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Ref: (a) DOD 4140.1-R, "Supply Chain Materiel Management Regulation," May 23, 2003
(b) DOD 4140.26-M, "Defense Integrated Materiel Management Manual for Consumable Items," 24 Sept 2010
(c) MCO 4105.1B
(d) MCBul 3000
(e) SECNAV M-5210.1
(f) MCO 5311.1D

1. Purpose. Per references (a) through (c), provide guidance, define roles, responsibilities, and business processes for effective management of the Weapon System Support Program (WSSP).

2. Background. The DLA WSSP provides the military services with the means to identify to DLA the prioritization of supply support for weapon systems whose repair parts are managed by DLA and to identify DLA-managed repair parts requirements for each of these systems. The WSSP enables DLA to develop a support strategy geared toward the criticality of the end item weapon system as registered in the WSSP and the essentiality of its component parts. The DLA uses the WSSP to make personnel assignments, which initiate procurement actions, tailor business arrangements, and focus attention on NSNs which degrade the mission capability of critical weapon systems.

3. Action. To provide interim guidance on the Marine Corps participation in the WSSP.

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. Per reference (d), all Marine Corps Automated Readiness Evaluation System (MARES) Reportable Ground Equipment, and critical Principial End Items (PEIs) shall be fully supported by the DLA WSSP.

(2) Concept of Operations. As a participant in the DLA WSSP, the Marine Corps shall:

(a) Select the weapon system end items for registration in the DLA WSSP.

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(b) Ensure adequate supply posture in support of organizational readiness objectives by providing the maximum practical level of support for DLA managed items with weapon system application.

(c) Determine the criticality/priority of each weapon system.

(d) Provide required inputs to the corresponding weapon system end item file.

(e) Ensure that DLA managed repair parts used to support these weapon systems, as well as the associated essentiality code (EC) information and all other required information for those national stock numbers (NSNs), are properly included/registered in the WSSP.

(3) Weapon System Group Code (WSGC). The DLA has identified three levels of criticality/priority for Service's use within the WSSP which are identified by a Weapon System Group Code (WSGC). The WSGC is a one-digit alpha code assigned by each Service to prescribe the level of criticality/priority for a weapon system.

(a) Whenever possible, the registration of PEIs in the WSSP will be in accordance with guidance provided in this Bulletin and reference (c).

(b) When this is not possible, the registration will be at the TAMCN level. For major components without TAMCNs (i.e. engines), the registration will be at the NSN level.

(4) Levels of Criticality/Priority

(a) Level A. The WSGC level A designates the most critical or highest priority weapon system. DLA has allocated 30 Weapon System Designator Codes (WSDCs) to the Marine Corps. WSGC level A designations will be used to give definition and visibility to the most critical Marine Corps weapon systems or components, per references (c) and (d). DLA will assign a Weapon System Support Manager (WSSM) to manage each weapon system assigned WSGC level A. The DLA WSSM will be the Marine Corps' focal point for all actions required to support these weapon systems.

(b) Level B. The WSGC level B designates a critical or priority weapon system. DLA has allocated 50 WSDCs for level B to the Marine Corps. DLA will not assign a WSSM for WSGC level B systems/components, however, the Marine Corps may request, or DLA may assign, a WSSM to WSGC level B assigned items that are experiencing significant supply support or readiness degradation problems.

(c) Level C. The WSGC level C designates a least critical or sustainment weapon system. All Marine Corps weapon systems/components that are not assigned a WSGC of A or B be automatically designated as WSGC level C.

(5) Criteria. The following guidance will apply for selecting weapon systems for each WSGC level:

(a) WSGC level A

1. Limited to thirty WSDCs to identify thirty weapon systems and associated components of those systems.

2. 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. Tank engines may be separately nominated (from the chassis) for WSGC level "A" in order to target readiness concerns on these important assemblies. WSGC leval A items include but are not limited to:

a. Items reported in Defense Readiness Reporting System Marine Corps (DRRS-MC).

b. 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 (i.e. engines) that would benefit from the increased visibility afforded by a separate WSDC.

5. Special need, such as the recapitalization program, unplanned deployment, increased operational tempo, etc.

6. 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 DLA.

(b) WSGC level B

1. Limited to fifty WSDCs to identify fifty weapons systems and associated components of those systems.

2. Limited to priority systems that are designed for and have a primary combatant function, or 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.

3. Engines or other major assemblies may be nominated separately for the purpose of facilitating tracking of supply impacts directly to the assembly.

(c) WSGC level C

1. Assigned to all Marine Corps systems requiring DLA supply support, but not requiring intensive management by DLA in order to reach assigned performance goals and readiness objectives.

2. Unlimited allocations.

(6) Final Review Committee (FRC). This directive establishes the management structure for reviewing and making determinations on the criticality/priority of weapon system end items nominated for or currently participating in the DLA WSSP. The FRC will be chaired by the Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (DC, I&L) and shall include O-6/GS-15 level membership from the Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies, and Operations (DC, PP&O), Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration (DC, CD&I), the Commanding General, Marine Corps Logistics Command, and Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command. The FRC will meet only when changes within the DLA WSSP are recommended for level A and B systems. All requests for nomination to or an upgrade to Level A or B, will be submitted to the FRC once nominations for inclusion in MCBul 3000 are solicited.

b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics shall;

(a) Serve as the chair of the FRC.

(b) Establish policy for management of the Marine Corps participation in the DLA WSSP.

(c) Nominate systems registered within the WSSP for migrations from WSGC level B or C designations to level A as well as migrations from WSGC Level A designations to level B or C.

(d) Participate in the review of system nominations for WSSP registration and proposed WSGC migrations or other DLA changes.

(e) Review nominations and WSGC migrations involving WSGC level A systems for approval.

(f) Forward to PP&O, any recommended level A nominations, proposed migrations from WSGC level B or C to level A designations. Propose migrations from WSGC A designations to WSGC B or C, and propose level A WSDC deletions to DC, PP&O for approval.

(g) Forward approved nominations to the Weapon System Support Executive Agent at MARCORLOGCOM, for execution.

(h) Develop Measures of Effectiveness (MOE) to monitor performance standards to ensure timeliness, quality, and accuracy of data submissions to DLA.

(2) Deputy Commandant, Plans, Policies, & Operations shall;

(a) Act as approval authority for proposed WSGC migrations to level A or from level A to level B or C, and any proposed deletions of WSGC level A systems from the WSSP. Equipment being fully supported by Contractor Logistics Support (CLS) will be assigned Level C.

(b) Assign and approve WSGC Level A and B nominations to the DLA WSSP.

(c) In the event of a deployment, if needed, request an additional entry or upgrade of a weapon system(s) to a (temporary) level A status. Time sensitive, not to exceed one year.

(d) Serve as a member of the FRC.

(3) Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration shall;

(a) Serve as a member of the FRC.

(b) Ensure equipment is identified by the TAMCNs. Per ref (f), Total Force Structure Management System (TFSMS) is the single authoritative source for all Approved Acquisition Objectives (AAOs) throughout their lifecycles. The Capabilities Integration Officers (CIOs) shall request Total Force Structure Division (TFSD) create a TAMCN in TFSMS, so that the capability can be properly accounted for, thus beginning the TAMCN's lifecycle.

(c) Ensure TFSMS data is accurate so that each weapon system is properly assigned a WSC, per the established business rules.

(d) Weapon systems requiring WSC assignment shall be provided a two digit Marine Corps Weapon System Code, assigned by TFSMS. The WSGC will default to a "C" in TFSMS. The WSC will become a WSDC once DLA assigns an "M" in the third position to all Marine Corps WSCs in the WSSP.

(e) As the AAO process owner, perform all executive oversight functions. It is the Director, Capabilities Development Directorate's (CDD) responsibility to develop the baseline Acquisition Objective (AO).

(f) Manage the item exit date for each TAMCN.

(g) Planning for a replacement capability as an item nears its exit date is the responsibility of the CIO.

(h) When an item has been determined to be obsolete, the CIO shall inform MCSC that the TAMCN will be reaching obsolescence in the near future, and request MCSC begin development of a disposal plan.

(i) Ensure the requirement is removed from each element of the AAO from TFSMS. The TAMCN shall stay within TFSMS with a zero requirement until the entire Marine Corps inventory has been depleted.

(4) Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command shall;

(a) Serve as a member of the FRC.

(b) Ensure that each weapon system is properly catalogued.

(c) Submit a regular Table of Organization and Equipment Change Request (TOECR) via TFSMS to request an upgrade to Level A or B.

(d) Program Managers (PMs) are required to provide programmatic and technical support in the execution of validating all WSSP related data contained within the Marine Corps files.

(e) Ensure all 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 maintained in TFSMS.

(f) Support DLA data or program requests in a timely manner.

(g) Once notified by the CIO that an item has been determined to be obsolete, begin development of a disposal plan.

(h) Execute the disposal plan.

(i) Ensure TAMCN status is changed to DP for "disposal" in TFSMS.

(j) Ensure Phrase Coding is conducted via a CAR TOECR.

(k) Ensure a standard TOECR is initiated to archive the TAMCN and change the TAMCN status to AR for "Archive", once the inventory has been depleted. This action removes it from the Marine Corps records and ends the TAMCN's lifecycle.

(5) Commanding General, Marine Corps Logistics Command shall;

(a) Serve as a member of the FRC.

(b) Provide required inputs to, and maintain the validity of, the DLA WSSP weapon system end item file.

(c) Validate all WSSP related data contained within the Marine Corps files and reconcile data with those contained within the DLA weapon system database at least annually or at any time operational requirements are expected to intensify requiring a higher level of confidence.

(d) Ensure that DIC WS1s are transmitted to DLA, for NSNs involved in a logistical reassignment.

(e) Submit new weapon system nominations, to the DLA WSSP Manager on a monthly basis, once actions are taken to ensure the weapon system can be supported (i.e., provisioning, not CLS supported, etc.). Approved WSGC migrations shall be submitted to the DLA WSSP Manager, as they occur.

(f) Identify program changes to the DLA WSSP manager and ensure appropriate action is taken to reflect the change in the WSSP database. Notification of deletion of a weapon system from the WSSP shall occur not less than two years prior to the "disposal" date.

(g) Support DLA data or program requests in a timely manner.

(h) Serve as the Executive Agent for management of Marine Corps processes for participating in the DLA WSSP and ensure proper registration of emerging weapon systems in the DLA WSSP.

(i) Develop and distribute implementing instructions

for execution of the DLA WSSP.

(j) Develop a standard automated methodology for reconciling weapon system configuration files with the DLA WSSP.

c. Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)

(1) DLA shall assign a WSDC to all Marine Corps nominated weapon systems and ensure those WSDCs are promptly registered in the DLA WSSP.

(2) Upon registering a WSDC, the DLA WSSP Manager shall provide a dataset to the Services for use in conducting weapon system data reconciliations.

(3) Identify to the Marine Corps WSSP Executive Agent, any issues/concerns submitted by individuals, program offices, etc., involving weapon system support, for proper resolution.

(4) Assign a WSSM at the lead DLA center to manage each weapon system assigned WSGC level A. The DLA WSSM, in coordination with the MCLC WSSP EA, shall be the Marine Corps' focal point for actions on the assigned WSDC.

4. Reserve Applicability. This Bulletin is applicable to the Marine Corps Total Force.

5. Administration. Records created as a result of this Bulletin shall include records management requirements to ensure the proper maintenance and use of this directive, regardless of format or medium, to promote accessibility and authorized retention per the approved records schedule and reference (e).

6. Cancellation Contingency. Recommendations concerning the contents of this Bulletin are invited and should be submitted to the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC, LPC-2) via the appropriate chain of command. This Bulletin shall be cancelled one year after the date signed or when it is incorporated into reference (c), whichever comes first.

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