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MEMORANDUM FOR UNIQUE ITEM TRACKING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SUBJECT: DOD Unique Item Tracking Committee (UITC) Meeting, June 8, 2006

The attached minutes of the DOD UITC Meeting are forwarded for your information and action as appropriate. The Defense Logistics Management Standards Office point of contact is Ms. Mary Jane Johnson, 703-767-0677, DSN 427, or email: [Mary.Jane.Johnson@dla.mil](mailto:Mary.Jane.Johnson@dla.mil).

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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**Purpose:** The Defense Logistics Management Standards Office (DLMSO) hosted subject meeting at the McNamara Headquarters Complex, Fort Belvoir, VA. Specific discussion topics are noted below. The agenda is at Enclosure 1. A list of attendees is at Enclosure 2. Meeting handouts and briefings are available on the DLMSO website UITC webpage as links to the meeting agenda at: <http://www.dla.mil/j-6/dlmso/Programs/Committees/UITC/UITC.asp>.

**Brief Summary of Discussions:** Several information briefings were provided at this meeting. Ms. Mary Jane Johnson, UITC Chair, facilitated discussion:

**1. Item Unique Identification (IUID) Update Briefing.** Mr. Rob Leibrandt, Deputy UID Program Office, and Mr. Rich Fitzhenry, UID Program Office, briefed the group on the current status of IUID:

a) Mr. Leibrandt provided the group an update on the IUID initiative to include objectives, capabilities enabled by IUID, IUID data capture opportunities for legacy items, trigger points for IUID registry updates, and potential for IUID use in maintenance, asset visibility, and UIT. The group discussed the relationship between IUID and UIT. DLMSO noted that there is currently no logistics policy requiring UIT for all IUID items, and that a discussion of logistics policy would follow. The UID office noted that there is a birth record requirement for IUID. A death record requirement is being discussed.

b) Mr. Fitzhenry and Mr. Leibrandt addressed a code the IUID program office is considering for identifying IUID items in the Federal Logistics Information System (FLIS). Discussions ensued over how the new FLIS IUID code being considered would differ in purpose and use from the existing FLIS UIT Designator Codes (UITDC). The UITDC identifies UIT programs, but also has a code for IUID items which do not fall under existing UIT programs. It was not clear to the committee what benefits a new code would provide; that could not be provided by the existing UITDC. The UID office noted that the existing UITDC 'UID' states the IUID items are not tracked, and that detracted from using the code for IUID. DLMSO noted that Approved DLMS Change (ADC) 172 (available at <http://www.dla.mil/j-6/dlms0/eLibrary/changes/approved.asp>), which established the UITDC for UID, states that "As UID logistics policy requirements evolve, the concept for the UITDC 'UID' may shift. Initially, the concept is to provide a cataloging means to identify NIINs that meet the UID criteria, but which are NOT subject to a UIT program...There is presently no logistics policy requirement for tracking UID

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items, not subject to UIT programs.” The intent being that the definition for the code could be revised if needed as logistics IUID requirements evolve.

## **2. Logistics Policy for IUID**

a) Ms. Kathy Smith, DUSD (L&MR) SCI, noted that SCI is revising DoD 4140.1-R, DOD Supply Chain Materiel Management Regulation. As part of the revision, SCI is looking to leverage the UIT section to address logistics policy for IUID, working with the UID PMO, the Component UITC representatives, and DLMSO. In addition to updating terminology to reflect the IUID concept for Unique Item Identifier (UII), areas the policy will consider include, but are not limited to, what processes require an exchange of UII data (e.g., receipt. Issue, etc); what system changes are required (e.g., exchange of DLMS transactions, stow by UII, etc); what/how IUID data is maintained, and what are the existing logistics processes for UIT items.

b) Significant discussion ensued over the current process whereby a Service nominates a UIT program and identifies all NSNs for that program for assignment of the FLIS UITDC. Ms. Smith suggested that this may no longer be the best method for UIT in the future given the changing logistics environment and the arrival of IUID. She suggested considering a shift to have the UITDC identify a level of tracking for an NSN, rather than a UIT program. One level could identify more stringent tracking requirements, such as small arms might require, and another level could have minimal tracking requirements, such as identification of the birth and death records only. An intermediate level could also be considered. The UITC noted that the committee had previously discussed a scenario for 2 “levels” of tracking with one level having minimal requirements that would be met by all UIT items, while another level would provide for more stringent requirements that would only apply to some items. A former DLA representative to the committee had developed a high level chart addressing these requirements for depot processing. **ACTION:** The current DLA representative, Mr. George Gray, was asked to research this issue and develop recommended levels of tracking from a distribution depot perspective, using the historical chart, as well as knowledge of current depot UIT processing for the Small Arms and Navy Depot Level Repairable UIT programs. The UID Program Office offered Mr. Fitzhenry’s services to assist Mr. Gray in this effort. The results of this effort will require further joint discussion either in a meeting or through electronic means.

## **3. Defense Logistics Information System (DLIS) Unique Item Tracking**

**Designator Code (UITDC) Update.** Mr. Dave Osburn, DLIS, briefed the group on the status of the Federal Logistics Information System (FLIS) UITDC. Currently the UITDC is published on CD Rom, however the goal is to have it available through standard FLIS. Several issues need to be resolved to include having the Components identify the data systems to accept the FLIS output for the UITDC, identification of location of source data or method to link to DLIS, business rules for dealing with cancellations, etc. DLIS must arrange for the UITDC to be in FLIS in a manner usable to all Components, however DLIS is unsure of the specific Component system requirements for the UITDC. Prior to the meeting, DLMSO provided the UITC representatives with an e-mail citing DLIS issues, and a list of the Federal Cataloging Committee representatives to address the UITDC issues with. The potential shift discussed at this meeting, from the current UITDC for identifying UIT programs to a UITDC identifying levels of tracking, could impact these discussions.

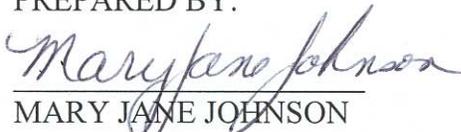
**4. DLMS Jumpstart Briefing.** Mr. John Schwarz, DLMSO, briefed the group on the DLMS Jump Start initiative. DLMS Jumpstart is a Business Transformation Agency (BTA) initiative that encourages DLMS migration (X12 or XML) by providing “start up” funding incentives. DLMS Jump Start coordinates the phased implementation of current and future high priority transactions (e.g., RFID, IUID) that support OSD Business Transformation priorities.

**5. Proposed DLMS Change (PDC) for DLMS Supplement (DS) 140B, Unique Item Tracking Reporting Transaction**

a) DLMSO deferred discussion of a PDC for DS 140B. DLMSO will develop/staff a PDC to update DS 140B for the IUID UII data concept since the transaction currently reflects the serial number concept that predates IUID policy. The PDC will also address optional use of DS 140B to request sight verification.

b) Mr. Wayne Hoover, Navy, indicated they have some outstanding issues with their current use of DS 140B with the DLA Distribution Standard System (DSS) which require further DLA and Navy coordination to resolve. *Background: DS 140B was approved for interim use in 2002 for Phase 1 of the DSS implementation of DLMS to provide serial number information for receipts because accountable transactions, to include the DLMS 527R receipt, were not part of the first phase of DSS DLMS implementation. DS 140B works independently for UIT, however the more integrated approach being pursued under DLMS is to include UIT data requirements within the standard logistics transaction supporting the functional requirement: receipt, inventory adjustment, materiel release advice, etc, rather than through an independent transaction.* DLMSO noted that DSS is preparing to implement DS 527R for receipts, and the Navy should be looking to develop an implementation strategy for use of DS 527R in place of DS 140B for receipt information, however existing DS 140B concerns also require resolution as Navy cannot immediately transition to DS 527R.

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Enclosures

**AGENDA**  
**Unique Item Tracking Committee (UITC) Meeting**

**June 8, 2006**

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<b>Topic #</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>LEAD</b>
<b>0830</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	<b>Ms. Mary Jane Johnson</b> DLMSO/UITC Chair
<b>1</b>	<b>Item Unique Identification (IUID) Update</b>	<b>Mr. Rob Leibrandt</b> <b>and Mr. Rich Fitzhenry</b> OUSD AT&L UID PMO
<b>2</b>	<b>Discussion of Logistics Policy for IUID</b>	<b>Ms. Kathy Smith</b> ADUSD(L)SCI
<b>3</b>	<b>Unique Item Tracking Designator Code (UITDC) Update</b>  In depth discussion of current status and requirements.	<b>Mr. Dave Osburn</b> DLIS  <b>DLIS and UITC</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>BRIEFING: DLMS Jump Start</b>  Overview Briefing of the Business Transformation Agency (BTA) initiative that encourages DLMS migration (X12 or XML) by providing "start up" funding incentives. Jump Start coordinates the phased implementation of current and future high priority transactions (e.g., RFID, IUID) that support OSD Business Transformation priorities.	<b>Mr. John Schwarz</b> DLMSO
<b>5</b>	<b>Proposed DLMS Change (PDC) for DLMS Supplement 140B, Unique Item Tracking Reporting Transaction</b>	DLMSO
<b>6</b>	<b>Meeting Wrap-up, Adjourn</b>	DLMSO