

**Joint Intermodal Working Group (JIWG)
Meeting Minutes
7 Dec 2010**

1. The Joint Intermodal Working Group (JIWG) meeting was held on 7 Dec 10 at Stanley Associates, Inc., 1100 New Jersey Ave, Suite 800, Washington DC. Meeting attended by DLA J3312 (FY11 Lead Co-Chair), TCJ5/4-II (Co-Chair), Joint Staff/J4-DD, Army G4, NOLSC (for Navy N41), Air Staff A4RM, AFMC/SCMS, MARCORLOGCOM (for HQMC LPD-1), SDDC (both Global Container Management Office (GCM) & Army Intermodal Distribution Platform Management Office (AIDPMO)), OSD Transportation Policy, Joint Munitions Cmd, USAREUR, USARSO, USARPAC, Defense Ammunition Center (DAC), DLA Troop Support, and other DOD components. Agenda is at Tab 1. Attendance roster is at Tab 2.
2. Meeting opened with welcoming remarks by Scott Benson and Tom Parker, JIWG Co-Chairs. Meeting agenda was reviewed and brief overview of the 7 Jun 10 meeting was provided.
3. Standards Committee (SC) Update. Mr Tom Kozlowski, LOGSA PSCC and Chair of SC, presented an update on committee activities and way ahead. Items briefed were MIL-STD-3028, Joint Modular Intermodal Container (JMIC) Interface Standard; Charter of the SC; Conversion of MIL-HDBK-138B to MIL-STD-3037; ISO Technical Committee 104; and MIL-STD-129. Mr Kozlowski was followed by Laurie Fieffer, DAC, who presented information about the impact of conversion on training and other items.
 - a. MIL-STD-3028 has been active since 6 Jul 09. At the NATO CSS Supply Panel Meeting in Oct 10, Italy requested nations/USA incorporate it into STANAG 2828. Italy has also requested information on the procurement of JMICs. **No action required of JIWG.**
 - b. Charter of the SC. Original/current charter dated 8 Dec 06. Mr. Kozlowski sent to SC members for review/update. Some organizational updates were made. Mr. Kozlowski **will submit to JIWG for review, comment, and JIWG approval NLT 31 Jan 11.** Final will be provided to Tom Ridgway, DSPO, for approval.
 - c. Conversion of MIL-HDBK-138B, Guide to Container Inspection for Commercial and Military Intermodal Containers, to a proposed MIL-STD-3037. Intent is to make the container inspection criteria mandatory. Currently, the MIL-HDBK-138B is for 'guidance only' and cannot be cited as a requirement in contracts. The military standard will also align the DOD inspection criteria for general dry cargo containers with industry criteria used by the Institute of International Container Lessors (IICL). The container inspection criteria used for containers carrying ammunition will continue to meet the requirements of the

International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code and Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) requirements. Mr Kozlowski discussed the need to define the scope of the MIL-STD, use of non-Government standards, where applicable, potential copyright issue with IICL, and cited the need to develop pertinent rationale and a solid business case for the conversion effort. Tom Ridgway recommended that the SC continue working the conversion and identify specific issues and resource requirements for the JIWG. JIWG members agreed. **SC will report out at next JIWG.**

d. International Organization for Standardization Technical Committee 104 - Freight Containers (ISO TC 104). Mr Kozlowski discussed two sub-committees of ISO TC 104, SC1 (general purpose containers) and SC4 (identification and communications). SC4 has USTRANSCOM participation (DOD AIT office). SC1 has no DOD involvement. SC1 is taking up issues dealing with use of lighter structural members for containers. Mr Kozlowski recommended that the JIWG consider liaison activities with SC1. Liaison is generally a no-cost item and can be worked via e-mail. Direct participation will require some resources for TDY. Tom Parker, TCJ5/4-II, agreed to take the action to determine who within DOD should take this on **and report back to JIWG at next meeting.**

e. DAC briefing. Ms. Feiffer provided a briefing that compared/contrasted container inspection criteria in MIL-HDBK-138B to the IMDG and IICL. Inspection criteria focuses on primary structural components. Ms. Feiffer noted that the inspection criteria for ammunition grade containers in IMDG and the MIL-HDBK are identical. For general cargo containers, she noted there are only nine major differences, the majority of which are in the bend/dent criteria with differences ranging from 2mm to 25mm (IICL-5 is more stringent in two instances, MIL-HDBK-138B more stringent in seven instances). She discussed the IICL training and certification program; highlighted the costs associated with the course, course materials, and certifying examination; and projected an annual cost difference of \$9M+ between the MIL-HDBK training program and IICL-5. She also highlighted other considerations with respect to training and inspection standardization.

4. Status update of CASCOM Army Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (ATTP) 4-12, Army Container Operations. JIWG interest due to Joint Staff/J7 cancellation of Joint Pub 4-01.7, Joint TTP for Use of Intermodal Containers in Joint Operations, Jan, 1997. Intent was for JIWG to develop a Multi-Service TTP under sponsorship of Air, Land, and Sea Applications (ALSA) Center. ALSA disapproved request which had Joint Staff/J4 endorsement. DTR Part VI assigned Army responsibility for developing, in coordination with other DOD Components, doctrine (tactics, techniques, and procedures) for reception, staging, onward movement, and retrograde of ISO containers and support equipment to include information systems in a theater of operations.....” At 7 Jun 10 JIWG meeting, it was agreed CASCOM would coordinate ATTP being developed with JIWG once Army had completed review. This would allow it to become a multi-service TTP. Estimated date for coordination with

JIWG was 1 Jul 10; however, due to retirement of the ATTP author, the completed initial draft has not yet been coordinated. Complete coordination and approval/publication is 18 month effort. CASCOM has no resources to continue development of ATTP. Dave Kapinos, Joint Staff/J4-DD, requested information on amount of resources needed and wanted to raise to JS J4 level as there is high interest in this area. COL Shannon, TRADOC DPMO, will discuss with CASCOM and get back to JIWG before next JIWG meeting. CW3 Matthews, Army G4 rep, will also get with CASCOM. Wants full Army review prior to JIWG coordination by other Services. Status of this project will be updated next JIWG meeting.

5. Container Procurement. Mr Joseph McHenry, DLA Troop Support, presented briefing on the types of containers DLA procures, current long term contracts, and challenges. Challenges include working within framework of Trade Agreements Act (TAA). TAA requires buying from approved countries. China is not a TAA-approved country and a TAA waiver is required to buy containers from China. China manufactures 98% of the world's commercial containers (dry and reefer). Some US companies have container components made in China, which are then imported and assembled in the United States. Costs are approximately \$3500 for a dry cargo container made in China compared to \$6700 to \$8500 for ones made in TAA-approved countries (e.g., Italy) or those assembled in the US. JIWG had requested DLA work issue of securing a permanent TAA waiver for ISO containers back in 2002, but a permanent waiver was not granted. DLA Troop Support is re-engaging this issue and will provide an update at the next JIWG. It was noted that for a container requirements greater than 50, a lead time of 90-120 days is required. This could impact future surges during deployments.
6. Interagency Coordination Group (ICG)--DOD AAE Transportation Sub-Group Update. Mr Mike Hanson, AF A4RM, presented an update on the ICG for JIWG awareness. He outlined the ICG's 2020 Strategic Plan and discussed the 10 goals (6 short term, 4 long term) featured in the Strategic Plan. Of interest was the short-term goal of expanding DTTS for ISO containers and use of smart container technology moving via truck or rail by engaging with JIWG, and the long-term goal of advocating for a robust wireless technology that allows for door-to-door tracking of AA&E and other shipments moving surface truck, rail, barge, and surface ship worldwide, to include tracking shipments at transshipment locations.
7. 2010 DOD Biennial ISO Container Inventory and Inventory Process. Mr Thomas Catchings presented results of the recently concluded 2010 container inventory by the Services. Percentage of owner verified containers increased from 72.2% in 2008 to 86.1% in 2010 and on-hand verified containers improved from 57.2% to 79.8% DOD wide. Key recommendations are to establish a mechanism and policy for purging of retired and un-located containers and to develop a fleet replacement program that includes funding (fleets are old, need repair and replacement). Way ahead is improvement of policy and procedures

for maintaining inventories, timely updating by Services of ACAMS, and continue to build Container Control Officer networks. SDDC will provide status update on implementation of their recommendations at next JIWG in Spring, 2011.

(For Chris Forth/Sandy Gorba, please add stuff on Chris's ACAMS inventory process brief)

8. ACAMS and Container Management Training. Ms Sandy Gorba, (SDDC-AIDPMO) and Thomas Catchings (SDDC-GCM) presented briefings on their respective training programs. Ms Gorba's briefing included overview/background on ACAMS, automated procurement process, ACAMS mobile handheld data collection, training, and AIDPMO accomplishments (refer to charts for details). Mr Catchings provided briefing on IBS-CMM training site, web base training, objectives, platforms, and way ahead. Way ahead focused on goal of making container management part of the DOD's DNA. Includes training SDDC Brigades to meet GCM initiative, making requirement for all E-7 and below to take web-based training, joint training teams with other Services, commercial carrier training, working with TRADOC for classes at Transportation School, and training Brigade Combat Teams.
9. Other briefs. Mr Chris Forth provided an information brief on the Army's ARFORGEN Container Management Support Plan to source and execute equipping the Army with containers for deploying units in the first 180 days of the next contingency and in support of the ARFORGEN plan. Mr Mark Larue provided an overview of some of the action points contained in the Joint Surface Assessment Team report.
10. Meeting concluded. Next meeting will be held in June timeframe possibly in conjunction with the SDDC-AIDPMO hosted Worldwide Container Training Workshop in the vicinity of Tobyhanna Army Depot, PA.