

Standardization within NATO

# **NATO Standardization Process**

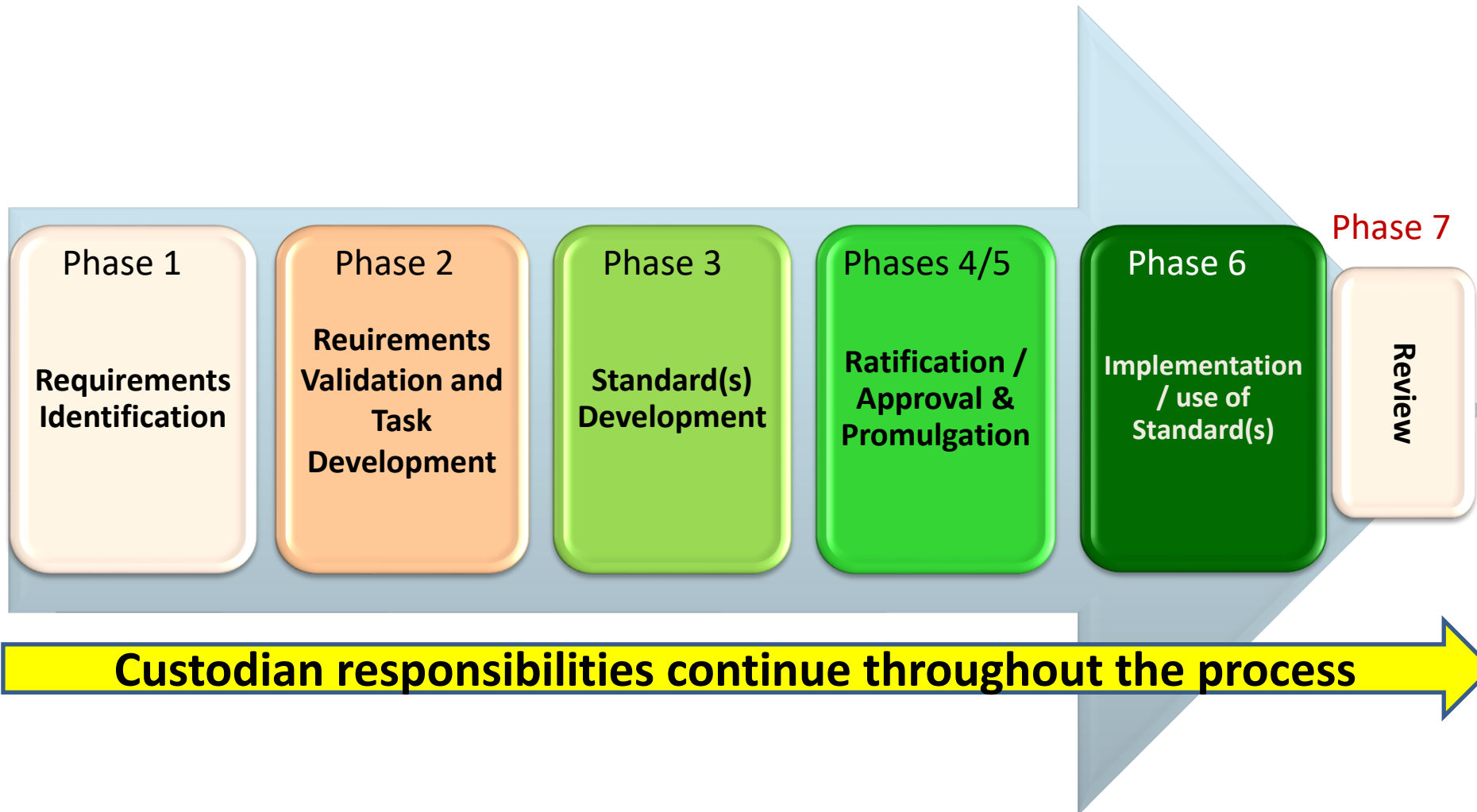
## **Phase 7:**

### **Maintenance of NATO Standardization Documents**

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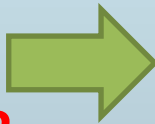
Warsaw, 17 September 2025

# Standardization Documents Review



# Phase 7: Standardization Documents Review

- **Every 5 years**
- **Anytime with a ModP**  
(Modification Proposal)



## Possible WG recommendations:

- cancel
- replace by non-NATO standard
- transfer to civil SDO
- incorporate in other stand. doc
- transfer to other TA/DTA/WG
- update, if major **use RT** (Revision Task)
- retain unchanged

Review

# Update

MODIFICATION	DESCRIPTION	RESULTS
<b>Minor</b>	<p><b>AMENDMENT</b></p> <p>A minor change that has <b>no significant impact</b> on the use made by the interested parties of a standardization document. The amendment is <b>approved by the appropriate TA/DTA</b>.</p>	<p><b>New Version</b></p> <p>An amendment results in a new version of an Allied standard but <b>not of its covering document</b>. Example: ATP-99 Ed. A Ver.1 superseded by ATP-99 Ed. A Ver.2</p>
<b>Major</b>	<p><b>REVISION</b></p> <p>A major change that <b>has an impact</b> on the use made by the interested parties of a standardization document. The revision is approved by a new <b>ratification/approval</b> process.</p>	<p><b>New Edition</b></p> <p>A revision results in a new edition of an Allied standard <b>and of its covering document</b>. Example: ATP-99 Ed. A Ver.1 covered by STANAG 6509 Ed. 2 superseded by ATP-99 Ed. B Ver.1 covered by STANAG 6509 Ed. 3</p>

# ModP Template

<i>[Please insert NATO classification]</i>	
This modification proposal format is to be filled in by any interested party to propose modification of a NATO standardization document out of the normal 5 years cycle. Once completed, please submit to the appropriate Tasking Authority/Delegated Tasking Authority (TA/DTA).	
1. STANAG/STANREC number: <i>[ ]</i>	2. Date: <i>[Please insert the date of your proposal]</i>
3. National document number: <i>[Please provide national document number if required due to national procedures.]</i> Date: <i>[Please provide the date of the national document.]</i>	
4. Originator: <i>[Please insert the name of your organization. E.g. NATO Command Structure element, NATO staff, national staff, etc.]</i>	
5. Title: <i>[Please insert the title of the specific NATO standardization documents.]</i>	
6. Proposal: <input type="checkbox"/> Cancel <input type="checkbox"/> Replace by suitable non-NATO standards <input type="checkbox"/> Considered for transfer to a civil standards-developing organization (SDO); <input type="checkbox"/> Incorporate into another NATO standardization document <input type="checkbox"/> Update <input type="checkbox"/> Minor (Amendment/New version) <input type="checkbox"/> Major (Revision/New edition) <input type="checkbox"/> Allocate to another working group (WG) <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer to another TA/DTA	
7. Rational for proposed modification: <i>[Please provide details of your modification proposal and the desired effect on the related subject area.]</i>	
8. Other information: <i>[Please report any other information you consider relevant.]</i>	
9. Contact Information: <i>[ ]</i>	
10. Name and signature: Name: <i>[ ]</i> <i>[please provide your full name]</i> Signature: _____ <i>[please sign]</i>	

# RT Template

<i>[Insert NATO classification]</i>	
1. STANAG/STANREC number: <i>[ ]</i>	2. Date: <i>[Insert the date of the task.]</i>
3. Reference number: <i>[Please copy the reference number from the modification proposal.]</i>	
4. Tasking Authority (TA)/Delegated Tasking Authority (DTA): <i>[Insert the TA/DTA responsible for the task.]</i>	
5. Title: <i>[Insert the title of the STANAG/STANREC.]</i>	
6. Specific instructions for revision: <i>[ ]</i>	
7. Urgency: <i>[Indicate the timeline for the completion of the task.]</i>	
8. Fast Track Procedure: <i>[Indicate the requirement to use the fast track procedure.]</i>	
9. Level of standardization: <i>[Indicate the level of standardization to be achieved through the implementation of the revised standardization solution.]</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Compatibility <input type="checkbox"/> Interchangeability <input type="checkbox"/> Commonality Additional information: <i>[Indicate any limitation.]</i>	
10. Covering document: <i>[Indicate the covering document for the revised standardization solution. If different from the current one.]</i> <input type="checkbox"/> STANAG <input type="checkbox"/> STANREC	
11. Non-NATO standardization solutions: <i>[If known, indicate existing suitable non-NATO standardization solution that should be adopted by NATO or interested civil Standard Developing organizations for co-development.]</i>	
12. Working Group (WG): <i>[Indicate the WG tasked to develop the revised standardization solution.]</i>	
13. Custodian: <i>[Indicate custodian of the revised standardization solution. ]</i>	

# Standardization Documents Review and Maintenance

## - Important Take Away (1) -

- ❑ **Normal cycle 5 years**, but anybody may propose a modification of a NATO standardization document at any time (ModP)
- ❑ **TAs/DTAs assess ModP and decide which action to take:**
  - immediate initiation of revision
  - submission to WG with request for detailed analysis and recommendation
  - submission to WG or consideration in next upcoming review
  - ...
- ❑ **Considerations for review:**
  - reservation and comments from Allies of last ratification / approval process
  - ModP
  - comments and observations raised by NATO bodies and partner nations
  - new NATO policies and concepts with relevance to the standard
  - lessons identified
  - AAP-32, Ed.C requirements
- ❑ **Review process includes review of covering document**

## **Standardization Documents Review and Maintenance - Important Take Away (2) -**

- ❑ Always confirm/update custodial information and report changes**
- ❑ Always communicate execution of review, even if the document(s) are retained unchanged**
- ❑ ModP and RT are not mandatory, but recommended**
- ❑ If new edition, indicate changes in accordance with guidance in AAP-32**



# **NATO Standardization Documents Review and Maintenance - Exercises -**

# Maintenance of Standardization Documents

## - Exercise 1 -

STANAG	Status	You are custodian of STANAG 1242. Question: When was your document up for review?			
1242	PROM				
Edition	Securi				
19	NATO UNCLASSIFIED				
English Title	NAVAL MINE WARFARE PRINCIPLES - ATP-6 VOL I EDITION D & MTP-6 VOL I EDITION D				
French Title	PRINCIPES DE GUERRE DES MINES NAVALE - ATP-6 VOL I ÉDITION D & MTP-6 VOL I ÉDITION D				
DETAILS	REMARKS	COVERED STANDARDS	RATIFICATIONS	CONSULTATIONS	ADOPTIONS
Promulgation date	Working Group				
01-10-2015	MC / MCMSB / NMW / / / Naval Mine Warfare Working Group				
NED date	Custodian Contact Information				
01-01-2016	NAVY WARFARE-NPGO AUTHOR 06 SO2				
Ratification due date	NPGO, Pepys Building, HMS COLLINGWOOD,				
16-07-2015	Newgate Lane, Fareham, Hampshire,				
	UK, PO14 1AS				
Reviewed on	Promulgation criteria				
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# Maintenance of Standardization Documents

## - Exercise 1 -

STANAG

1242

Edition

19

English Title

NAVAL MINE WARFARE PRINCIPLES - ATP-6 VOL I EDITION D & MTP-6 VOL I EDITION D

French Title

PRINCIPES DE GUERRE DES MINES NAVALE - ATP-6 VOL I ÉDITION D & MTP-6 VOL I ÉDITION D

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NATO UNCLASSIFIED

You are custodian of STANAG 1242.

Question: When was your document up for review?

**Answer: Oct 2020**

**DETAILS**

REMARKS

COVERED STANDARDS

RATIFICATIONS

CONSULTATIONS

ADOPTIONS

Promulgation date

01-10-2015

Working Group

MC / MCMSB / NMW / / / Naval Mine Warfare Working Group

NED date

01-01-2016

Custodian Contact Information

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Ratification due date

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# Maintenance of Standardization Documents

## - Exercise 2 -

STD Short-Title

ATP-06

Edition

D

Volume

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Version

3

English Title

**ATP-06 Ed. D, Version 3 was promulgated in May 2019.  
The covering the STANAG in October 2015. Can that be correct?  
If yes, why?**

**Answer:**

**DETAILS**

REMARKS

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Promulgation date

06-05-2019

NED Edition date

Working Group

MC / MCMSB / NMW / / / Naval Mine Warfare Working Group

Custodian Nation/Command

GBR

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Custodian Name

NAVY WARFARE-NPGO AUTHOR 06 SO2

Custodian Contact Information

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## - Exercise 2 -

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ATP-06

Edition

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Volume

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Version

3

Details

DETAILS

REMARKS

**ATP-06 Ed. D, Version 3 was promulgated in May 2019. The covering the STANAG in October 2015. Can that be correct? If yes, why?**

**Answer: It is correct, the change to ATP-06 was a **minor revision resulting in a new version**. Minor changes can be approved under silence and do not require a new covering document.**

Promulgation date

06-05-2019

NED Edition date

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Working Group

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Custodian Nation/Command

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Custodian Name

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# Maintenance of Standardization Documents

## - Exercise 3 -

STANAG

1242

Status

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Edition

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### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

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STANAG 1242, Edition 19, is effective on the 1 January 2016 and should be implemented by nations and NATO bodies as soon as possible after receipt.

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01-01-2016

Ratification due date

16-07-2015

Reviewed on

NAVY WARFARE-NPGO AUTHOR 06 SO2  
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Promulgation criteria

# Maintenance of Standardization Documents

## - Exercise 3 -

STANAG

Status

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**You are of the opinion that the standard and the STANAG needs to be updated. However, you are not the custodian, nor a member of the MCMSB, Naval Mine Warfare Working Group.**

**Question: What actions could you take to initiate the revision of the document?**

**Answer:**

Promulgation date

Working Group

01-10-2015

MC / MCMSB / NMW / / / Naval Mine Warfare Working Group

NED date

Custodian Contact Information

01-01-2016

NAVY WARFARE-NPGO AUTHOR 06 SO2  
NPGO, Pepys Building, HMS COLLINGWOOD,  
Newgate Lane, Fareham, Hampshire,  
UK, PO14 1AS

Ratification due date

16-07-2015

Reviewed on

Promulgation criteria

# Maintenance of Standardization Documents

## - Exercise 3 -

STANAG

Status

1 You are of the opinion that the standard covered by this STANAG  
Ec needs to be updated. However, you are not the custodian, nor a member  
1 of the MCMSB, Naval Mine Warfare Working Group.

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Question: What actions could you take to initiate the revision of the document?

Answer: **Submit a Modification Proposal to the NSO**

Promulgation date

01-10-2015

Working Group

MC / MCMSB / NMW / / / Naval Mine Warfare Working Group

NED date

01-01-2016

Custodian Contact Information

NAVY WARFARE-NPGO AUTHOR 06 SO2  
NPGO, Pepys Building, HMS COLLINGWOOD,  
Newgate Lane, Fareham, Hampshire,  
UK, PO14 1AS

Ratification due date

16-07-2015

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Promulgation criteria



# Maintenance of Standardization Documents

## - Exercise 4 -

STANAG	Status				
4526	PROMULGATED				
Latest edition	Security Class				
3	NON CLASSIFIED				
English Title					
SHAPED CHARGE JET MUNITION TEST PROCEDURE - AOP-4526 EDITION A					
French Title					
PROCÉDURES D'ESSAIS DES MUNITIONS - JET DE CHARGE CREUSE - AOP-4526 ÉDITION A					
DETAILS	REMARKS	COVERED STANDARDS	RATIFICATIONS	CONSULTATIONS	ADOPTIONS
Promulgation date	Working Group				
20-11-2018	CNAD / AC/326 CASG / SG/B / / / Sub-Group B on Ammunition Systems Design and Assessment				
NED date	Custodian Contact Information				
	Dr. Brian Fuchs				
	U.S. Army ARDEC				
Ratification due date	Picatinny Arsenal M				
01-10-2018					

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You assumed custodianship for STANAG 4526 and have been tasked to review the document.

Question: What are possible recommendations to the DTA?

# Maintenance of Standardization Documents

## - Exercise 4 -

You assumed custodianship for STANAG 4526 and have been tasked to review the document.

Question: What are possible recommendations to the DTA?

### **Answer:**

- **cancellation**
- **replacement by non-NATO standard**
- **transfer to civil SDO**
- **incorporation in other standardization document**
- **transfer to other TA/DTA/WG**
- **update**
- **retain unchanged**

# Maintenance of Standardization Documents

## - Exercise 5 -

STANAG number	Status
4526	PROMULGATED
Latest edition	Security Class
3	NON CLASSIFIED
English Title	
SHAPED CHARGE JET MUNITION TEST PROCEDURES - AOP-4526 EDITION A	
French Title	
PROCÉDURES D'ESSAIS DES M	
<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
Promulgation date	
20-11-2018	
NED date	Custodian Contact Information
	Dr. Brian Fuchs
	U.S. Army ARDEC
	Picatinny Arsenal NJ 07806-5000
Ratification due date	
01-10-2018	

You assumed custodianship for STANAG 4526 and have been tasked to review the document. The conclusion of your review is that the standard does not require any changes.

Question: What actions are required?

# Maintenance of Standardization Documents

## - Exercise 5 -

STANAG number	Status
4526	PROMULGATED
Latest edition	Security Class
3	NON CLASSIFIED
English Title	
SHAPED CHARGE JET MUNITION	
French Title	
PROCÉDURES D'ESSAIS DES M	
DETAILS	
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NED date	
Ratification d	
01-10-2018	

You assumed custodianship for STANAG 4526 and have been tasked to review the document. The conclusion of your review is that the standard does not require any changes.

Question: What actions are required?

**Answer:**

- inform DTA (seek DTA approval)
- if approved by DTA, inform NSO
- update custodial information

# Maintenance of Standardization Documents

## - Exercise 6 -

1	Cov + Std	STANAG 2017 Ed: 4	ORDERS TO THE DEMOLITION GUARD COMMANDER AND DEMOLITION FIRING PARTY COMMANDER (NON-NUCLEAR)	PROMULGATED	MC, MCLSB MILENG DPP
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STANAG number

2017

Status

PROMULGATED

Latest edition

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Security Class

NATO UNCLASSIFIED

English Title

ORDERS TO THE DEMOLITION GUARD COMMANDER AND DEMOLITION FIRING PARTY CO

You assumed custodianship for STANAG 2017.

French Title

CONSIGNES AU CHEF DU DETACHEMENT DE PROTECTION D'UN OUVRAGE A DETRUIRE ET

Question: What actions are required?

**DETAILS**

REMARKS

COVERED STANDARDS

RATIFICATIONS

CONSULTATIONS

ADOPTIONS

Promulgation date

28-01-1999

Working Group

MC / MCLSB / MILENG / DPP / / Doctrine and Planning Panel

NED date

Custodian Contact Information

GM Cap. Army HQ

United Kingdom

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23-06-2016

Lt Col Bob MacDonald

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# Maintenance of Standardization Documents

## - Exercise 6 -

1	Cov + Std	STANAG 2017 Ed: 4	ORDERS TO THE DEMOLITION GUARD COMMANDER AND DEMOLITION FIRING PARTY COMMANDER (NON-NUCLEAR)	PROMULGATED	MC, MCLSB MILENG DPP
STANAG number			Status		
2017			PROMULGATED		
Latest edition			Security Class		
4			NATO UNCLASSIFIED		
English Title			You assumed custodianship for STANAG 2017.  Question: What actions are required?		
ORDERS TO THE DEMOLITION GUARD COMMANDER AND DEMOLITION FIRING PARTY CO					
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NED date					
Reviewed on			GM Cap. Army HQ United Kingdom Lt Col Bob MacDonald Email: Robert.Macdonald.320@gov.uk		
23-06-2016					

**Answer:**

- update custodian information
- revise (old format)

# Maintenance of Standardization Documents

## - Exercise 7 -

1	Cov + Std	STANAG 2017 Ed. 4	ORDERS TO THE DEMOLITION GUARD COMMANDER AND DEMOLITION FIRING PARTY COMMANDER (NON-NUCLEAR)	PROMULGATED	MC, MCLSB, MILENG, DPP
2	Cov	STANAG 2017 Ed. 5	ORDERS TO THE DEMOLITION GUARD COMMANDER AND DEMOLITION FIRING PARTY COMMANDER (NON-NUCLEAR) - ATP-3.12.1.6 EDITION A	STUDY	MC, MCLSB, MILENG, DPP
	Std	ATP-3.12.1.6 Ed. A Ver. 1	ORDERS TO THE DEMOLITION GUARD COMMANDER AND DEMOLITION FIRING PARTY COMMANDER (NON-NUCLEAR)	STUDY	MC, MCLSB, MILENG, DPP

According to the information in the NSDD STANAG 2017 is under revision.  
Where do you find the Revision Task?

# Maintenance of Standardization Documents

## - Exercise 7 -

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DETAILS	REMARKS	COVERED STANDARDS	RATIFICATIONS	CONSULTATIONS	ADOPTIONS
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			Custodian Contact Information		
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			Futures Directorate		
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7 April 2020

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Chair MILENGWG and related custodians  
Info: All TAs/DTAs, IMS (O&P)

### **REVISION TASKS FOR STANAG 2017, STANAG 2394 and STANAG 2989 ALLOCATION OF STUDY NUMBERS AND DETAILED TASKING**

#### Reference:

NSO(ARMY)0447(2020)MILENG, End of Silence Report to NSO(ARMY)0379(2020)MILENG, dated 31 March 2020

1. With the above Reference the MCLSB approved the Revision Tasks (see Enclosures) on STANAG 2017, STANAG 2394 and STANAG 2989. The Military Engineering Working Group (MILENGWG) is tasked, by this letter to develop the standardization documents in accordance with AAP-03(K).
2. NSO allocated the following STUDY numbers, long and short titles to the STANAGs and covered APs:

**STANAG 2017, EDITION 5, ORDERS TO THE DEMOLITION GUARD  
COMMANDER AND DEMOLITION FIRING PARTY COMMANDER (NON-  
NUCLEAR) - ATP-3.12.1.6, EDITION A, VERSION 1**

# Maintenance of Standardization Documents

## - Exercise 7 -

### REVISION TASK

NATO UNCLASSIFIED	
1. STANAG/STANREC number: 2017	2. Date: 12 March 2020
3. Reference number:	
4. Tasking Authority (TA)/Delegated Tasking Authority (DTA): MCLSB	
5. Title: Orders for a Demolition Guard and Firing Party.	
<p><b>6. Specific instructions for revision:</b></p> <p>Immediate revision of ATP 3.12.1.X is required to make the publication suitable for national implementation by NATO member states practical use during tasks at the tactical level.</p> <p>The updated publication should provide the necessary outcome, products and template that enhance the quality and speed of control of demolitions. This revision should facilitate interoperability in a multinational environment as foreseen in current and future operations and exercises.</p> <p>ATP-3.12.1.X should be reviewed to ensure that it is still valid and harmonized with AJP 3.2, ATP 3.2.1 and other Level 3 MILENG ATPs. Any harmonization issues raised during the revision of ATP-3.12.1.X can be incorporated in the planned future review/revision cycle for AJP-3.12.1 and subordinate series.</p> <p>After publication has been reviewed, ATP-3.12.1.X will be harmonized with recent and ongoing revisions of AJP 3.12.1, and ATP 3.12.X.X Engineer Messages, Reports and Returns and provide processes for control of NATO units and formations.</p>	
7. Urgency: The revision of STANAG 2017 starts immediately after this tasking and the MILENGWG will deliver a Final Draft by the end of 2020.	

# Time for your questions...

