AC/135 MEETINGS RESUMED

After two and a half years of virtual meetings, the first post COVID physical meeting conducted was the 121st AC/135 Main Group (14-16 June 2022), where the Group plans to host all fall 2022 meetings in a physical manner as announced in NABS. AC/135 is the largest Allied Committee in terms of number of member countries. Therefore physical meetings are essential and will allow delegates to re-convene and address business in a real and pragmatic manner safeguarding in this way business continuity and continuous relevance of products and services.

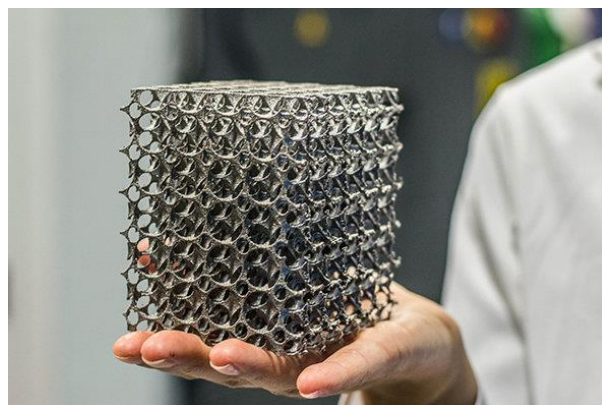## NATO MASTER CATALOGUE OF REFERENCES FOR LOGISTICS (NMCRL)

The NMCRL is by far the biggest and most detailed defence logistics database on a worldwide basis presenting unmatched functionality and vital information to Logisticians, Codifiers and the Industry. The new NMCRL version was introduced in January 2022 in parallel to the NATO Data Exchange Redesign (NDER) project and was entirely revitalized from a contents, functionalities and design perspective. The NMCRL allows for real time access to more than 18 million active NATO Stock Numbers (NSN) of NATO, Tier 2 and some Tier 1 member countries, as well as introduces innovative search capabilities, guaranteeing in this way ultimate customer satisfaction to worldwide users and the war fighter. Apart from the Web version of the product, which is updated

on a daily basis, the NMCRL Web Lite allows for a one-month free trial access period in order to enable potential users to harness the capabilities of the product. All in all, the NMCRL offers a contemporary tool to access significant business intelligence gathered from databases of NATO and sponsored member countries. More info is available at **www.nato.int/nmcrl**

AC/135 STRATEGIC PROJECTS

AC/135 is always exploiting state-of-the-art technologies in response to potential future requirements. As such, the Group is presently finalising the contents of two strategic studies: "Additive manufacturing and Codification impact"; "NSN versus part number within Enterprise-Resource-Planning (ERP) systems". Both studies will be released within 2022, where the Codification community eagerly awaits the conclusions and assess their impact on Codification.

THE AC/135 SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

NATO cooperates with a range of international organisations and countries in different structures. AC/135 supports this cooperation by offering non-NATO countries the opportunity to participate in the Sponsorship programme and become part of the NATO Codification System (NCS). As this programme was inaugurated in the 90s, it allowed AC/135 to progressively become NATO's largest Allied Committee. The Sponsorship programme promotes Codification, interoperability, underpins international teamwork and regional collaboration and allows AC/135 expertise to be leveraged by Sponsored nations. Today 34 nations are sponsored by AC/135 via this highly successful programme: 20 at Tier 2 and 14 at Tier 1.

E-LEARNING TRAINING

Training is earmarked as a critical AC/135 capability: it encompasses synergies and techniques that foster Codification and interoperability, as well as allows trainees to leverage and build on their codification capabilities. A key ingredient of the AC/135 training portfolio is the E-Learning tool, which introduces the audience to the NCS and the world of Codification. This excellent tool comprises of seven training modules in English, French, Korean, Spanish and Portuguese and is available at **Contact / NCS Help Center (nato.int)**

Nations, and in particular newcomers in the Codification arena, are strongly encouraged to exploit this E-Learning application in order to harvest the fundamentals of Codification.

NCB COLLEGE

AC/135 resumed the highly successful NCB College training endeavour as the 2022 iteration was hosted at NSPA with 22 delegates in attendance. It comprised of the course for Managers and Directors, and the one for Codifiers and Logisticians. Instructors from Spain, Portugal, NSPA and the Chairman AC/135 delivered a series of tailored made presentations focusing on Codification and its merits, tools, policies and procedures. As the AC/135 training centre of excellence, the NCB College meets contemporary codification requirements, as well as promotes interoperability and international collaboration in an unparalleled manner. Further information on the 2023 iteration will be announced at the AC/135 web site in due course.

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

AC/135 has always been a regional cooperation innovator: case study cases testifying this are the Pacific Area Cataloguing Seminar (PACS), the NORDEFCO COPA ARMA WG NATO Codification and the South America Codification Seminar (SACS). The first post COVID physical regional meeting was the 2022 SACS held in Bogota, Colombia. All aforementioned forums not only promote local and international cooperation, but also highlight the need for interoperability, exploit proficient Codification synergies, as well as fortify industrial cooperation.