

PREFACE

GENERAL SUPPLIES

For purposes of this manual, general supplies are supplies which have been grouped together based on their storage and distribution requirements rather than their end use. General supplies include the following:

- Subsistence (Class I, covered in AR 30-21).
- Clothing and organizational equipment (Class II).
- Packaged petroleum and industrial gases (Class III).
- Construction materials (Class IV).
- Health and comfort items (Class VI).
- End items listed in SB 700-20 and included in authorization documents (Class VII).
- Repair parts (Class IX).
- Standard maps and map products.
- Nonmilitary items (Class X).

Appendix A describes the threat to CSS operations, including regional threats and potential threats to weapons systems. Appendix B provides a list of general supply classes and their subclasses. Since there is not a separate manual for heavy materiel and since Class II and IV supplies are often grouped together for distribution purposes, construction and fortification materials (Class IV) are also included. This manual is one of a series that provides guidance on how supply systems support forces in a theater of operations. The complete set includes the following:

- AR 30-21, which describes Class I subsistence supply.
- FM 10-23, which describes Army field feeding.
- FM 10-27, which describes how Class II, III packaged, IV, VI, VII, IX, and X supplies are provided

for theater operations.

- FM 10-67, which explains Class III bulk petroleum supply.
- FM 9-6, which covers Class V ammunition supply.
- FM 8-10, which deals with Class VIII health service support.
- FM 10-52, which describes water supply and distribution.

PURPOSE

This manual is a guide for meeting the Class II, III packaged, IV, VI, VII, IX, and X supply requirements of supported units. It is for commodity and inventory managers, logistics staff officers from S4 to G4 and their assistants, and instructors in supply areas. This manual should be used with FM 10-1. Commanders and staff officers of DS and GS units may use this manual, also. This manual can--

- Help logisticians improve general supply support immediately before and after hostilities start.
- Provide logistics staff members at all organizational levels with a reference manual that can help them plan, manage, and sustain general supply support for a theater of operations.
- Describe the requisition and flow of general supplies from the time they are requested or requisitioned until they are issued to the requesting or supporting unit.

SCOPE

FM 10-27 provides guidance for supply support, including that needed during transition to war and sustained war. It covers the effects of different wartime environments on supply requirements, supply routes, and supply trains. Successful supply support requires advance planning, procurement, and pre-positioning of supplies. Therefore, this manual also covers class managers, supply objectives, logistics files, and automated systems designed to help

managers forecast requirements and improve supply support. Other areas covered are general supply classes and their sources including:

- Basic loads and, if transportation assets are available, peacetime operational loads.
- Class II, III packaged, and IV distribution and supply points.
- Existing Army and Air Force Exchange Service, COMMZ.

Also, this manual describes how general supplies are requested, procured, stored, issued, turned in, and accounted for. Emphasis is placed on providing a basic overview of requisition and distribution flows and on maintaining adequate stockage levels.

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