



The National Codification Bureau of Germany



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1 Aim

The German National Codification Bureau (DEU NCB) is the sole organisation within the German Federal Armed Forces to perform codification for items of supply. The overall aims are

- to operate and maintain a codification system in accordance with the rules of the NATO Codification System (NCS),
- to ensure codification to the highest possible standard in a timely manner thus
- to fulfil Germany's national and international obligations.

2 History

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

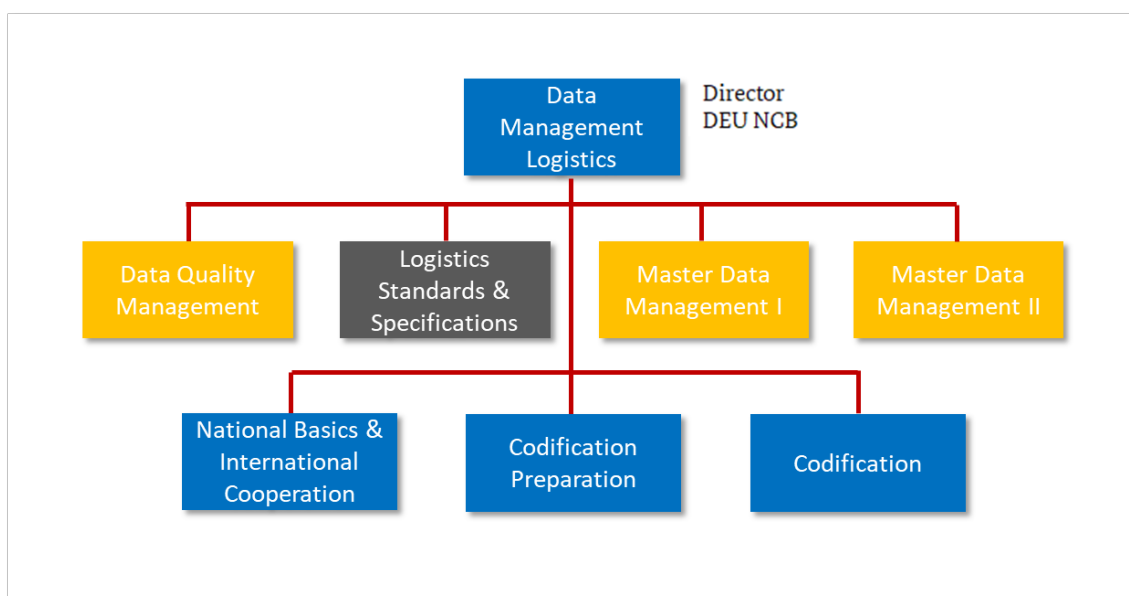
Codification in the German Federal Armed Forces was completely restructured between 2004 and 2006. The former hierarchical organization was replaced by a strictly process-oriented organization. This restructuring involved the introduction of new software and a reduction in staff.

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 DEU NCB is part of the Data Management Logistics Division of the Bundeswehr Logistics Command. The head of division acts as National Director on Codification.

The DEU NCB comprises three sections: **National Basics & International Cooperation**, **Codification Preparation** and **Codification**.



The section **National Basics & International Cooperation** deals with basic issues, publishes national regulations and provides guidelines for the national implementation of codification. It also handles international cooperation and sends delegates to the AC/135 subgroups. Further tasks are assignment of NCAGEs, quality management and user administration.

The section **Codification Preparation** assesses incoming codification requests for completeness and usability of delivered documentation, performs emergency codification and is involved in project management.

The section **Codification** finally does the codification task according to ACodP-1 and subordinated documents. In order to achieve best results, the section is divided into 4 sub-sections with expertise knowledge of the type of material to be codified.

4 System and Database

The DEU NCB uses a software for 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 of the German Federal Armed Forces (SAP-based).

5 Bilateral Agreements

The German federal law requires bilateral agreements with nations outside the NATO for the exchange of codification data.

6 Training and Support

For several years now, the DEU NCB 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.