

Standards Coordination Working Group Meeting

3rd September 2026

A working group focused on standards and specifications
which address **‘Information sharing related to Support’**.

Introductions



- TD-Info staff
- In the office
- On-line

Agenda

- Last meetings notes and actions – Julian Dayment
- Updates
 - NATO / SVC meetings - Phil Williams
 - Updates from other meeting participants
- S-Series Contracting Discussion
- Case studies for S-Series implementation
- Working Group activities discussion - all
- Actions, next step, AOBs - all

Last meeting notes & actions

- Any feedback on the issued meeting notes?
 - May meeting actions
- 1 - MW accepted an action to feed the content of the slides into the various S-Series working groups.**
 - 2 – JD to interact with JI-B and record BMT involvement in the spreadsheet. - complete**
 - 3 – JD to interact with Pierre-Michael Delamotte to obtain his standards mapping - diagram. – still in progress**
 - 4 – JD to communicate the PW request to the WG members. - complete**
 - 5 – PW to arrange a Rail Sector call with JI-B and MS.**
 - 6 – JD to communicate with the WG to request any case studies. - complete**
 - 7 – MW to provide a copy of ALP10 to JD who will place on the website page. – complete**
 - 8 – PW to link up MH with Gareth Walsh of ASD to obtain access to the ASD website.**
 - 9 – JS to investigate promotion of WG with ADS and Tech UK.**

Phil Williams

Other meeting participants

S-Series Contracting Discussion (1)

- Email from the US to Phil Williams

The subject of contracting to the S-Series keeps coming up over here, generally framed as the question

"When will Contracting be included in the S-Series?", followed by a suggestion/comparison/complaint/statement that includes numbers like :5000.1, etc.

If I have interpreted the news correctly, the UK MoD is mandating the use of the S-Series in one way or another.

That led me to the question, "Does the UK MoD have any policy like the US DoW's 5000.x Instructions?"

So, "Phil, do you know whether the UK MOD follow guidelines similar to the US DoW's 5000.x series or is CADMD still the authority?"

S-Series Contracting Discussion (2)

- JD response:

This topic can be confusing as the subject of 'contracting for the S-Series' is far too broad to address as one topic.

The issues are typically related to contracting for data and associated with some of the specifications.

Ultimately, the S-Series are not 'designed' for 'contracting' as they have been developed to be used by industry for their ends and not to be 'imposed' by a customer under a contract.

Additionally, the MOD are not 'mandating' the S-Series.

They are providing guidance to their internal organisations/departments that the specifications are options along with other specifications/standards.

An example of this is in DEF STAN 00-60 and supportability analysis / LSA / PSA.

The guidance is different for specific specifications and MOD projects determine what they will use regarding the range of specifications using the MOD guidance.

S-Series Contracting Discussion (3)

- Katie Renton response:

We do not Mandate the S Series and do not currently intend to in the UK or as wider NATO policy. The S Series remains a tool in the tool kit that remains available for use should be project requirement be suitable.

As we develop the new policy for UK support, this will provide clear guidance for the approach. The Support Case remains the heart of the approach with an ALP 10 driven framework within policy. The need to remain agnostic to tools and tool kits is aligned to our need to contract in many ways as you have seen through the procurement and commercial developments. It would be a huge cost driver to mandate certain business rules when procuring fast developing and disposable technologies for example so tailoring and choice will be necessary.

There are areas in Support that we would like to focus on upskilling in the use of (such as understanding the business rules, tailoring as mentioned and better focus on support analysis and tech docs) and there is also data alignment as we implement new systems, which will include some S Series approaches and alignment, but it remains a tool and not a mandate.

S-Series Contracting Discussion (4)



- Mike Bater response:

Everything is in a state of flux at the moment, with the standing up of the NAD so what will be produced in the future is currently unknown.

The current series of UK policy, process and standards documentation does not mandate the use of the S-Series it merely recommends them as a suitable means of developing the ILS master deliverables identified in DEF STAN 00-600. Other standard families along with the S Series are acceptable, indeed the SAE standards have been used on some FMS procurements.

Contracting materiel was one of the proposed outputs of the IPS DIG that has yet to appear.

We currently do not have the equivalent of “ DoW Instruction 5000.02 Operation of the Adaptive Acquisition Framework ” within the hierarchy, there is a possibility that some sort of equivalent will be produced in the future.

Personally I hope that some sort of equivalent guidance is produced covering the Spiral Acquisition / Spiral development policy that also has a section on contracting for support is written.

In the interim the iMS will be expanded to cover detail in these areas, but it is very much a work in progress.

Case studies for S-Series implementation



- There has been discussion outside of the working group environment about the possibility of establishing case studies of UK S-Series specifications implementations
- This is to demonstrate 'shortfalls' in scope or data formats and how these have been addressed in real projects so it can be clearly demonstrated what these shortfalls are and how they might be addressed by ASD
- This is especially relevant to 3000L, 4000P, 5000F and 6000T

WG Activities Discussion



Standards and Specifications identified at the January meeting.

- S-Series suite of specifications and ALP10
- Long Term Archive and Retrieval (LOTAR)
- Standards for the Exchange of Product Model Data (STEP) including Product Lifecycle Support (PLCS).
- Def Stan 05-10 (Product Definition Information)
- Standards related to Institute for Systems Engineering (IfSE), especially ISO15288.
- Other topics, Block Chain and export controls.

Actions, next step, AOBs