APPENDIX MM

SEAPORT IDENTIFIER CODES

A. GENERAL

These codes identify seaports worldwide. The code representing the actual seaport of embarkation and seaport of debarkation is used on all Defense Transportation System documentation for water shipments. The most current versions of seaport identifier codes are available at the USTRANSCOM Reference Data Management System website at https://trdmws.maf.ustranscom.mil/—click on “DTR Data” and “Water Port”, and select “Display Data” from the Action Legends box. They are accessible by all users, to include Department of Defense contractors and vendors through the Defense Transportation Electronic Business website at https://www.ustranscom.mil/cmd/associated/dteb/ by clicking on “Reference Data”.

B. CODE STRUCTURE

1. Seaports. The seaport codes are based on the geographic location of the port. The letters used in the first two positions of the three-position code are generally assigned in alphabetic order, following the coastline. The first position of the three-position code represents the major geographic area in which the port is located. These geographic areas are described in detail in Paragraph Today2, below. The second position in the code represents a subarea within the major geographic area. The third position in the code represents the specific port, port area, or island within the subarea.

2. Water Port Major Geographic Regions. The water port major geographic regions of the world and the code associated with each are available at https://trdmws.maf.ustranscom.mil/. This code is the first position of the seaport identifier code and will assist in locating the specific port code. Those port codes having “X” in the second and third position are reserved for exclusive use to designate ocean areas around the world for cargo manifested aboard prepositioned ships that remain “at sea” until such time that the cargo is discharged from the ship.

C. PROCEDURE TO ADD A SEAPORT CODE

1. The Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) will notify the United States (U.S.) Transportation Command Reference Data Management (TRDM) when a requirement exists for a new Seaport Code. The following information will be provided:
   a. Proposed seaport code
   b. Seaport name
   c. Country name or U.S. state name
   d. Associated Geographic Location (GEOLOC) (if known)
   e. GEOLOC type code (if known)
   f. Latitude/longitude coordinates (if known).
2. The following process will be used:
   a. TRDM will check the new Seaport Code against existing Seaport and Aerial Port tables and coordinate resolution of duplicates.
   b. TRDM will update the Seaport Code table, distribute the updates to subscriber users, notify SDDC of the completion, and electronic mail the new code and related information to USTRANSCOM J3-OI JOPES functional managers at USTC-JOPES-FDBM@ustranscom.mil.