

## INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Convention for Safe Containers (CSC)

1. PURPOSE: To provide information to Medical Units an overview of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) containers and the CSC Inspection requirement program, why the program was established, and to make units aware of the program when inspections are required on MILVANs and Tactical Expandable Shelters in their operations.

### 2. BACKGROUND:

a. The International CSC was established to ensure safe movement of (ISO) containers and shelters through international maritime channels. U.S. Public Law 95-208 implemented the CSC requirements for both commercial and the Department of Defense (DoD) owned containers. In April 1997, the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics took these requirements a step farther by signing DoD 4500.9-R-1, Management and Control of DoD Intermodal Containers, DOD 4500.9 DTR Part VI dated April 2011 superseded this regulation. This regulation is mandatory for all US Government agencies. All ISO containers that move in the Defense Travel System (DTS) or commercial transportation system must be certified to meet 49 CFR and CSC/46 U.S.C. Appendix 1503 requirements. Activities possessing DOD container(s) that transit the DTS will inspect, reinspect, and perform organization (user) level maintenance, IAW Service/Agency policies, on containers. Prior to stuffing and movement activities will inspect containers to ensure serviceability and results updated in ACAMS accordingly. Loaded containers will be visually inspected at each transit node.

b. The Readiness State of the unit is partially based on the ability for rapid deployment. This is compromised when Medical units with LIN C13825; Container cargo reusable, LIN C84541; Container Assembly Refrigerated, LIN S01291; Shelter, 2:1; and LIN S01359; Shelter, 3:1 do not have their containers certified for shipment through the DTS for deployment. An expired certification means a non-deployable container.

c. In order to comply with this requirement, containers must be inspected, in accordance with the international safety standards, 5 years from the date of manufacture, every 30 months thereafter, and when repaired after major damage. DOD 4500.9 Part VI dated April 2011 and MIL-HDBK-138B dated 1 January 2002, are the governing documents. MIL-HDBK-138B contains inspection requirements and information about the Deployable Medical Systems Tactical ISO Shelters and the ISO MILVANs. After a successful inspection, the container is certified and so indicated directly on the container's CSC Safety Certification Plate, in a manner that can be readily noted by an inspector (DD2282). Failure to comply with the above requirements can result in penalties of \$5,000, each day for each container that remains in service (Public Law 95-208-13 December, 1977). Units may have personnel trained as inspectors or request inspection assistance from their local Directorate of Logistics. The Defense Ammunition Center provides training courses for Intermodal Dry Cargo Container/CSC.

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