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***The National Codification Bureau of Finland***

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# THE NATIONAL CODIFICATION BUREAU OF FINLAND (NCB)

## AIM:

- To manage the Finnish Codification System in conformity with the NATO Codification System (NCS) based on rules and regulations established in AC/135.
- To identify and codify items of supply produced by Finnish manufacturers and used by military services and NATO countries/sponsored non-NATO countries.
- To maintain a Total Item Record (TIR) that stores identification data for each codified item of supply.

## ORGANISATION:

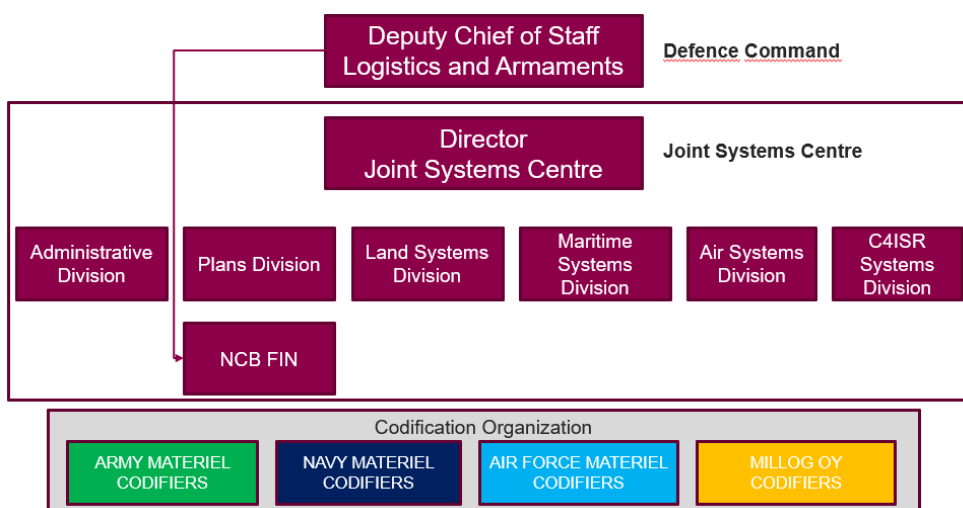
The Finnish NCB is responsible for Finland's codification policy and the coordination of all codification activities for the armed services and other organisations.

Organisationally NCB is part of the Finnish Defence Forces under the Defence Forces Joint Systems Centre. NCB is organized as a section of the Plans Division under the Defence Forces Joint Systems Centre. NCB Finland is under Deputy Chief of Staff Logistics and Armaments supervision who owns and directs materiel administration processes in the Finnish Defence Forces.

NCB currently consists of the National Director on Codification and 8 employees.

NCB Finland controls the codification work which is mostly done in Joint Systems Centre. There are 40 national codifiers of whom about half are trained to codify for NCS.

Strategic partner MILLOG OY has participated in codification work since 2009 under the supervision of NCB Finland.



**HISTORY:**

1978	Establishment of the Finnish Military Codification System PUMA ( <b>PU</b> olustushallinnon <b>MA</b> ateriaalinimikkeistö)
2003	Implementation of a new national materiel management system SAP
2004	Sponsorship Agreement between the NATO Group of National Directors on Codification – AC/135 – and the Finnish Defence Forces FDF
2005	Connection to the NATO Automated Business System
2006	Implementation of data exchange via NATO Mailbox System
2007	Implementation of MC CATALOGUE for NCS codification
2007	Request for Tier 2 level
2008	Acceptance to Tier 2.

**APPLICATION:**

The tool for codifying items of supply according to NCS rules is MC CATALOGUE (MCC).

MCC has been developed by the Czech company AURA s.r.o. located in Brno.

MCC is J2EE technology based multi-tier architecture application with web browser user interface.

MCC is configured to utilize Oracle RDBMS in Finland.

**INTERFACE between MCC and the Finnish Logistics system (SAP):**

Finland uses SAP as national materiel management system and all essential materiel management information is maintained in SAP.

The creation of an NSN is initialised in MCC and transferred via interface to the national material management system SAP.

The result of the codification is adopted in SAP. Additional information for the procurement, the maintenance and the management of the materiel is then provided by SAP and is thus accessible to the national users.

The codification database does not contain management data; all service specific management data and some characteristics data are stored in the respective materiel management systems of the Finnish Defence Forces (SAP).

**STANAGS:**

Finland has adopted the following STANAGS:

- 3150 Uniform System of Supply Classification
- 3151 Uniform System of Item Identification
- 4177 Uniform System of Data Acquisition

- 4199 Uniform System of Exchange of Materiel Management Data
- 4438 Uniform System of Dissemination of Data Associated with NATO Stock Numbers

### **BILATERAL AGREEMENTS:**

Finland has currently bilateral agreements with the following countries:

- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Poland
- Slovakia
- United Kingdom
- United States (FMS Case)