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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2018-04 (Terminating the Requirement for Tactical Vehicle Registration Numbers)

1. References. A complete list of references is at enclosure 1.
2. Effective immediately, the Army will no longer assign registration numbers to tactical vehicles. Serial numbers will continue as the primary method to account for and identify the vehicles in property records. The guidance for implementing this policy is at enclosure 2.
3. As a result of this change, the Army will no longer require the use of Department of the Army Form 2408-9 (Equipment Control Record) or update The Army Maintenance Management System Equipment Database. The database and its associated tools will continue to be available online for tracking historical information in accordance with guidelines for the Army Record Information Management System.
4. This policy applies to the Regular Army, Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and U.S. Army Reserve.
5. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4 is the proponent for this policy. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4 will incorporate the provisions of this directive into the Army administrative publications listed in enclosure 1 for which he is the proponent. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4 will coordinate required revisions with the proponents of the other relevant Department of the Army administrative publications and forms.
6. This directive is rescinded upon publication of all the revised publications and forms.


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REFERENCES

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 58-1 (Management, Acquisition, and Use of Motor Vehicles), 12 June 2014.
- b. AR 71-32 (Force Development and Documentation), 1 July 2013.
- c. AR 350-38 (Policies and Management for Training Aids, Devices, Simulators, and Simulations), 2 February 2018.
- d. AR 700-138 (Army Logistics Readiness and Sustainability), 26 February 2004.
- e. AR 700-139 (Army Warranty Program), 2 February 2015.
- f. AR 700-142 (Type Classification, Materiel Release, Fielding, and Transfer), 2 June 2015.
- g. AR 710-1 (Centralized Inventory Management of the Army Supply System), 28 November 2016.
- h. AR 710-2 (Supply Policy below the National Level), 28 March 2008.
- i. AR 710-3 (Inventory Management Asset and Transaction Reporting System), 28 November 2016.
- j. AR 725-50 (Requisitioning, Receipt, and Issue System), 15 November 1995.
- k. AR 735-5 (Property Accountability Policies), 9 November 2016.
- l. AR 750-1 (Army Materiel Maintenance Policy), 3 August 2017.
- m. AR 750-10 (Army Modification Program), 5 August 2013.
- n. AR 870-20 (Army Museums, Historical Artifacts, and Art), 11 January 1999.
- o. Department of the Army (DA) Pamphlet 710-2-1 (Using Unit Supply System (Manual Procedures)), 1 December 2016.
- p. DA Pamphlet 710-2-2 (Supply Support Activity Supply System: Manual Procedures), 30 September 1998.
- q. DA Pamphlet 750-1 (Commanders' Maintenance Handbook), 4 December 2013.
- r. DA Pamphlet 750-3 (Soldiers' Guide for Field Maintenance Operations), 18 September 2013.

s. DA Pamphlet 750-8 (The Army Maintenance Management System (TAMMS) Users Manual), 22 August 2005.

t. U.S. Army Audit Agency Report A-2011-0160-ALS, 22 September 2011, Tactical Vehicle Registration and Reporting.

TERMINATING THE REQUIREMENT FOR TACTICAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS

1. Purpose. This directive establishes the Army's policy and assigns responsibilities for ending the requirement for new tactical vehicle registration numbers, the use of Department of the Army (DA) Form 2408-9 (Equipment Control Record), and all updates of The Army Maintenance Management System Equipment Database (TEDB) currently maintained by U.S. Army Materiel Command's Logistics Support Activity (LOGSA).

2. Background

a. Historically, the Army used vehicle registration numbers to maintain visibility over tactical vehicle information. However, today's technology and business practices allow the Army to end the requirement for the assignment of registration numbers, the associated workload to maintain the registration numbers, and the support structure. This directive is supported by the findings in U.S. Army Audit Agency Audit Report A-2011-0160-ALS (Tactical Vehicle Registration and Reporting), dated 22 September 2011. The auditors found that TEDB was unreliable.

b. Guidance for Army vehicle registration numbers is in several documents (see enclosure 1).

3. Scope. This policy applies to the Regular Army, Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and U.S. Army Reserve.

4. Policy. Serial numbers will continue to be the primary method for accounting for and identifying tactical vehicles for property accountability. The Army will stop issuing and assigning registration numbers. TEDB and its associated tools will remain online and available for personnel to track historical information in accordance with guidelines for the Army Record Information Management System.

5. Tasks and Coordination

a. The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) will:

(1) update Army regulations, pamphlets, and forms that prescribe, implement, or reference the Army's Registration Number Program and advise the DCS, G-4 when the updates are complete.

(2) oversee the implementation of this directive as it relates to program executive offices and program offices reporting to the Assistant Secretary.

(3) review contract work statements, remove any requirement to request or maintain registration numbers for tactical vehicles, and coordinate with the cognizant contracting office to modify the affected contracts.

b. The Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management; DCS, G-1; DCS, G-3/5/7; and DCS, G-8 will update Army regulations, pamphlets, and forms that prescribe, implement, or reference the Army's Registration Number Program and advise the DCS, G-4 when the updates are complete.

c. The DCS, G-4 will:

(1) update Army regulations, pamphlets, and forms that prescribe, implement, or reference the Army's Registration Number Program.

(2) advise the Secretary of the Army when all DA regulations and pamphlets are updated.

d. The Chief, National Guard Bureau will, in accordance with Department of Defense and Army policies and procedures, update command-unique regulations, pamphlets, manuals, and procedures to comply with this directive.

e. The Chief of Army Reserve and the Commanders of U.S. Army Forces Command, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Army Service Component Commands, and Direct Reporting Units will:

(1) update command-unique regulations, pamphlets, manuals, and procedures to comply with this directive.

(2) ensure that subordinate commands comply with this directive. Units will no longer request registration numbers or submit DA Form 2408-9.

(a) Units will ensure that the manufacture date/date of acquisition is entered into the equipment record within the Standard Army Maintenance System-Enhanced (SAMS-E), Global Combat Support System-Army (GCSS-Army), or other assigned Logistics Information System (LIS).

(b) Registration numbers will be retained on the equipment for the life of the equipment; however, the registration number will not be used in SAMS-E, GCSS-Army, or other LIS. Units will not expend resources to remove the registration number from the equipment, existing LIS, or TEDB.

e. The Commander, Army Materiel Command will:

(1) update command-unique regulations, pamphlets, and procedures to comply with this directive.

(2) ensure that Life Cycle Management Commands, LOGSA, and U.S. Army Sustainment Command comply with this directive and that their personnel enter the manufacture date/date of acquisition into the equipment record within the assigned LIS for all equipment that currently requires tracking in TEDB.

(3) make sure registration numbers are retained on the equipment for the life of the equipment; however, the registration numbers will not be used. Units will not expend any resources to remove the registration number from the equipment, LIS, or TEDB.

(4) review all contracts and remove any requirement for registration numbers.

(5) ensure that Life Cycle Management Commands:

(a) update their existing tactical vehicle fleet information within TEDB, in conjunction with Headquarters, Army Materiel Command and LOGSA, to ensure that the existing information is as accurate as possible and provides a historical and functional reference for transition to the GCSS-Army.

(b) provide, as needed, support to units and activities that do not have access to TEDB and request the date of manufacture of equipment, or the date listed on the equipment data plate or within TEDB.

(c) use registration numbers LOGSA previously issued for production runs of new acquisitions or production until they are exhausted. LOGSA will no longer issue registration numbers to Life Cycle Management Commands.

(6) ensure that Army Sustainment Command:

(a) updates command-unique regulations, pamphlets, and procedures to comply with this directive.

(b) makes sure registration numbers will be retained on equipment for its life, although the registration numbers will not be used. Units will not expend any resources to remove the registration number from the equipment, LIS, or TEDB.

(c) reviews all contracts and removes any requirement for registration numbers.

(d) updates the LOGSA point of contact periodically on the status of these actions.

(7) ensure that LOGSA:

(a) updates the materiel master to remove the requirement for registration numbers.

(b) makes sure TEDB and its associated tools remain online and available for tracking historical information.

(c) removes DA Form 2408-9 applications from the Logistics Information Warehouse.

(d) updates to DCS, G-4 periodically on the status of these actions.

(8) update the DCS, G-4 when these actions are complete.