

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN**

**THE ELECTRONIC COMMERCE CODE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (ECCMA)  
AND  
NATO ALLIED COMMITTEE 135 (AC/135)**

The Group of National Directors of Codification, representing NATO Allied Committee 135 (AC/135), is pleased to participate with the Electronic Commerce Code Management Association (ECCMA), a not-for-profit association, and its members in efforts to implement the ECCMA Open Technical Dictionary (eOTD), designed to aid in the exchange of product information. We believe the eOTD, if it includes an effective logical mapping to the NATO Codification System (NCS) naming and descriptive standards used by many governments around the world, will bring mutual benefit to both public and private sectors. Therefore, to proceed in this effort, the following common objectives and initiatives are agreed to:

**AC/135 will:**

- a. Continue to participate in the ECCMA initiative by sharing publicly releasable information relating to the NATO Codification System, such as multilingual NCS data.
- b. Provide advice and technical explanations as needed to support ECCMA analysis and application of the NATO taxonomy.
- c. Participate with ECCMA regarding public statements on the anticipated benefits of this initiative.

**ECCMA will:**

- a. Incorporate the NCS naming (AIN/Noun qualifiers) and descriptive standards (MRC/reply tables) within the Open Standards they are developing for use in e-Commerce.
- b. Maintain a permanent link between eOTD and NCS data, so that it will always be possible to translate data between the two systems.
- c. Include within the ECCMA Code sets, the principal NCS keys for the corresponding items (e.g., AIN, MRC, Reply Table/Reply Code) so as to facilitate ready exchange and cross-correlation of product data between the commercial world and users of the NCS.
- d. Establish procedures to safeguard the meaning of NCS based standard elements within the ECCMA tables such that the correlation of a specific reply to its NCS counterpart is not corrupted.
- e. Maintain a high visibility of the "NATO Codification System" brand name in ECCMA files and publications, including the ECCMA Web site, to ensure that users of the eOTD know that the NCS is the foundation for eOTD.
- f. Sustain an on-going process of interface to ensure compatibility of information exchange

between the "seller catalogs" created by companies using eOTD and the "supplier catalogs" in use by NATO country defense agencies.


g. Coordinate any publicity regarding the use of the NCS structure with the AC/135 chairman.

h. Ensure the eOTD is a free and open standard, non-proprietary, to be used, copied and distributed without a license, and capable of being cross-referenced to a variety of item classification systems.

AC/135 looks forward to continued participation with ECCMA in this effort. Please contact the AC/135 secretary if you have any questions or concerns regarding this effort. The Secretary can be reached by phone at 352 3063 6020, by FAX at 352 3063 4020, and by e-mail at [ac135secretary@namsa.nato.int](mailto:ac135secretary@namsa.nato.int).

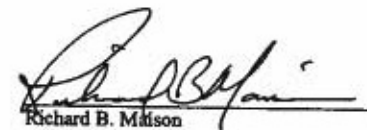
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Each party to this agreement reserves the right, solely at its discretion, to terminate this agreement without recourse, upon providing written notification to the other party.



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