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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps

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Subj: PROVISIONING POLICY

Ref: (a) DoD 4140.1-R, "DoD Supply Chain Materiel Management Regulation,"
May 23, 2003
(b) MCO 4081.2
(c) MCO 4400.120
(d) MIL-PRF 49506, "Logistics Management Information," November 11,
1996
(e) DoD 4160.21-M, "Defense Materiel Disposition Manual," August 1997
(f) MCO 4200.22
(g) MCO 4420.5
(h) UM 4400-123

1. Situation. There is a continuing requirement, by the acquisition workforce, to improve the initial support of new and/or modified equipment being introduced into the Marine Corps. Provisioning is the identification, selection, and acquisition of initial support items required for maintenance. To support this effort, there is a need for increased accuracy when determining and costing the range and quantity of spares.

2. Cancellation. MCO P4400.79F.

3. Mission. To establish provisioning policy for procuring equipment being introduced into the United States Marine Corps (USMC).

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. This policy will be implemented to determine the range and quantity of items required for the initial support of new and/or modified equipment as established by reference (a). Defense Management Report Decision (DMRD) 904, dated March 1992, directed that all Initial Issue Provisioning (IIP) spares be procured with the Navy Working Capital Fund (NWCFF) and reimbursed with Procurement Marine Corps (PMC) funds. Instructions shall be provided to ensure these items are positioned in the supply system at the appropriate maintenance levels before new and/or modified equipment is placed in service. Performance Based Logistics (PBL)

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and Readiness Based Sparing (RBS) are two strategies that can provide a cost effective, performance driven outcome to satisfy provisioning objectives of timely introduction and support of new and/or modified equipment into the Marine Corps. Reference (b) provides PBL policy.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) Deputy Commandant, Installations & Logistics shall:

1. Establish and maintain provisioning policy for the Marine Corps.

2. Coordinate provisioning cross-service agreements with other military services, if applicable.

(b) Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command (COMMARCORSSYSCOM) shall:

1. Publish a NAVMC that implements policies and procedures to facilitate the execution of this Order.

2. Be prepared to act as the signatory for provisioning cross-service agreements

3. Develop the Procurement Marine Corps Program Objective Memorandum (POM) and budget documentation related to initial issue provisioning as well as formulate and monitor execution of budgets to support IIP efforts in the PMC appropriation.

4. Establish provisioning requirements within Performance Based Agreements (PBA) for PBL programs to document provisioning requirements between Program Mangers, Product Support Integrators and Product Support Providers.

5. Conduct "best-value" business case analysis to determine if an RBS or demand-based solution will provide the optimum mix of performance and cost in satisfying MARFOR's product support objectives.

6. Develop provisioning metrics to measure and assess provisioning actions in support of PBL, PBA and RBS cost and performance objectives during Initial Contractor Support (ICS) period.

7. Resolve matters concerning: delays or problem areas in cataloging such as obtaining Provisioning Technical Documentation (PTD), assigning National Stock Numbers (NSN), or acquiring of initial support items that may delay the planned Initial Operational Capability (IOC)/in-service date for new equipment.

8. Determine initial support requirements during system acquisition by conducting and evaluating results from Supportability Analysis (SA), and Level of Repair Analysis (LORA).

9. Establish an aggressive program to address Diminishing Manufacturing Source and Material Shortages (DMSMS) issues.

10. Assign Source, Maintenance and Recoverability (SMR) codes per reference (c), essentiality codes per reference (d), and demilitarization codes per reference (e), during the provisioning process. The codes shall be in consonance with the approved SA, LORA, and Maintenance Plan.

11. Determine the range of support items, in conjunction with Commanding General, Marine Corps Logistics Command (CG MARCORLOGCOM), for initial support of end items as follows:

a. When new and/or modified end items are to be incrementally fielded, a separate provisioning project will be established for each increment of initial issue. However, quantities of different models (variants) of end items on procurement in the same year will be rolled up for the purpose of computing the common spare/repair parts by Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF). This total quantity of common spare/repair parts will then be allocated as appropriate to coincide with the end items being fielded.

b. When ICS concept is applied to a fielded weapon system/equipment, there will be a follow-on provisioning project required. In this case, after the initial issue is computed, the items provided as ICS will be taken into consideration prior to procuring/issuing the provisioning project.

c. For mission support equipment, if the 30-day computation fails to authorize one or more peculiar Criticality Code 5 reparable, then a minimum of one Criticality Code 5 reparable will be authorized for the Marine Corps formal schools.

12. Include requirements for ordering support items and PTD in all procurement documents, as follows:

a. For equipment issued or stocked for MARFOR use, Logistics Management Information Performance Specification, reference (d), will be used to format data.

b. The applicable Interservice Support Agreement will be included in all end item Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request (MIPRs)/Request for Contractual Procurement (RCPs) to other military services.

c. Update the Fielding Plan when there is a change to the provisioning schedule.

13. Provide CG, MARCORLOGCOM authorization to release the initial issue spares after providing notification that the required percent of critical spares have been attained and are Ready-For-Issue (RFI).

14. Develop and coordinate a Transition Plan (TP) with the contractor when ICS is utilized.

(c) The CG, MARCORLOGCOM shall:

1. Assign a three digit provisioning project control number for each IIP project.

2. Formulate and execute NWCF budgets. Execute PMC budgets to support IIP efforts based on approved COMMARCORSYSCOM PMC funding profiles.

3. Determine practicality and economy of direct procurement of vendor items in lieu of procurement from the prime contractor per reference (f). However, this will be accomplished as an adjunct to the provisioning process and shall not cause delay in attaining the scheduled RFI date. During the provisioning process, if it has been determined that a contractor or vendor will not produce an item for the life of the weapon system/equipment, the DMSMS procedures, as outlined in reference (g), will be followed for life-of-type buy considerations.

4. Establish a provisioning effectiveness evaluation system that ensures the IIP support sustains equipment readiness at minimum cost and minimizes excesses at the end of the demand development period. This system should use the weapon system code and IIP project number to identify usage against a specific application. Provide the MARCORSYSCOM program manager (PM) an annual assessment of provisioning effectiveness by principal end item/Table of Authorized Materiel Control Number (TAMCN).

5. Notify the contracting officer and MARCORSYSCOM PM Team immediately upon successful completion of contractor deliveries. The format for such notification is optional, use either the Materiel Inspection Receiving Report (MIRR) or Letter of Transmittal (LT), whichever is cited in the contract.

6. Provide support in developing and executing PBL provisioning requirements or actions, when requested by Program Office.

7. Provide support in the development of provisioning metrics and provisioning assessment reviews, when requested by Program Office.

(d) The MARFOR commanders shall:

1. Advise COMMARCORSYSCOM and CG, MARCORLOGCOM when the end item is placed in service.

2. Protect the IIP from excess and/or disposal during the two-year demand development period. If, at the end of the two-year period, the Garrison Operating Level (GOL) for a protected item has not met the initial requisitioning quantity or has experienced no usage, the protection period may be extended an additional 36-months (reference (a)). A minimum economic retention level, equal to the past 24-months usage quantity or the on-hand quantities, whichever is greater, shall be established.

3. Requisition GOL stocks of support items particular to replacement end items and the authorized War Materiel Requirement (WMR) when:

a. The replacement end item is a make or model different from the previous one and an initial issue will not be made.

b. There is an increase in end item allowances and initial issue will not be made.

4. Review Low Density (LD) secondary reparable allowance item lists and submit changes to the CG, MARCORLOGCOM when required. Ensure that the LD and initial WMR replacement items are requisitioned upon issue of on-hand assets per reference (h).

(e) Commander, Marine Forces Reserves shall:

1. Comply with MARFOR requirements when applicable.

2. Budget for funds required for replenishment of GOL stocks.

3. Use the Special Guard and Reserve appropriations to procure the initial spares for end items that are procured with Special Guard and Reserve appropriations.

(f) Marine Corps Posts and Stations shall budget for funds required for replenishment of GOL stocks.

b. Coordinating Instructions. Plan and execute consistent coordination efforts between MARCORSYSCOM and MARCORLOGCOM throughout the provisioning process to ensure a common path is taken to deliver effective support of new or modified equipment placed in service.

5. Administration and Logistics. Recommendations concerning this Order are invited. Submit recommendations to DC, I&L (LPC) via the appropriate chain of command.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to the U.S. Marine Corps Total Force.

b. Signal. This Order is effective on the date signed.



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