



ROTATION OF COE AT UN EXPENSE – INCLUSION OF DEMINING VEHICLES AS ELIGIBLE CATEGORY

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BACKGROUND

Certain categories of major equipment lost or damaged due to hostile action or forced abandonment are not included in the categories eligible for rotation at UN cost. For rotation of such equipment, special permission is required to be sought from the Headquarters COE and MOU Management Review Board (HQ CMMRB) as the text in COE Manual Chapter 4, “Preparation, Deployment, Redeployment and Transportation of Contingents”, under the heading “Rotation of Equipment”, paragraph 30 which explains the rotation of COE at UN expense due to hostile action or force abandonment is not supportive of any equipment outside the categories eligible for rotation at UN expense and lacks clarity. Text of existing paragraph 30 is tabulated below:

“In addition to the categories included in paragraph 28, major equipment of eligible categories lost or damaged, as a result of hostile action or forced abandonment, will also be considered for rotation at United Nations expense. The requirements stipulated in paragraph 29 or at least seven years or 50 per cent of the estimated useful life will not apply to equipment lost or damaged, as a result of hostile action or forced abandonment”.

PROPOSAL

In COE Manual 2020, Chapter 4, “Preparation, Deployment, Redeployment and Transportation of Contingents”, under the heading “Rotation of Equipment”, paragraph 28, mentions categories of equipment eligible for rotation at UN expense meeting certain criteria mentioned in the COE Manual paragraph 27. These categories are: (1) aircraft/airfield support equipment; (2) combat vehicles; (3) police vehicles; (4) engineering equipment; (5) engineering vehicles; (6) support vehicles (commercial pattern); and (7) support vehicles (military pattern).

While paragraph 30 additionally mentions the possibility of rotation of COE damaged or lost due to hostile action or forced abandonment but confines the range of equipment again to the seven categories mentioned in paragraph 28. Equipment falling under the category of Demining, vehicles for the disposal of explosive ordnance and improvised explosive devices cannot be rotated on mission CMMRB recommendation and requires special permission by HQ CMMRB.

PROPOSED MANUAL TEXT

Amendment: COE 2020 Manual, Chapter 4, paragraph 28



In COE Manual 2020, Chapter 4, “Preparation, Deployment, Redeployment and Transportation of Contingents”, under the heading “Rotation of Equipment”, paragraph 28, in last sentence, before support vehicles (military pattern), replace “and” with “,” and add another category “and demining vehicles for the disposal of explosive ordnance and improvised explosive devices”.

Complete proposed paragraph is pasted below:

“Certain categories of major equipment under prolonged deployment to peacekeeping missions which are non-operable, or for which continued maintenance is not economical in the mission area, can be considered for rotation at United Nations expense at the discretion of a mission contingent-owned equipment/memorandum of understanding management review board in consultation with the applicable contingent commander, on the basis of operational requirements within the mission. These categories are as follows: aircraft/airfield support equipment, combat vehicles, police vehicles, engineering equipment, engineering vehicles, support vehicles (commercial pattern), support vehicles (military pattern) **and demining vehicles for the disposal of explosive ordnance and improvised explosive devices.**”

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this proposal.

PREVIOUS HISTORY

The issue paper has not been previously submitted to the Contingent-Owned Equipment Working Group for its consideration.