implementing the DOD intermodal equipment program. JIEMAP actions are assigned an Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) and Office(s) of Coordinating Responsibilities (OCRs) from JIWG principle members. Each JIEMAP action will be assigned a suspense date and the OPR will report back to the Chairperson upon completion.

5. Meetings and Procedures

5.1 JIWG will meet a minimum of twice each fiscal year in open general sessions to perform the group's mission or upon request by a voting principle member. JIWG meetings will normally be scheduled in January and June each fiscal year with random site selection. Representation from the principal member organizations at the action officer level (O-4/O5 or civilian equivalent) is required in all JIWG meetings. Functional area and interested organizations will be invited to open general session JIWG meetings. List of prioritized items will be made a matter of record in the general session and assigned an OPR to complete taskers as designated by the Chairperson. These items will be placed in the JIEMAP. The Chairman has the authority to schedule additional meetings or set up sub-working groups in coordination with the JIWG principle members, as required, to perform the group's mission.

5.2 A Council of Colonels/Captains (COC) from principal member organizations will meet as required to review the status of taskers, issues, proposed standards for joint modular intermodal containers/platforms for system development, etc. and make recommendations for action/decision through the Distribution Transformation Task Force Advisory Board to the DPO Executive Board for approval. The Chairman has the JIWG decision authority when issues cannot be resolved within the JIWG. In such instances, decision brief to DPO will be presented with recommendations to include non-concurrences with rationale.