



REPLY TO  
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**UNITED STATES ARMY CENTRAL**  
**COALITION FORCES LAND COMPONENT COMMAND**  
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1. Purpose. To provide guidance for recovering and recycling Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags.

2. Applicability. In accordance with (IAW) USCENTCOM OPLAN 1003 and the Container Intrusion Detection Device In-Transit Visibility Requirement for the USCENTCOM Area of Responsibility (AOR) message dated October 08, USARCENT is designated as the executive agent for RFID operations in the CENTCOM AOR. The provisions of this policy apply to U.S. Army Central Command (USARCENT) and all subordinate elements. This includes Service component commands, Joint Task Forces (JTFs), elements of supporting unified commands and defense activities operating within the USCENTCOM AOR unless otherwise specified in operation plans or operation orders issued by USCENTCOM. Subordinate elements are encouraged to recommend changes through their chain of command.

3. References.

a. Headquarters Department of the Army (HQDA) G4 ALARACT, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Tag Return, dtd January 2010

b. USARCENT Message, Implementation of the Container Intrusion Detection Device (CIDD), dtd January 2009.

c. Department of the Army message, Active Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Migration Plan, dtd August 2009.

d. USARCENT Message, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) In-Transit Visibility (ITV) Requirements for the CFLCC Area of Responsibility (AOR), dtd June 2008.

e. Army Regulation 700-80, Army In-Transit Visibility, dtd September 2008

f. USCENTCOM Letter Of Instruction (LOI), USCENTCOM Radio Frequency Identification, dtd June 2007.

g. CENTCOM Regulation 700-4, Logistics Automatic Identification Technology (AIT) and In Transit Visibility (ITV), dtd January 2006.

h. COMCFLCC Message, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) In-Transit Visibility (ITV) Requirements for the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility (AOR), dtd April 2004.

i. USCENTCOM Message, New In-Transit Visibility (ITV) Requirements for the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility (AOR), dtd December 2003.

4. Background. From December 1997 to present, over \$110 million dollars in Radio Frequency Identification tags were purchased throughout the Department of Defense (DOD). Only 16% of the tags were used more than twice. With the introduction of the more expensive Container Intrusion Detection Device (CIDD) it is imperative to fully utilize / exhaust the existing inventory of RFID and CIDD tags for all deployments, redeployments, reset/retrograde and sustainment shipments whenever and wherever possible.

5. Policy.

a. Roles and Responsibilities.

1) USCENTCOM

a) USCENTCOM J4-P, Logistics Directorate, Logistics Programs and Automation establishes RFID policy and priorities for the theater.

b) USCENTCOM Deployment and Distribution Operations Center (CDDOC)

- Facilitate the implementation of USCENTCOM RFID policy.
- Monitor compliance with RFID metrics.
- Monitor the RFID infrastructure/operations, and recommend adjustments.
- Recommend policy changes to USCENTCOM.

2) USARCENT

a) Act as USCENTCOM's lead activity for RFID. Coordinate and integrate RFID operations, and support other Service Components/JTFs within available resources on a reimbursable basis through PM J-AIT.

b) Monitor RFID infrastructure/operations in conjunction with USCENTCOM subordinate elements including node operators. Make immediate adjustments to improve RFID operations.

c) Manage Field Service Engineer (FSE) support and provide RFID training. PM J – AIT will conduct the training. ARCENT Log Automation is the point of contact for scheduling RFID Training.

d) Shape theater RFID capabilities in coordination with operational milestones, PM J-AIT and maintenance policy and procedures.

e) Coordinate and direct component command RFID operations in theater, consistent with joint doctrine.

f) Lead activity for RFID operations and maintain technical support to sustain/expand RFID operations.

g) Coordinate the employment of RFID by other components, USTRANSCOM elements and DLA in the CENTCOM AOR.

### 3) USCENTCOM COMPONENT COMMANDS

a) Develop and aggressively manage RFID tag recycling programs that ensure tags are available at locations supporting current and planned operational requirements. These programs will be developed within the context of DOD and Service/Agency policies.

b) Establish and monitor RFID metrics to ensure compliance with USCENTCOM policies and guidance, and support of component/JTF logistics business processes and ITV requirements.

c) Act as their Service's lead for implementing RFID and provide guidance, as appropriate, for its use.

d) Support Service initiatives to develop and evaluate new active and passive RFID applications.

e) Fund the acquisition, operation, training and logistics support of RFID according to Service policy in coordination with PM J-AIT.

f) Establish RFID infrastructure and ensure compliance with the provisions of this policy.

g) Monitor supporting RFID infrastructure and, in conjunction with supporting FSEs and USARCENT (FWD), adjust the infrastructure and meet changing operational requirements.

### 4) JOINT TASK FORCES (JTF)

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b) Fund the acquisition, operation, training and logistics support of RFID according to Service policy in coordination with PM J-AIT.

c) Establish RFID infrastructure and ensure compliance with the provisions of this policy.

d) Monitor supporting RFID infrastructure and, in conjunction with supporting FSEs and USARCENT (FWD), adjust the infrastructure and meet changing operational requirements.

### 5) U.S. MILITARY UNITS, ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT CONTRACTORS

a) Recycle RFID tags in accordance with this policy.

b) Monitor RFID operations, and in conjunction with the supporting FSE, take immediate actions to ensure uninterrupted support and response to changing operational requirements.

c) Deactivate RFID tags immediately upon arrival by inverting the tag batteries. This prevents repeated interrogation of the tag and prevents early battery depletion.

## b. RFID Tag Management

1) USCENTCOM service components and JTFs must develop and aggressively manage RFID tag recycling programs that ensure tags are available at locations supporting current and planned operational requirements. These programs will be developed within the context of DoD and Service/Agency policies.

2) Units may retain unit-purchased and owned tags to support the redeployment of unit owned equipment and containers.

3) Units and organizations should use overseas contingency operation funds for shipping costs as applicable.

4) This return policy is an enduring requirement. No unit or organization is authorized to hold or stockpile RFID tags in excess of mission requirements.

5) Units and organizations are not allowed to order new RFID (SAVI 600 series) tags unless authorized by the first o-6 in their chain of command.

6) For replacement batteries use NSN 6135-01-301-8776 for SAVI 410 tags and NSN 6135-01-524-7621 for SAVI 600 series tags.

a) Units in possession of RFID tags without a write requirement, such as small forward operating bases will turn the tags to the nearest supply or transportation activity for distribution. The Joint Sustainment Command (JSC) will oversee this action for OEF and USF-I J4 Logistics Automation will oversee this for OIF.

b) All activities operating logistics nodes within the USCENTCOM AOR where RFID tagged cargo or equipment originates, terminates or transits to include but not limited to supply, distribution, and military and commercial aerial and sea ports, will be responsible for recycling 400 and 600 series RFID tags and CIDD tags. As a general rule, in addition to installing, operating and maintaining RFID capability organizations responsible for operating logistics nodes will be responsible for collecting and maintaining accountability of RFID and CIDD tags.

c) When responsibility for operating a logistics node changes, the losing activity is responsible for coordinating with the gaining activity to ensure uninterrupted RFID operations to include tag recovery / recycling.

c. Tag Consolidation. This message directs all Army and Marine Corps activities to take immediate action to return RFID and CIDD tags to DLA strategic distribution platforms and/or army deployment platforms. Return of RFID or CIDD tags for sustainment will be to one of the following locations:

1) SW3100, Transportation Officer, DDSP New Cumberland, facility building, mission door 113-134 New Cumberland, PA 17070-5002 Comm DLA customer support line 1-877 DLA call (877 352 2255).

2) SW3224, Defense Distribution Depot SAN JOAQUIN, Receiving Warehouse 10, 25600 South Chrisman Road, Tracey, CA 95376-5000. Comm DLA CUSTOMER SUPPORT LINE 1-877 DLA CALL (877 352 2255).

3) EUCOM: US Depot Germersheim, TCSP-E, attn: DDDE DE, bldg 7976, F-WHS Vorwerk Friedrich Str. 07274-965086, Lingenfeld de 67360, DSN (314) 378-5032 Comm 49 727 496 5032

4) Upon receipt at final destination, the receiving unit will disarm and remove all tags, remove and invert the tag battery to prevent further interrogation. Any Activity, Unit, DOD Agency, or Contractor / Vendor receiving RFID/CIDD-tagged shipments will consolidate and turn in tags to the nearest Movement Control Team (MCT), Supply Support Activity (SSA), Aerial Port of Debarkation (APOD), or Surface Port of Debarkation (SPOD). If the nearest MCT, SSA, APOD or SPOD is unknown, contact USARCENT Logistics Automation Branch at DSN 318-430-5172.

5) MCTs, SSAs, APODs, SPODs will contact the nearest consolidation point for disposition instructions. There are four consolidation points for the RFID/CIDD tags in the USCENCOM AOR:

a) Kuwait: SW3109 DDKS Multi-Class Warehouse (RIC: W7A), US Defense Distribution Depot Kuwait, Mina Abdullah Unit 1-6, Fahahill, KW Arabian Gulf KW, DSN 318-430-6071.

b) Iraq: 910<sup>th</sup> QM, W91X8J, Balad DS Multi-Class Warehouse (RIC: WP7). DSN 318-483-2628, Comm 713 445 3803.

c) Afghanistan: Bagram Multi-Class Warehouse (RIC: W8G), Bldg 310, APO AE 09354, DSN 318 431 3425

d) Afghanistan: 273<sup>rd</sup> TC Detachment (MCT), APO AE 09354, DSN 318-431-2260.

6) Primary responsibility for the recovery of the RFID tags in theater, will reside with the JSC in Afghanistan and USF-I J4 Log Auto in Iraq and 593<sup>rd</sup> SB in Kuwait.

d. Recovery of RFID tags using government and contracted transportation sources

1) Transportation of RFID tags will reside with both military and contracted transportation assets transitioning between logistical nodes. Commercial contracted movements will be required in accordance with the performance work statement (PWS) to retrograde tags back to the designated RFID collection points.

2) The backhaul of RFID tags will be tracked by 1<sup>st</sup> TSC. 1<sup>st</sup> TSC will consolidate and provide the report to ARCENT G4 Log Automation. This report will include at a minimum the following:

a) Number of tags on hand by type and series.

b) Number of tags collected by type and series.

c) Disposition of collected tags (How many of what type and where they are being shipped to.

d) Number of tags, by type, being reused / recycled every week.

6. The proponent for this policy is USARCENT G4. Point of contact is the USARCENT G4 Logistics Automation Branch (Main Command Post 312-367-4935) and (Operational Command Post 318-430-5172)

  
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