

CodSP-100-CHL

The National Codification Bureau of Chile

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THE NATIONAL CODIFICATION BUREAU OF CHILE

1. AIM

The overall aim of the National Codification Bureau of Chile is to manage the Chilean Defense Codification System (SICADE), in accordance with the doctrine and procedures of the NATO Codification System (NCS), as a support tool for logistics functions operated by Chilean Armed Forces and by civil organization accepted into the System.

Chilean NCB has the following responsibilities:

- Coordinate codification of items of supply used by Armed Forces.
- The maintenance of a Total Item Record (TIR) that holds identification data for each item of supply which has been codified.
- Represent Chilean codification in international forums.
- Disseminate codification rules and methodology issued by AC/135.
- Establish and maintain an information link between NCS and Chilean Armed Forces.
- Train human resources to use the NCS.
- Spread codification culture and information to national manufacturers.
- Act as unique and mandatory point of contact for all codification data exchange with other countries.

2. HISTORY

2000 Chile is acknowledged as a country Tier 1 by the Group of Directors of Codification (AC/135).

2004 The National Codification Bureau is created.

2005 The Armed Forces Codification Bureau are created

2014 The use of NATO Stock Number is established for the Armed Forces and Defense Companies, by Ministerial Order 4200/2099/10.

2017 Chile signed a bilateral agreement on codification with Brazil.

2023 The responsibilities for establishing the Defense Cataloging System and promoting to Tier 2 are set out by Ministerial Order 2321.

2025 Chile started using the Codification Software provided by Aura (MC Catalogue)

2026 Chile submits its application for promotion to Tier 2.

3. ORGANIZATION

The National Codification Bureau, subordinated to the Joint Staff, provides services to governmental entities, manufacturers and other entities interested in this activity.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



4. DATABASE

Since 2025 Chile has been using to codify the MC Catalogue tool, product of AURA, Czech Republic. This company maintains the system in accordance with ACodP-1 changes. Transactions from foreign users are processed weekly. Exchange of codification data via NATO Mail Box System is performed with all NATO and non-NATO countries and NSPA.

5. NCS DATA SEGMENTS

Segments used in the Chilean codification system:

- Segment A – Identification Data
- Segment B – MOE Rule Data
- Segment C – Reference Data
- Segment K – Item Identification Status/Cancellation Data
- Segment V – Coded Characteristics Data
- Segment 8 – Organizational Entity Data

6. PUBLICATIONS

- DNC 4-14 Cataloguing Regulation for Defense (extracted from ACodP-1).
- DAC 4-13 Manual for the Cataloguing of Armed Forces.
- Governance for the Defense Cataloguing System.

7. STANAGS

Chile 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 – Inform System of Dissemination of Data Associated with NATO Stock Number (NSN)

8. TRAINING

The NCB of Chile is responsible for providing training on all codification matters. Training on codification procedures is conducted under two courses per year. Besides, the Army, Navy and the Air Force can provide codification courses for your codifiers.

9. BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

Chile currently has bilateral agreements with the following countries:
Brazil, Denmark, United State of America, Germany and Italy.