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JOINT ELECTRONICS TYPE DESIGNATION SYSTEM

This regulation prescribes policies and procedures for the administration of the Joint Electronics Type Designation System (JETDS), as it is established in MIL-STD-196. It designates the Joint Equipment and Standardization Panel of the US Military Communications Electronics Board (MCEB) to provide guidance on policy matters concerning the JETDS. It establishes and assigns responsibilities of the Department of Defense Control Point and of Military Departments requesting designations. This regulation applies to Military Departments in the identification for design control of electronic (excluding communications security) materiel and certain associated equipment.

1. Terms explained. a. *Nomenclature.* The term in combination of an item name and type designation.

b. *Item name.* A name published in Federal Cataloging Handbook H-1, or that name developed by the requester in accordance with MIL-STD-100, in that portion applicable to drawing titles.

c. *Type designation.* A specific combination of letters and numerals, structured in accordance with MIL-STD-196, that provides a standard means of uniquely identifying electronic materiel by design configuration.

d. *Department of Defense Control Point (DOD CP).* The official focal point within the Department of Defense that is responsible for administration of the JETDS and is authorized to assign type designations.

e. *Department Control Point (DCP).* The official focal point within a Military Department that is authorized to obtain a type designation from the DODCP.

2. *Objectives.* The policy and procedures established in this regulation constitute a management system for the JETDS. The objectives of this system are to insure that the JETDS--

a. Is properly administered and controlled.

b. Serves as a viable tool for identification of electronic materiel

and and for use in configuration management of this materiel.

c. Provides identification of electronic materiel type similarities and significant differences.

d. Is sufficiently flexible and broad in scope to be applicable to present and future electronic materiel.

3. Policies. a. The administration of the JETDS will be consistent with the objectives specified in MIL-STD-196, Defense Standardization Manual 4120.3-M and this regulation.

b. The assignment of type designations will--

(1) Provide visibility of electronic materiel in the service inventories.

(2) Be responsive to user requirements.

(3) Provide singular, common identification.

(4) Further the standardization of electronic materiel identification.

c. The assignment of type designations will be consistent with--

(1) DOD Instruction 5010.21.

(2) MIL-STD-196.

(3) MIL-STD-280.

d. Type designations will be used as assigned. Changes may be requested if they are consistent with established policy.

e. Application of the JETDS is amplified as follows:

(1) Type designations may be assigned to classified materiel in the development stage to provide an unclassified means of identification.

(2) Other departmental designations may be replaced by JETDS type designations.

(3) US Communications Security (COMSEC) materials that are under the National Security Agency (NSA) Telecommunications Security (TSEC) Nomenclature Systems will not be redesignated under JETDS.

(4) Revisions of the JETDS will not require redesignation action.

f. Matters of controversy which cannot be resolved by the DODCP and the DCPs will be referred to the MCEB through normal military department administrative channels.

4. Responsibilities. a. The US Military Communications-Electronics Board (MCEB) will provide guidance on the JETDS and aid in the resolution of problems and controversies. This function will be accomplished by its Joint Equipment Standardization Panel, which will--

(1) Exercise continuing monitorship of the JETDS.

(2) Provide guidance on policy matters concerning the JETDS.

(3) Resolve those matters of controversy which cannot be resolved by the DODCP and the DCPs.

b. The Department of the Army will designate an appropriate activity to be the DODCP. This DODCP will-- Administer the JETDS in coordination with the DCPs.

(2) Respond to guidance from the MCEB.

(3) Continuously refine the JETDS in coordination with the DCPs.

(4) Collect, maintain and distribute MIL STD-196 technical data for each assigned type designation.

(5) Communicate directly with the DCPs on matters pertaining to the JETDS.

c. *Each Military Department/agency will designate a DCP.* More than one DCP may be established where functional alignment and responsibilities necessitate. The DCP(s) will--

(1) Act as the Military Department/agency focal point for processing type designation requests to the DODCP.

(2) Coordinate with the DODCP on the administration of the JETDS.

(3) Coordinate with the DODCP on refinements to the JETDS.

(4) Refer matters of controversy which cannot be resolved with the DODCP to the Joint Equipment and Standardization Panel of the MCEB through Military Department administrative channels.

5. Administration. a. *Technical data.* The DODCP collects, maintains, and distributes technical data for each assigned type designation.

(1) Regrading of existing classified technical data is accomplished in accordance with the automatic downgrading directives indicated in b(2) below. Earlier regrading action is encouraged and may be accomplished by DCP submission of a [DD Form 61](#), Request for Nomenclature, to the DODCP.

(2) Dissemination of technical data will be limited to those DOD activities which have justified a need and to those specifically designated by the DOD activities which have justified a need and to those specifically designated by the DOD.

(3) Access to classified technical data will be authorized by the DCP which requested the nomenclature.

b. *Request for nomenclature.* Requests for nomenclature are submitted by the DCP to the DODCP on [DD Form 61](#), Request for Nomenclature.

(1) Requests for nomenclature will be completed in accordance with MIL-STD-196.

(2) Security classification.

(a) Requests for nomenclature shall include both the security classification of the item (hardware) described and that of the information (data) provided thereon. Unclassified requests pertaining to classified equipment will be stamped "UNCLASSIFIED" on the top and bottom.

(b) All classified requests for nomenclature will bear the appropriate marking required by Air Force Regulation 205-1, Army Regulation 380-5, OPNAV Instruction 5500.40B, or other applicable security directive.

(c) Prior to submission of a classified request for nomenclature to the DODCP, the DCP will ensure that each data element on the request is marked with the appropriate security classification symbol immediately

preceding and to the left of that data element involved. The symbols (S), (C), and (U) shall be used respectively for SECRET, CONFIDENTIAL, and UNCLASSIFIED.

c. *Type designation reservation.* Reservation of type designations is limited to Military Department high priority requirements and emergencies. Reservations will not be made without sufficient information to permit determination of full nomenclature. The procedure for type designation reservation is as follows:

(1) The DCP submits the request to the DOD CP. The request must be accurate and clear in its recommendations to preclude delays and erroneous assignments. Security classification considerations will be based on the provisions of (2) above.

(a) The request may be by letter, message, or telephone, depending upon its urgency. Telephone request will be confirmed by message or letter as soon as possible.

(b) The request must cite the requesting DCP, request number, item name, requested type designator, and whether or not development and/or production designation is needed.

(c) When available, manufacturer's drawing number, part number, or model number will be included.

(2) The DODCP will confirm all reservations using the same medium as the request. Telephone confirmations will be followed by a message or letter as soon as possible.

(3) The DCP will submit a [DD Form 61](#) or notification of requirement cancellation within 60 days after obtaining the reservation.

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