

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

1. The Joint Intermodal Working Group (JIWG) meeting was held on 7 Jun10 at Bushkill, PA in conjunction with the 2010 Worldwide Container Training Workshop. Meeting attended by DLA (FY09-10 Lead Co-Chair), TCJ5/4-II (Co-Chair), Joint Staff/J4-DD, Army G4, NOLSC (for Navy N41), AFMC/SCMS (for Air Staff), HQMC LPD-1, MARCORLOGCOM, SDDC (both Global Container Management Office (GCM) & Army Intermodal Distribution Platform Management Office (AIDPMO)), OSD Transportation Policy, Joint Munitions Cmd, EUCOM, USARSO, USARPAC, CENTAF, Defense Ammunition Center (DAC), DLA/DDC, and other DOD components. Agenda is at Tab 1. Attendance roster is at Tab 2.
2. Meeting opened with welcoming remarks by Sandy Gorba, AIDPMO (JIWG host), George Gray (HQ DLA J33), and Tom Parker (TCJ5/4-II) the DLA/USTRANSCOM JIWG Co-Chairs. Mr Gray introduced Mr Scott Benson as the future Co-Chair to the JIWG and then reviewed the minutes from the 4 Dec 09 JIWG meeting. Meeting first addressed the due outs from the 4 Dec 09 relating to a) adopting commercial container inspection criteria and converting the Military Handbook 138B from a Handbook to a DOD Standard, and b) the way ahead for the Joint Intermodal Platform Management System (JIPMS).
3. Due Outs from 4 Dec 09 JIWG:
 - a. Adoption of Commercial Intermodal Container Inspection Criteria for General Cargo Shipments; Conversion of MIL-HDBK-138B to a DOD Standard. Laurie Fieffer, Defense Ammunition Center (DAC), recommended adopting International Institute of Container Lessors (IICL) inspection criteria for containers used only for shipment of general cargo, and converting MIL-HDBK-138B ("Guide to Container Inspection for Commercial and Military Intermodal Containers") to a DOD Standard. The DOD Standard would reference inspection criteria in the current edition of IICL's "Guide for Container Equipment Inspection" to enable personnel to inspect and select intermodal containers that are serviceable and safe for shipping general cargo. The DOD Standard would provide additional criteria that must be followed to qualify containers for ammunition and hazardous cargo shipments, consistent with International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code and Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) requirements. Container inspection checklists would be modified accordingly. Unlike the MIL-HDBK, the DOD Standard could be cited as a requirements document. The impact on training DOD container inspectors would be minimal as they are trained by DAC to the more stringent ammunition criteria currently in MIL-HDBK-138B. Converting the Handbook to a DOD Standard will involve changing proveniency of the MIL-HDBK from the Army

Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) to DAC. Ms. Fieffer is ready to work with the JIWG Standards Committee on this. JIWG members voted 7 to 0 to adopt IICL criteria and convert the MIL-HDBK to a DOD Standard. USTRANSCOM will discuss with US Coast Guard. OSD TP will assist in having proponency of the MIL-HDBK changed from ARDEC to DAC. ARDEC is currently a member of JIWG Standards Committee, and action will go to the JIWG Standards Committee for execution. Task will be forwarded to the Standards Committee for action. Estimated completion date is Jan 2011. **NOTE: Standards Committee to meet 11-12 Aug 2010 at LOGSA, Tobyhanna Army Depot to begin addressing this issue.**

- b. Joint Intermodal Platform Management System (JIPMS) Way Ahead. Due outs from Army G4 and SDDC-GCM on Joint Intermodal Platform Management System (JIPMS), Spiral 2/Way Ahead. LTC Brown, DA G4, briefed Army recommendation to continue JIPMS Spiral 2 and leverage an upcoming Army audit to provide an independent assessment of the effectiveness of current fielded container management systems, and as a guide for determining the way ahead. Discussion focused on what constitutes JIPMS Spiral 2 since the JIPMS Business Case Analysis (BCA) and the JIPMS Implementation Plan (IP) use different terminology. The BCA uses the term "spiral" to address the scope of JIPMS (Spiral 1 limits JIPMS to ISO containers; Spiral 2 would expand JIPMS scope to 463L pallets and flat racks). To achieve BCA Spiral 1 objectives, the JIPMS IP breaks the tasks into two phases -- Phase I improves data sharing between IBS-CMM and ACAMS, and Phase II focuses on implementation of a single sign-on and data base. Mark Larue, Chief, SDDC Global Container Management Division, presented SDDC recommendations for JIPMS way ahead which included fixing data sharing capability between IBS-CMM and ACAMS, conducting independent review of container management systems, and integrating IBS-CMM into IBS. Discussion included need to improve ingate/outgate AIT and link strategic container management with theater container management. The ultimate goal is for users to go to one system for container management. The independent study review will recommend what needs to be done, how DOD should proceed and why. OSD will try to fund and then coordinate with JIWG to get input on the study parameters and terms of reference.
- c. JIWG members (USTRANSCOM, DLA, Army, Navy, USAF, USMC, Joint Staff/J4) took 2 votes:
- (1) Vote for fixing data sharing between IBS-CMM and ACAMS. Vote: 7 yea, 0 nay.
 - (2) OSD analysis of alternatives (AOA) study while using existing systems. Vote: 7 yea, 0 nay.
- a. Users have a single entry point for joint global container management of

commercial and DoD containers to include AIT capabilities.

- b. AoA to include status quo.
- c. Includes feasibility of executing each option and an implementation plan of action.

3. Other briefings and discussions included:

a. Container Disposition. Tom Parker, Chief, Intermodal Team, TCJ5/4-II, led discussion to clarify DEPSECDEF's 18 Dec 09 memorandum, subject "Global Container Management Policy," specifically the requirement for USTRANSCOM to oversee and coordinate disposition of carrier-provided or leased containers purchased during contingency operations with DoD funds after the operation has concluded. Clarification was requested as to whether this meant that all containers 'bought out' during OIF/OEF were included, and whether this tasking includes containers categorized as 'available for government use (AFGU).' Over 47K AFGU have been found and SDDC is working to determine ownership of them. AFGU containers are those found in-theater for which ownership cannot be determined. It was agreed by OSD and the Services that all containers were bought with Service funds and were not reimbursed with OSD supplemental funds, and that each Service would be responsible for oversight and disposition of these assets, not USTRANSCOM. There was no resolution as to whether 'available for government use' containers (i.e., those containers found in-theater or on installation whose owners could not be verified) would be managed by the Services or USTRANSCOM. There is not a desire among the Services for a centrally-managed, common user pool of containers.

b. Information briefings were provided on:

- DOD Automatic Identification Technology Implementation (DOD AIT Office)
- The Army's 180 Day 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 Army Force Generation (ARFORGEN) plan. (SDDC AIDPMO).
- A proposed Container Management Conference with COCOMs/Components, Services, DLA, OSD and the Joint Staff. (USTRANSCOM TCJ5/4-II)
- A review of container doctrine in Joint Publication 4-09, Distribution Operations (USTRANSCOM TCJ5/4-II)
- The proposed way ahead for development of a container management tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP) publication. (USTRANSCOM TCJ5/4-II). It was suggested that the TTP might be published as an appendix to the DTR Part VI.

c. Updates provided by all Services and SDDC GCM on their container management programs. GCM updated included 2010 Inventory, Detention Issues, Buyouts, Container Management in Haiti Operation Unified Response, and SDDC-GCM interface with COCOMs. USTRANSCOM provided status of Defense Transportation Regulation (DTR) Part VI 2010 update, currently being coordinated at the action officer level and expected to be finalized for O-6 level coordination. Target approval of DTR update is September, 2010.