

CodSP-100-HRV

The National Codification Bureau of Croatia

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THE NATIONAL CODIFICATION BUREAU OF CROATIA

1. AIM

The National Codification Bureau of the Republic of Croatia, as Codification Section of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), performs professional and administrative tasks related to the development and implementation of the National and NATO codification system. It is responsible for policy coordination and management of the NATO and National codification processes in the MoD and the Croatian Armed Forces (CAF). It represents the MoD in NATO, the European Union and other military codification committees and working bodies. It manages codification tools, supervises their application and cooperates with the organizational units of the MoD and the CAF on the development and implementation of the information systems for material resources management. It also cooperates in the codification education and training of employees of the MoD and members of the CAF.

Short-term aims:

- Initial strengthening of the workforce capacity to meet the higher level of ambition and increased defense systems procurement requirements
- Creating keystones for institutional knowledge preservation tools
- Developing precondition for basic national and NCB training for Croatian codifiers and logisticians at the state owned education and training facilities
- Augmenting operational implementation of NCS execution within national codification framework

Mid-term aims:

- Further strengthening of the workforce capacity to meet the higher level of ambition and increased defense systems procurement requirements
- Institutional knowledge preservation tools development
- Initial operational capability of the of basic national and NCB training for Croatian codifiers and logisticians at the state owned education and training facilities
- Developing precondition for advanced national and NCB training for Croatian codifiers and logisticians at the state owned education and training facilities with a view toward possibility to open training to other nations
- Full implementation of NCS execution within national codification framework
- Developing precondition for AI implementation in national codification procedures and processes

Long-term aims:

- Completion of workforce capacity building in line with the higher level of ambition and requirements of defense systems procurement processes
- Institutional knowledge preservation tools full implementation
- Full operational capability of the of basic national and NCB training for Croatian codifiers and logisticians at the state owned education and training facilities
- Full operational capability of the of advanced national and NCB training for Croatian codifiers and logisticians at the state owned education and training facilities
- Basic and advanced NCB training for codifiers and logisticians at the state owned education and training facilities offered to AC/135 nations
- Implementation of AI in national codification procedures and processes

2. ORGANIZATION

The National Codification Bureau of the Republic of Croatia is established at the Ministry of Defense as the Codification Section of the Planning and Codification Department of the Communication Systems and Digital Transformation Sector of the Armaments Directorate. NCB HRV workforce consists of NCB Director, one Senior Special Adviser (NATO Expert Codifier), one Senior Special Adviser (National Expert Codifier), one Senior Adviser (National Codification) and one assistant codifier. Workforce capacity building process has been initiated.

3. HISTORY

- 2000 Sponsorship Agreement with AC/135
 First Croatian participation as the Tier 1 Level
- 2001 First participation on NATO Codification System course
- 2002 Establishment of Croatian NCB
 Bilateral Agreement and MoU on codification with France
- 2004 Adoption of STANAGs 3150, 3151 and 4177
 Codification Contract Clause Implementation
 Participates at AC/135 Main Group and Panel A Meetings
- 2009 Croatia becomes a NATO member
- 2013 Full implementation of MC Catalogue SaaS and independent exchange of
 codification data
- 2025 Croatian NCB becomes separate MoD unit, detached from the
 Standardization Office, to meet new level of ambition and increased defense
 systems procurement requirements

4. CODIFICATION SOFTWARE SOLUTION

Croatian NCB is using MC Catalogue Software as a Service procured in line with national procurement laws and regulations.

5. SEGMENTS USED BY THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

In addition to the input header and output header Item Identification Data are stored in the National Codification Tool under the following segments:

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

A decoding tool generates automatically segment M on screen or on print.

Segment 8	NATO Commercial & Government Entity Data
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6. TELETRANSMISION

Croatia has implemented the NATO Mailbox System (NMBS) which allows direct transmission of codification data through the NSPA.

7. RATIFIED STANDARDISATION AGREEMENTS

STANAG 3150	Codification – Uniform System of Supply Classification
STANAG 3151	Codification – Uniform System of Item Identification
STANAG 4177	Codification – Uniform System of Data Acquisition
STANAG 4199	Codification – Uniform System of Exchange of Materiel Management Data
STANAG 4438	Codification – Uniform System of Dissemination of Data Associated with NATO Stock Numbers (NSN)