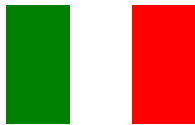


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The National Codification Bureau of ITALY

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The Italian National Codification Bureau (ITA NCB)

1. AIM

The ITA NCB is the only organization in Italy authorized to codify items of supply and to coordinate all the activities concerning the identification, classification and codification of articles in accordance to the rules of the NATO codification system.

The ITA NCB Director (**Dr. Michele Porcu**, r5u3s0@sgd.difesa.it) is the AC/135 and the AC/327 Main Group National Representative.

The ITA NCB belongs to the 3rd Office of the 5th Department of Secretariat General of Defence and National Armaments Directorate (SGD/NAD):



To carry out the codification activities, the ITA NCB cooperates with:

- ✓ The Defence General Staff of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Carabinieri
- ✓ The Technical Directorates
- ✓ The Logistic Commands / Inspectorates

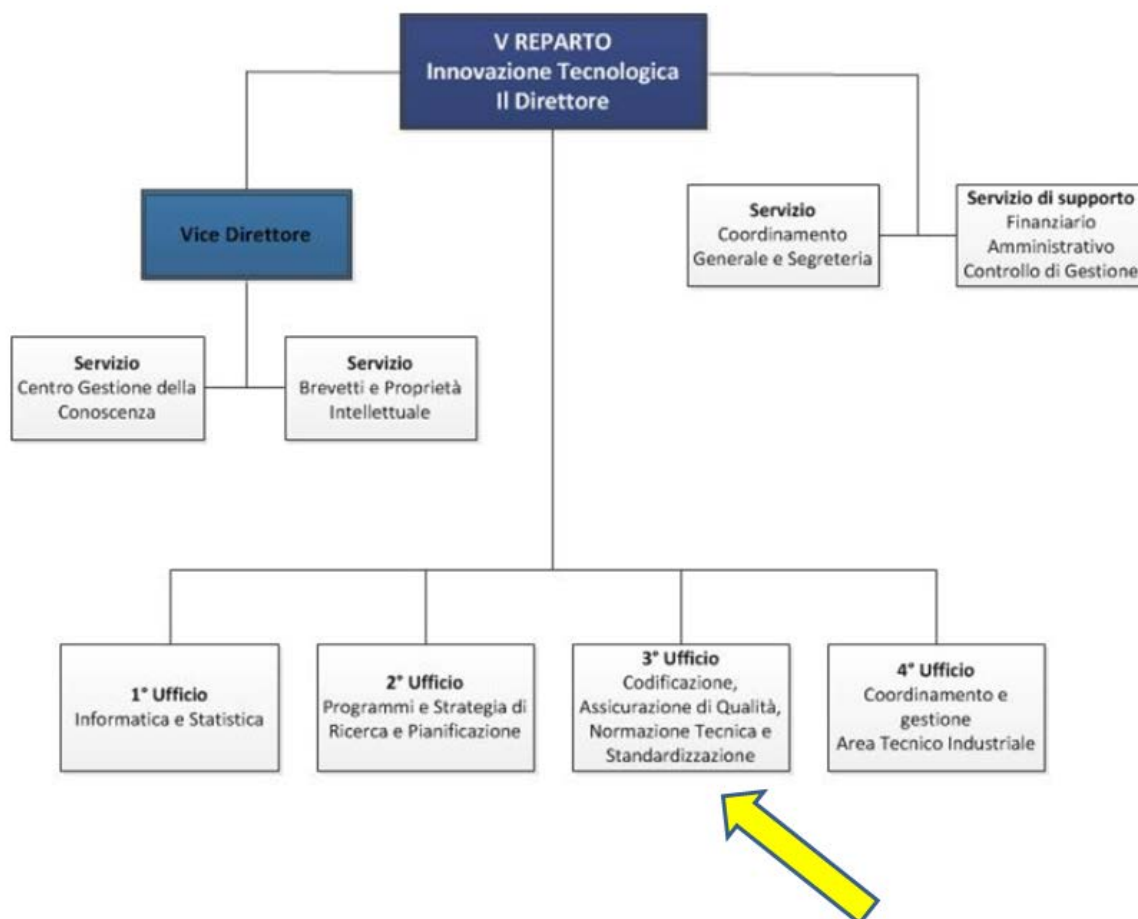
2. HISTORY

The ITA NCB, at that time called “U.Co.M.I.”, was set up in May 1960 and was placed under the direction of the 3rd Department of Defence General Staff. The goal was to create a central body in charge of carrying out the IT tasks connected with the ratification of STANAGs 3150 (Codification of Equipment-Uniform System of Supply Classification) and 3151 (Codification of Equipment-Uniform System of item Identification).

In November 2001, the ITA NCB changed the internal organization, being incorporated into the 5th Department of the General Secretariat of Defence and National Armaments Directorate (SGD/NAD).

In 2016 it moved to **Via di Centocelle 301, 00175 Rome**, the actual location.

3. ORGANIZATION & STRUCTURE



The 3rd Office of the 5th Department of SGD/NAD has the general responsibility to manage all the administrative activities concerning the NCB (due to the national and the NATO legislation), and to supervise all the activities concerning Standardization and Quality Assurance of Materials.

There are 4 sections in this Office, that all refer to **Dr. Michele Porcu**:

1. **National Codification** – led by **Lt. Col. Gianfranco Di Modica** (with a staff of 3) - that:

- ✓ manages the national codification tool SIAC from a technical point of view, coordinating activities with the Software Provider
- ✓ carries out all the codification activities through SIAC (screening of the items of supply, NSN assigning, LSA transactions, etc). *ITA NCB operates in a decentralized mode, where all the codification activities are handled by the NCB itself but the insertion of technical data is left to all the external companies that make business with the Ministry of Defence.*
- ✓ is the “Focal Point” for the Contracting Authorities and the Technical Bodies
- ✓ defines new Italian codification policies (with the 2nd Section)
- ✓ teaches “NATO Codification and SIAC “ to the Defence staff (with the 2nd Section)
- ✓ manages the website of SIAC www.siac.difesa.it (with the 2nd Section)
- ✓ carries out most of the help-desk activities regarding codification (with the 2nd Section)

2. **International Codification** – led by **Ing. Valeria Mazzoni** (with a staff of 3) - that:

- ✓ manages Technical Agreements with the Tier 1 Nations willing to become Tier 2
- ✓ participates to the international meetings (regarding AC/135 and PAM for Eurofighter)
- ✓ assigns NCAGE codes
- ✓ works with NMBS & NABS systems
- ✓ works on the OMT platform
- ✓ translates NATO Manuals H6 & H2
- ✓ teaches “NATO Codification and SIAC “ to the Defence staff (with 1st Section)
- ✓ defines new Italian codification policies (with the 1st Section)
- ✓ carries out help-desk activities (with the 1st Section)

3. **Standardization** – led by **Lt. Col. Carlo Zammariello** (with a staff of 1) – that:
- ✓ represents the interface among Defence Administration and Technical Legislation Bodies in a national and international sphere
 - ✓ is active in national and international working groups, as:
 - NATO AC/321
 - NATO AC/327
 - EDA Materiel Standardization Group
 - Materiel Standardization Harmonization Team
 - Joint Maintenance Committee EDSTAR
 - Defence Standardization Coordination Group
 - Mixed Technical Committee (SGD/NAD + AIAD + UNI)
4. **Quality Assurance** – led by **Mr. Sergio Biondi** (with a staff of 2) – that:
- ✓ guarantees the governance concerning the Quality Assurance for the SGD/NAD
 - ✓ promulgates Directives to coordinate and balance the Quality Assurance activities carried out by the Technical Directorates and COMMISERVIZI;
 - ✓ manages Technical Agreements concerning Quality Assurance according to the needs of international cooperation programs and to the Cabinet of Minister;
 - ✓ is the “National Focal Point” for the first evaluations (both formal and on the subject) of the Governmental Quality Assurance (AQG) requests coming from abroad (NATO / NON NATO);
 - ✓ coordinates the training activities in the field of Quality Assurance, Management, Programming and Risks Analysis;
 - ✓ is the National Representative in Commissions, Directive Boards and national and international working groups (for example the AC/327)

4. BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

As per AcodP-1 subsection 142.5, Nations willing to become Tier 2 in the NCS need to sign a separate Bilateral Agreement with 5 NATO Nations, including Italy.

The ITA NCB has recently signed Technical Agreements with the following Countries:

- SERBIA (2013)
- ISRAELE (2014)
- BOSNIA ERZEGOVINA (2014)
- RUSSIA (2014)
- MONTENEGRO (2014)
- ARGENTINA (2015)
- SVEZIA (2016)
- UCRAINA (2017)
- UAE (2017)
- COLOMBIA (2018)
- INDIA (2018)
- INDONESIA (2018)

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