



PRINCIPLES OF VERIFICATION, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND OBJECTIVE SYSTEM OF SELF- SUSTAINMENT

Sub-Working Group on Reimbursement, Verification, and Inspection

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FOCAL POINT

India

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

Contingent Owned Equipment is deployed by the TCC as per MOUs/ UN Manuals. Equipment deployed is periodically inspected by the mission COE inspection teams as per standards defined in respective manuals and reimbursements are paid to the TCC. However, there are instances wherein no specific scales have been defined in the UN manuals and therefore TCC deploys requisite equipment as per prevailing national scales. Reimbursements are paid for these till such time a COE inspection team decides to stop the same applying a scale as per their own understanding or interpretation wherein no clear scales were prescribed by the UN. This has resulted in major reimbursement losses to the TCC despite having deployed the

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requisite equipment as per the national scales and performing operational tasks in achieving UN mandate.

Self-Sustainment verifiable standards are generic & subjective and therefore the required quantity or standard is either calculated from an existing UN Manual/ Policy Letter, if available or is left to the interpretation of Contingent Own Equipment (COE) inspection teams. Presently, the reimbursements for Self-Sustainment are done based on the subjective parameters being evaluated by the Contingent Own Equipment (COE) inspectors as there are no specific quantifiable standards laid down in terms of specific equipment held by the contingent. There is requirement to quantify these parameters so as to clearly define the capabilities required to be maintained by contingents.

The present system does not lay down the specific equipment along with quantities to be held by the contingent in an objective manner in respect of SS categories. This results in ambiguity and is subject to the interpretation of COE inspection team. It is desirable that objectified system of Self-Sustainment reimbursement to be incorporated, explicitly defining the type and quantity of equipment requirement to fulfil the various categories and subcategories of Self-Sustainment.

This list of items required in each category to be formulated and listed in the Contingent Own Equipment (COE) Manual akin to requirement of level I, II & III hospital. This may also be done on a scaled basis wherein quantities may be specified for a particular strength and extrapolated proportionality for a larger number of troops. This will not only enable T/PCCs to better understand the requirement of items in each Self Sustainment category but will also provide a comprehensive guideline to COE Inspection team.

PROPOSED TEXT FOR COE WORKING GROUP REPORT 2023

The principle of reasonability as given in Chapter 3 of COE Manual must be adopted in assessing the T/PCC for compliance to various SS categories. A period of six months be granted to T/PCC without deducting the reimbursement for these six months in meeting these new requirements due to any mission specific changes communicated after deployment and where scales are not specified. In case of variance between COE inspection team and T/PCC with respect to quantity in SS categories, clarification should be given by UN, and transition time should be mutually decided on a case-by-case basis.

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