



German National Codification Bureau



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1 Aim

The German National Codification Bureau has the overall aim

- to preserve perception and assessment capability,
- to fulfil national and international obligations and
- to implement codification tasks in an economical way with a minimum of personnel.

2 History

Since 1956, codification in the German Federal Armed Forces has been performed in accordance with the specifications of the NATO Codification System.

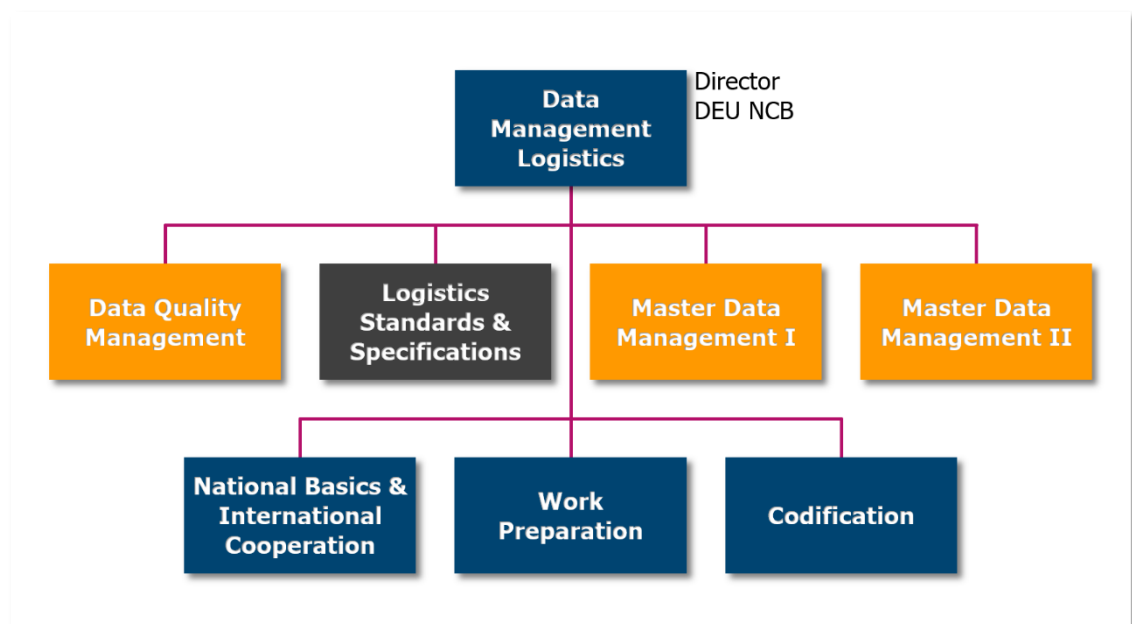
Codification in the German Federal Armed Forces was completely restructured between 2004 and 2006. The former hierarchical organization was replaced by a strictly process-oriented organization. This restructuring involved the introduction of new software and a reduction in staff.

When the Bundeswehr Logistics Command was established in January 2013, the former Master Data and Codification Departments were merged into the Logistics Data Management Division. This again resulted in a reduction in personnel.

3 Organisation

The German National Codification Bureau is part of the Data Management Logistics Division of the Bundeswehr Logistics Command, whose head of division also performs the function of National Director on Codification. The Director of the German National Codification Bureau is COL Manfred KLAFFUS.

The German National Codification Bureau is divided into 3 sections: **National Basics & International Cooperation**, **Work Preparation** and **Codification**.



The tasks of the section **National Basics & International Cooperation** are basic issues, international cooperation, quality management and user administration. The head of section is LTC Gert NEUBERT.

The tasks of the section **Work Preparation** are work preparations, emergency codification and project managing. The head of section is Mr. Toni GEYER.

The task of the section **Codification** is the identification of items. The head of section is Mr. Stefan FRANKE.

4 System and Database

The German National Codification Bureau uses a software for the codification, which is based on the standard software N-CORE NG by the company HENSOLDT AG (formerly company ESG Elektroniksystem- und Logistik-GmbH), but has been adapted and extended to the needs of the German Federal Armed Forces.

The relevant codification data is automatically transferred into the material management system (an SAP-based system) of the German Federal Armed Forces.

5 Bilateral Agreements

The German federal law requires bilateral agreements with nations outside the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) for the exchange of codification data.

6 Training and Support

For several years now, the German National Codification Bureau has been supporting other nations in establishing and developing their National Codification Bureaus within the framework of the bilateral annual programmes of the German Ministry of Defence. If you are interested, please contact your German Liaison Officer or the Military Attaché responsible for your country.