

SECRETARIAT

QUANTIFYING COE SEA CONTAINERS (OTHER CONTAINERS) DURING INITIAL DEPLOYMENT & REPATRIATION OF CONTINGENTS DURING THE TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZED BY THE UN OR UNDER LETTER OF ASSIST (LOA)

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1. ISSUE PAPER THEME: Other / Cross-cutting

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

- a. It has been noted on multiple occasions that some T/PCCs are requesting the transportation of more sea containers than is specified in Annex B of the MOU. This trend is particularly prevalent during the initial deployment and repatriation processes, where the United Nations is responsible for transporting COE major and minor equipment, including spare parts and consumables.
- b. To establish a clear policy regarding the transportation of sea containers at the United Nations' expense during both the initial deployment and the repatriation phases, the Secretariat conducted a comprehensive study. This study involved an extensive review of data from over 100 different types of units to assess the actual number of 20-foot containers utilized for the transportation of the entire Contingent-Owned Equipment (COE) and Self-Sustainment items during initial deployment and repatriation, as well as during the preparation phase under the Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System (PCRS). The total number of containers used for the transportation includes containers under MOU and additional containers provided by the UN or T/PCCs.
- c. The results of the study are on the table below (All 20' containers):

Type of Unit	Number of Units	20' Containers						
		MOU Qty	Additional Qty used for transportation	MOU + Additional	Average MOU Qty	Average Additional Qty	Average Qty per unit without accommodation	Proposed Additional Qty (to be approved during MOU discussion)
INFBATT (750-850)	14	425	242	667	30	17	48	30-40

Light INFBATT (450-650)	4	104	86	190	26	22	48	15-20
ENG COY (220)	15	293	385	678	20	26	45	30-40
QRF COY (180)	12	210	242	452	18	20	38	25-30
FPU (140-180)	15	211	223	434	14	15	29	15-20
COY (up to 140)	17	259	131	390	15	8	23	10-15
Aviation Unit (up to 125)	15	209	208	417	14	14	28	10-15
Level 2 Hospital	8	113	105	218	14	13	27	10-15
Total	100	1824	1622	3446				

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

Based on the study the United Nations proposed following number of required 20' containers for the transportation of major equipment and SS items during initial deployment for various units:

Proposed table for inclusion in the Movement Control Manual

Type of Unit	MOU Containers	Additional Containers for transportation	Maximum authorized containers for transportation
To be discussed during MOU negotiations			
INFBATT (750-850)	30-45	30-40	60-85
Light INFBATT (450-650)	25-30	15-20	40-50
ENG COY (220)	20-25	30-40	50-65
QRF COY (180)	15-20	25-30	40-50
FPU (140-180)	15-20	15-20	30-40
COY (up to 140)	15-20	10-15	25-35
Aviation Unit (up to 125)	15-20	10-15	25-35
Level 2 Hospital	15-20	10-15	25-35

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be no additional financial implication to the organization. Moreover, on implementation of the policy, the organization will be achieving financial efficiencies by standardizing and optimizing the number of sea containers used for initial deployment and repatriation.

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT

Chapter 4, IV Deployment and Repatriation of equipment, Para 10, Page 143 of the COE Manual, add the text in bold and remove the text with a strikethrough.

10. On deployment and repatriation, the United Nations will provide packing and crating materials, ~~and additional containers required for transportation other than those agreed in the memorandum of understanding,~~ or reimburse the cost of such materials, exclusive of labour costs, as a preventive measure against loss of or damage to equipment. **The United Nations will also provide additional containers required for transportation other than those agreed in the memorandum of understanding, up to a maximum authorized number specified in the Movement Control Manual. The cost associated with transporting any containers beyond the maximum authorized limit shall be borne by the respective troop/police contributors.**

6. PROPOSED TEXT FOR 2026 COE WG REPORT.

The Working Group recommends to include the following text and table to the Movement Control Manual:

During initial deployment and repatriation of military or police contingent, the United Nations will provide additional containers required for transportation, other than those agreed in the memorandum of understanding, up to a maximum authorized number specified in the following table. As specified in the 2026 COE Manual, the costs associated with transporting any containers beyond the maximum authorized limit shall be borne by the respective troop/police contributors.

Containers Authorized for Transportation of Contingent Owned Equipment

Type of Unit	MOU Containers	Additional Containers for transportation	Maximum authorized containers for transportation
To be discussed during MOU negotiations			
INFBATT (750-850)	30-45	30-40	60-85
Light INFBATT (450-650)	25-30	15-20	40-50
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