
APPENDIX D

CARE OF SUPPLIES IN STORAGE

The COSIS program covers the inspection, minor repair, testing, exercising, preservation, packaging, and packing of supplies in storage. The following are objectives of the COSIS program:

- To ensure that the true condition of supplies in storage is known and recorded.
- To establish accurate resource requirements.
- To maintain supplies in a state of readiness.
- To establish controls to ensure that no obsolete supplies are scheduled for COSIS processing and that supplies are maintained with the least cost in manpower, equipment, and money.
- To ensure that supplies and equipment are preserved and packed according to the degree of protection set forth in AR 700-15.

Under the COSIS program, supplies are stored to receive maximum protection from rodents, insects, and weather. Sealed containers and packages remain sealed until they are used. A container may be opened for inspection if there is reason to question its serviceability or if it is not clearly marked. Containers which are opened are resealed and returned to storage.

The COSIS program establishes plans for the inspection of stored material. The frequency of these inspections depends on the kind of material

stored, method of packaging, local weather conditions, and type of storage facilities. Inspections include checks of preservation and packaging adequacy and the condition of unpackaged items and clothing. Inspections also make sure that items with a shelf-life date (rubber, cork, neoprene, and dry batteries) are within time limits and that older stock is issued first.

Deficiencies uncovered by inspections are corrected promptly under AR 740-3, the COSIS program. Minor repair, preservation, and packing are limited to supplies in storage. The COSIS program does not cover the receipt and shipment of supplies.

Major repairs are not part of the COSIS program. Items which require minor mechanical repair or adjustment or supplies which need repacking and preservation are classified condition code E (unserviceable). These items are repaired by the storage activity or units when the costs do not exceed the limits set forth in AR 740-15.

AR 740-3 covers the COSIS program and provides guidance on budgeting, forecasting, cyclic inspection, and scheduling. TMs 38-230-1 and 38-230-2 cover preservation, packaging, and packing of supplies and equipment.