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MEMORANDUM FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Assignment of NATO Publications Short Titles or ReferenceNumbers

Reference: SGM-431-52

1. By MSASEC 11, dated 26 February 1952, the Military Agency for Standardization (MAS) requested the Standing Group to assign a NATO publication short title or reference number to the publication being prepared under the custodianship of Canada on Arctic operations. SGM-431-52 directed the Standardization Policy and Coordinating Committee to take appropriate action in the premises.

2. There exists no authorized comprehensive and definitive method for the systematic assignment of short titles or reference numbers to publications that have been approved or projected for NATO use. However, through coordination at the working-party level, a system has been evolved for the publications thus far approved that is susceptible to satisfactory expansion. Under this system, publications have been classified into special fields with a characteristic family short title and an identifying number for each publication in the family. At present, the following classes of publications have been assigned short titles:

- Allied Tactical Publications ATP Series
- Allied Communication Publications ACP Series
- Allied Hydrographic Publications AHP Series
- Allied Exercise Publications AXP Series

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RECOMMENDATION

3. In light of the need for a comprehensive and authoritative system for the assignment of short titles for publications intended for NATO-wide distribution and since the development of a standard system properly comes under the purview of the MAS, the Standardization Policy and Coordinating Committee, recommend that the enclosed memorandum be forwarded to the MAS for appropriate action.


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MILITARY AGENCY FOR STANDARDIZATION

SUBJECT: Assignment of Short Titles or Reference Numbers to NATO Publications

Reference: MSASEC 11

1. Pursuant to the request contained in the above reference, the Standing Group directs the Military Agency for Standardization (MAS) to develop a systematic method for the assignment of short titles or reference numbers to publications that are intended for NATO distribution.

2. In the development of this project, the following considerations should be borne in mind:

a. Publications should be grouped in accordance with the broad field into which they naturally fall; viz., tactics, communication, engineering, logistics, training, meteorology, etc.

b. Assignment of short titles or reference numbers should be made on the basis that a characteristic family symbol be assigned to each group of publications together with a number identifying the publication within each group.

c. The system described in subparagraph b above has been applied to the publications thus far approved for NATO use, and, in the absence of overriding reasons to the contrary, should be expanded and modified as necessary to cover all probable areas in which publications may be issued. Currently, the following classes of publications, together with their short titles, have been approved by the Standing Group:

- Allied Tactical PublicationsATP Series
- Allied Communication Publications.ACP Series
- Allied Hydrographic PublicationsAHP Series
- Allied Exercise PublicationsAXP Series

Of the above listed publications the AXP, AHP and ATP Series are for the NATO Naval Services only. The ACP Series includes

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publications for all Services and joint use.

d. In order to avoid confusion and dislocation of work already accomplished it is desirable that short titles assigned to publication already issued be retained and that the new system for assignment of short titles be developed from the basic system already evolved. This criteria is particularly important for the ACP Series in which an appreciable number of publications already have been issued for which the identifying numbers have been correlated with the specific type of communications instructions covered.

e. It may be desirable to further subdivide publication groups to indicate which Service (Army, Navy, Air Force, or Joint) the publication is intended for use. This might be done by the addition of the letter symbols (A), (N), (AF), or (J), following the identifying number.

3. It is intended that, upon completion of this project by the MAS, the Standing Group will retain the master list of assigned and unassigned short titles and, normally, will assign the short title to a publication upon its approval by them as a NATO publication.

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Enclosure