
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY TECHNICAL BULLETIN

**AMMUNITION: NATIONAL STOCK NUMBERS AND
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CODES**

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1. Scope. This bulletin covers source, use, and composition of National Stock Numbers (NSNs) and Department of Defense (DOD) codes for ammunition items and components. Information covering responsibility for assignment of these numbers and codes is also included.

2. General.

a. The National Stock Number has been established by the Department of Defense in compliance with PL 436 (82d Congress), Defense Cataloging and Standardization Act, to replace the Ammunition Identification Code (AIC) and the Ordnance Stock Number (OSN). An NSN is assigned to each end item of ammunition or component, as packaged.

b. The Department of Defense Identification Code (DODIC) is used in requirement studies, worldwide reporting of stocks, and to denote interchangeability between items within Federal Supply Classification (FSC) group 13. The NSN and DODIC (e.g., 1315-00935-6011 (C256) are used as a means of positive identification in requisitioning.

c. Assignment of the same NSN to more than one item or two or more NSNs to the same item (except where packaging or packing differs) is strictly prohibited. Once assigned and published, an NSN will never be changed.

3. Composition, Meaning, and Use.

a. The NSN for an item of supply consists of a four-digit FSC class code number plus a nine-digit National Item Identification Number (NIIN). For example, in NSN 1315-00-935-6011, the FSC code is 1315; followed by the two digit NATO/Country Code (US = "00" or "01"), and the last seven numbers which are assigned without regard to the type of item or classification. The FSC indicates the commodity group (13) and subgroup (15) to which the item belongs. A given NIIN is assigned to one item, and is never duplicated

b. The DODIC, composed either of one letter and three numerals or of two letters and two numerals, denotes interchangeability between like items of ammunition or components within group 13. It takes the

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