Can I interrogate the CSIS database?

For new E-tasking and CSIS accounts contact:
disservicedesk@boeingdefence.co.uk

The CSISWEB search tool is available to all MOD personnel with no charge and can also be made available to authorised industry partners for a fee. Online guides and training can be found on our website:
https://www.ncb.mod.uk/ncbportal/training.html

International collaboration

The key policy of the NCS international collaboration is that the country of manufacture is responsible for codification. If the country of manufacture is not part of the NCS then the first country to use the item is responsible for codification.

International policy and agreements are laid down in ACOD-P1, which is available on the NSPA website.

This international collaboration has been a key factor in multi-national projects such as the A400 Military Airbus, demonstrated in the diagram below.

A400 Military Airbus

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🇫🇷	AS	🇧🇪	FLABEL
🇬🇧	BAE	🇹🇷	TAI
🇪🇸	CASA	⬜	OPEN

UKNCB offer the following support:

Codification of Military Equipment & Items of Supply. Codification tasks raised against and completed in contracted timescales by our industry partners CMCA.

Data Quality Investigations. Advise other MOD and Industry organisations on codification policy & processes. Resolve any post codification issues where data quality issues arise.

Policy advice (Defence Logistics Framework) Provide guidance on Codification requirements when new contracts are being raised by MOD Project Teams. Provide advice on matters such as Airworthiness and Source Controlled items of supply.

CSIS Customer support. Setting up customer CSIS web accounts and password resets. General online assistance on all CSIS matters.

Tasking Support. Provide advice and guidance on the process for submitting codification requests and monitor codification timescales to ensure timely delivery.

International Data Transactions. Submit requests to our NATO partners to add UK interest to foreign records and also to add foreign nation users to UK NATO stock numbers (NSN).

NCAGE Advice. Manufacturer address amendments and updates.

Training. E Tasking guide, Codification overview and search facility online training is available here:
https://www.ncb.mod.uk/ncbportal/training.html

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Defence Equipment & Support

Who Are UKNCB?

The United Kingdom National Codification Bureau are a team of MOD civilian codification specialists. We are part of the DE&S Logistics & Support Operating Centre (LSOC) within the Support Chain Services (SpSvcs) portfolio.

We are based in Kentigern House in Glasgow and are the sole authority for all codification matters within the UK.

What Is NATO Codification?

The NATO Codification System (NCS) is currently used by 63 Nations and is the official programme under which equipment; components and parts of military systems are uniformly named, described, classified, and assigned a NATO Stock Number (NSN). These NSNs and item descriptions are published in supply catalogues and repair parts lists, and become the key identifiers within logistic information systems.

UK MOD Codification Policy

The full MOD codification policy was updated in December 2017 and can be found in the Defence Logistics Framework (DLF). However the important aspect is that all inventory on the MOD's balance sheet **must** be NATO codified.

Source Data – DEFCON 117

To assist project teams, DEFCON 117 exists as an appendix to add to your contracts and subcontracts. This document mandates that the supplier shall provide all required source data for codification purposes.

Why Codify your Kit?

The primary goal of the NATO Codification System is to ensure that military personnel deployed in an operational scenario can be assured of getting the right items (Fit, form and function) to successfully complete their mission.

Benefits of codification

- Codification is **free** for all MOD equipment.
- Reduces amount of inventory held and therefore a reduction in associated warehouse costs.
- Lower purchase price per item through bulk purchasing and identifying multiple manufacturers / suppliers and eliminating duplication. This saves the MOD on average 30% per item.
- Shorter resupply times by knowing where stock is held.
- Cross service supply between Army, Air Force & Navy.
- Interoperability between countries to share inventory supply support.
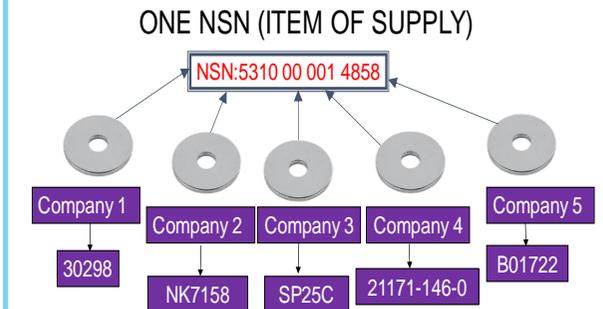
Codification timeframes

- New UK NSN is a max of 15 working days.
- Amendment to existing UK NSN is a max of 20 working days.
- Emergency UK codification to meet required timescales (can be same day), justification of timescales required.

Principles of codification

Common Supply Language. An example of this is shown below in that both items are commonly known as plugs. The common supply language ensures these cannot be confused using an Approved Item Name (AIN) and an Item Name Code (INC). The INC ensures language is not a barrier to international communications.

Avoids duplication. All the washers below are exactly the same specifications (size, materials etc). There are multiple manufacturers and suppliers of these washers all with their own company part numbers. Under the codification system they are all listed under one NSN.

How do I codify my items?

UKNCB operate an E-Tasking system, which allows for the input of your codification requests. This is provided via the Codification Support Information System (CSIS) which can be found at: http://www.ncb.mod.uk