



TECHNICAL UPDATES TO THE COE MANUAL

Issue Paper #33

Issue Paper Theme: **Cross-cutting**

BACKGROUND

After the formal publishing of the COE manual following the tri-annual COE Working Group, Uniform Capabilities Support Division monitor and record any unintended anomalies that are identified during the intervening period between COE Working Groups. These anomalies often occur due to transcription errors when drafting the new COE Manual. This paper seeks to identify those errors and recommend amendments to improve future iterations of the COE Manual.

PROPOSAL

The following technical amendments have been identified in the 2020 COE Manual for inclusion into the 2023 COE Manual:

1. Annex A, Chapter 8, page 182 under Engineering Vehicles sub-category, lists *Cherry Picker crane/lift* with a Generic Fair Market Value (GFMV) of \$466,845. The GFMV is the primary determinant for the subsequent Dry and Wet Lease rates. The correct GFMV should be \$46,845. This error occurred by incorrect data that was inadvertently placed into the Issue Paper #17, Modernization of COE, considered at the 2020 COE Working Group. That paper had inadvertently typed \$466,845 rather than \$46,684.60. The dry and wet lease rates within that Issue Paper reflected the appropriate GFMV, however, when transferred into the COE Manual, the dry and wet lease rates were adjusted to reflect the incorrect GFMV. The correct GFMV figure for this equipment is \$46,684. Accordingly, the dry and wet lease rates should also be amended as follows:

Category of Equipment	Type of equipment	Generic fair market Value	Estimated useful life in years	Maintenance Rate	Monthly Dry lease rate	Monthly Wet Lease Rate	No Fault Incident Factor (Percentage)
Engineering Vehicles	Cherry picker crane/lift	46,684	15	173	263	436	0.5

2. Following acceptance of a number of amendments to the 2020 COE manual, new paragraphs are routinely added by inserting the suffix “bis” rather than renumbering all paragraphs subsequent to the newly inserted paragraph. This has occurred on the following pages: 9, 12, 35, 36, 39, 46, 56, 74, 129, 146, 147, 170, 197, 201, 213, 237, 241, 263, 266. Due to the increasing number of amendments being accepted, it is recommended that, during the next review of the COE Manual, the Manual’s paragraphs are renumbered sequentially rather than rely on the use of “bis”.

3. Chapter 3, Annex C, Appendix 5.1, paragraph K “Miscellaneous”, sub-paragraph i, and ii, incorrectly assigns footnote “a” and should be amended to assign the correct footnote of “d” which relates to medical waste.



4. Chapter 3, Annex C, Appendix 6.1, paragraph K “Miscellaneous”, sub-paragraph i, incorrectly uses footnote ‘c’ and should be amended to the correct footnote of “d” which relates to medical waste.

5. Chapter 3, Annex C, Appendix 17: amend paragraphs as follows:

Paragraph 6:

Malaria is endemic in most tropical countries, particularly in Africa, South America and South Asia, with 400 million individuals infected and 1.5 million dying from the disease each year. It is one of the major diseases affecting peacekeepers and an important cause of morbidity and mortality. This indicates a general lack of awareness of the disease among peacekeepers, as well as inadequate or incorrect use of environmental and personal protection. Prevention of malaria is further hampered by delays in diagnosis by doctors unfamiliar with the disease, the development of anopheles mosquitoes resistant to standard insecticides and resistant strains of plasmodia. ~~To date, no effective~~ Vaccine against this organism has been developed **and it's currently recommended for use in children below ages of 5 years in countries with moderate to high malaria transmission.** Steps that should be taken to control the disease include:

Add new sub-paragraph 9.(f):

Availability and access to HIV Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (HIVPEP) services in all Peacekeeping Operations area to prevent HIV infection due occupational and incidental exposure among personnel.

6. Annex to Chapter 4, paragraph 1 includes the last sentence “Detailed information about letters of assist can be found in Chapter 13 of the United Nations Procurement Manual.” Letters of assist are covered in Chapter 14 of the United Nations Procurement Manual on page 153. Accordingly, the last sentence of paragraph 1 should be amended to: **Detailed information about letters of assist can be found in Chapter 14 of the United Nations Procurement Manual.**

7. Chapter 4, paragraph 26 states the following: *The cost of transporting personnel from various parts of the contributing country to the assembly point at the point of entry/exit is covered under reimbursement for personnel.* This amendment occurred following the 2017 COE Working Group, however, there is no legislative history supporting the change from the previous 2014 Manual. This matter was not covered in the 2017 COE Working Group Report submitted to the General Assembly which is the authority for such changes. Accordingly, the COE Manual should revert to the language contained in the 2014 COE Manual which stated:

The United Nations will not reimburse the cost of transporting troops from various parts of the contributing country to the assembly point at the port of exit/entry.

8. Chapter 8, Annex A, page 182, Engineering vehicle section list *Industrial Tractor Light* as an item within major equipment. This description, however, does not define the type of capability being requested or paid for. Accordingly, it should be amended to **Industrial Tractor Light with bucket and/or backhoe** to provide more definitive description of the capability being required and reimbursed for. Should other variations of the Industrial Tractor Light be required, that detail should be included in the SUR and confirmed in the MOU and reimbursed under a special case.

9. Chapter 8, Annex A, page 182, includes Armoured Personnel Carrier Engineer Tracked within Engineering Equipment. Engineer Armoured Personnel Carriers can also be wheeled, which provides that same capability. Accordingly, the COE Manual should be amended to **Armoured Personnel Carrier Engineer (wheeled or tracked)** and remain at the published GFMV and wet and dry lease rates.

10. Chapter 8, Annex A, page 184, Helicopter Landing Kit is listed under **Logistical Equipment** and should be moved to **Force Protection Equipment** on page 183.

11. Chapter 8, Annex A, page 179. Amend Remotely operated vehicle with observation and/or disruption capability to read “**remotely operated equipment**” to avoid confusion as vehicles invites, insurance, plates,



painting etc.

12. Chapter 8, Annex A, page 183, **Logistical Equipment** is mis-named and should be amended to **Logistic Equipment**.

13. Chapter 8, Annex A, page 187, specialized police team equipment to be changed to **specialized police/military team equipment for forensic laboratory**.

14. Chapter 8, Annex A, page 175. Mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicle to be moved to the category of support vehicle military pattern in accordance with its definition in Chapter 3, Annex A, appendix 2, page 44.

15. Throughout the COE Manual there are references to *Peacekeeping Mission*. Formed units, however, can be deployed to both Peacekeeping Missions and Special Political Missions. Peacekeeping Missions fall under DPO's purview while Special Political Missions fall under DPPA. As such, the term Peacekeeping Missions within the COE Manual should be replaced with **field missions**.

16. Chapter 9, Annex A, Memorandum of Understanding for Military contingents, page 205, Section II Reimbursement should be updated as follows:

- a. Paragraph 2: The Government will be reimbursed for contingent personnel at the single rate of reimbursement of \$1,448 per person per month for those common and essential additional costs incurred due to the deployment of these contingent personnel to United Nations field missions. The Government will also be further temporarily reimbursed through 30 June 2026 at the single rate of reimbursement of \$4.90 per person per month for those common and essential additional costs incurred due to mandatory pre-deployment COVID-19 testing subject to the continued requirement of such testing by the Secretary-General. Pursuant to resolution 76/276, these reimbursement rates for contingent personnel will take effect 1 July 2022.
- b. Paragraph 4: Contingent personnel will receive directly from the peacekeeping mission a daily allowance of \$1.28; plus, a recreational leave allowance of \$11.50 per day for up to 15 days of leave taken during each six-month period.

17. Chapter 9, Annex A, Memorandum of Understanding for formed Police units, page 245, Section Requirements, includes a table with three columns: Units/sub-units, Number of Personnel, and Capabilities. The Units/sub-units title of the column can be misleading with entries often just being the unit title which does not reflect the actual type of unit/sub-unit. Accordingly, the column title should be amended to Unit/Sub-unit type. The "Capabilities" column is actually used to include some remarks rather than commenting on the unit's capabilities. Accordingly, the table should be amended to replace the Capabilities column with a Remarks column.

18. Chapter 9, Annex A, Memorandum of Understanding for formed Police units, page 245, Section I Requirements, includes a table with three columns: *Units/sub-units*, *Number of Personnel*, and *Capabilities*. The "Capabilities" column is actually used to include some remarks rather than commenting on the unit's capabilities. Accordingly, the table should be amended to replace the *Capabilities* column with a **Remarks** column.

19. Chapter 9, Annex A, Memorandum of Understanding for formed Police units, page 245, Section II Reimbursement should be updated as follows:

- a. Paragraph 2: The Government will be reimbursed for contingent personnel at the single rate of reimbursement of \$1,448 per person per month for those common and essential additional costs incurred due to the deployment of these contingent personnel to United Nations field missions. The Government will also be further temporarily reimbursed through 30 June 2026 at the single rate of reimbursement of \$4.90 per person per month for those common and essential additional costs incurred due to mandatory pre-deployment COVID-19 testing subject to the continued



requirement of such testing by the Secretary-General. Pursuant to resolution 76/276, these reimbursement rates for contingent personnel will take effect 1 July 2022.

- b. Paragraph 4: Contingent personnel will receive directly from the peacekeeping mission a daily allowance of \$1.28; plus, a recreational leave allowance of \$11.50 per day for up to 15 days of leave taken during each six-month period.

PROPOSED MANUAL TEXT

In accordance with the recommendations above.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

These are largely technical amendments and therefore have no financial implications.

PREVIOUS HISTORY

It is routine that technical amendments are submitted to the COE Working Group to refine and improve the language of the COE Manual.