

**Joint Intermodal Working Group (JIWG)
Army Reserve Training Center
Fort Eustis, VA 23604
Minutes, 10 Dec 07**

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM), Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), Joint Services (JS), Services (Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines), Office of the Secretary of Defense-Transportation Policy (OSD-TP), Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC), Army Materiel Command (AMC), Army Intermodal Distribution and Platform Management Office (AIDPMO), Department of Defense Automated Information Technology (DODAIT), Central Command (CENTCOM)

DELIVERABLES

- JIWG members provide initial response to distributed OSD Memo regarding Container Management Policy to TCJ5/4-AI by end of Jan 08. Suspense now set at 25 Jan 08.
- Army/Marines to provide areas in EA they want modified by 18 Dec 07

OSD POLICY DISCUSSION (OSD-TP Col Guarino)

Discussed OSD-TP memo to TCDC requesting USTRANSCOM ICW joint community provide policy recommendations on container management issues NLT 28 Feb 08. Memo was distributed to all JIWG members with due out to provide initial response to questions in the memo to TCJ5/4-AI by end of Jan 08

The memo from Mr. Boyanton to the Deputy Commander USTRANSCOM stated that “it is important that DoD establish consistent and efficient overarching policy and guidance related to common-use transportation containers.” Generate future documentation for the next war based on overview and findings from current contingency operations such as; Southwest Asia (SWA) Transload Operations.

Next step; Review all comments and input under VTC format at a date to be announced

EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR CONTAINERS (USTRANSCOM Gary Adams)

Reviewed draft language implementing Executive Agency (EA) and impact of AIDPMO and SDDC GCM on EA. Army/Marines non-concur with EA. Discussed their concerns and believe we may be able to reach consensus on EA and move forward.

Army/Marines to provide areas in EA they want modified by 18 Dec 07.

Concerns raised during JIWG meeting were:

- “Common-user” definitions (Army G-4/LTC Guglielmino)
- Instead of stand alone DOD 5101/XX EA, create directive as a subset to another issuance (e.g., DTR, DPO Charter), if that is a sticking point at OSD
- Other Service oversight, management and funding (Army G-4/LTC Guglielmino)
- AF concerns over disproportional allocation of bill paying tab. AF desires billing proportionate to Service use (A4R/Mike Henson)
- Should USTRANSCOM or Army/Army Materiel Command be EA
- How do you (Program Objective Memorandum) POM for multiple Services requirements? (Army G-4/LTC Guglielmino)
 - Service cuts via Program Budget Decision (PBD) applicable share-to-efforts (OSD/Col Guarino)
- Resource Management, Army or the Executive Agent? (Army G-4/LTC Guglielmino)
- What is the voting mechanism of the JIWG? How are responses provided? (OSD/Col Guarino)
 - Through seven voting members of JIWG: USTRANSCOM, DLA, JS-J4, and Services (USTRANSCOM/Gary Adams)

Comments (AIDPMO/Sandy Gorba): Changes to Army Supply regulations are being processed with action taken to request a new Federal Supply Class for ISO configured containers. Changes required to support accountability of assets and to support future implementation of Container 2012. ISO configured containers are excluded from Federal Supply Classes 8145, 8115 and 8140, but today are primarily cataloged as 8145, Reusable Containers, Class 9 Expendable items. Coordination will be staffed for new FSC with all services/agencies.

REPORT ON AMC-SDDC CONTAINER MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION (AIDPMO/Sandy Gorba for AMC G3)

Recommendations from RAND way ahead three options; (1) Combine (2) Status Quo Or (3) SDDC under AIDPMO/AIDPMO under SDDC.

LTG Mortensen's initial vision; AIDPMO and SDDC have similar but distinct mission areas. Imperative that AIDPMO remain the Army Single Distribution Platform (including containers) Manager and their function and staff is to remain in place at Tobyhanna Army Depot, PA. Recommended COA is AIDPMO will be ADCON to Army Materiel Command (AMC) G-3, and OPCON to CG SDDC. No decision has been made at this time; more to follow.

Funding concerns for AIDPMO are being worked by AMC

No deadline to report back to LTG Mortensen

JOINT INTERMODAL PLATFORM MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (JIPMS) UPDATE (USTRANSCOM/LTC Schaffer)

Objective of JIPMS abbreviated capabilities based assessment team (ACBAT)

Provide a joint system solution for intermodal platform management using existing applications and leveraging the results from the Container Management Data Integration Integrated Process Team (CMDI IPT) and Community of Interest (COI) effort.

Recommendation of JIPMS Business Case Analysis (BCA)

- ACAMS & IBS-CMM initially operating cooperatively in a data sharing environment, possibly evolving to a single database if desired
- Integrate functionality of AIMS into ACAMS & PAT into IBS-CMM
- Evolve solution to a Joint Intermodal Platform Management Solution

Current status

- Implementation plan approved
 - Priority is data sharing
- ACAMS and IBS-CMM developing data model for data sharing

Way Ahead

- Continue to execute approved implementation plan
 - Data sharing
 - Single sign-on
 - Migrating AIMS and PAT by FY09
 - Joint and Global implementation
- Future spirals will address the inclusion of the remaining intermodal platforms: 463L pallets, Container Roll-In/Out Platform (CROPs), flatracks, rail flatcars, etc.
- Future platforms will be decided by CBAT membership and will reflect user wants and needs
- JIWG will decide prioritization of platforms
- CBAT analysis team will re-convene to consider new requirements
- If no future platforms will be addressed, JIPMS project will be considered complete at the end of data sharing and closed

DTR PART VI (USTRANSCOM Alan Bane)

Final comments resolved at May 07 JIWG, except OSD “policy” comments in 22 Aug 07 memo from ADUSD(TP). In compliance with OSD memo the word “policy” was removed, however no other content was affected by this memo.

The Intermodal Container sections was updated August 2007.

Intermodal Container System Policy

- Located in DOD Instruction 4500.dd, Transportation and Traffic Management
 - Enclosure 4, Surface Transportation
- Final draft at OSD for signature

Intermodal Doctrine

- Located in Joint Pub 4-09, Global Distribution
- Under revision

Change process

- Submit recommended changes to Al Bane, TCJ5/4-PT, alan.bane@ustrancom.mil
 - Guidance/procedures should be consistent/applicable across all Services/Agencies
- Compile recommended changes in spreadsheet format
- Coordinate changes with AO level working group (frequency depends on urgency of change requirement)
- Resolve conflicts at JIWG
- Coordinate approval at O-6 level
- Publish updated chapters on DTR website:
 - http://www.transcom.mil/j5/pt/dtr_part_vi.cfm

Air Intermodal Pallet (AIP) (HAF/Mike Hanson)

Air Force is undertaking the use and broader application of a one-way Air Intermodal Pallet (AIP). The AIP is an intermediate platform, which will ride on a 463L for air transport, but will move forward to the consignee separate from the 463L. The AIP is lightweight and less expensive than the 463L, but sturdy enough to handle the material.

Currently the 463Ls that go forward to the consignee are often lost or suffer significant damage before their return to AMC, which means budget dollars must be spent to repair the returned pallets and to replenish the 463L pool for the lost pallets.

LMI analyzed the startup and annual recurring costs for maintaining the current operational scenario versus implementing the AIP. Based on their analysis and the estimated cumulative costs projected over a 5-year horizon, they found the AIP is an operationally sound concept that should be pursued.

HQ USAF position on way ahead is to convene a Services senior officer level working group to validate DOD customer requirements, develop business rules, and refine financial strategy for acquisition of AIP

CY08 MEETING DATES/SCHEDULE (Gary Adams/Sandy Gorba)

Next JIWG quarterly meeting dates may be linked to the Army Worldwide Container Conference hosted by AIDPMO, notional dates May/June 08 timeframe.