
DOD LONG-RANGE LOGISTICS PLAN

In October 1983, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics) -- now Manpower, Installations and Logistics (MI&L) -- published the Department of Defense Long-Range Logistics Plan (LRLP). The purpose of the LRLP is to provide a structured, yet dynamic, program to ensure that appropriate actions are undertaken in a timely manner so that the most effective (wartime and peacetime) logistics support is provided to US military forces in the 1990-2010 timeframe. On page 51 of the LRLP, there is a section on "International Logistics." The following is a reprint of page 51:

International Logistics

The potential for simultaneous hostilities in different areas around the globe makes consideration of a totally unilateral defense posture impractical. Furthermore, the competition for the admittedly extensive, but nevertheless limited, resources provided to the Department of Defense by the Congress necessitates that we capitalize on the logistics support capabilities of our allies and other friendly nations. In other words, wherever practicable and prudent, we must seek expanded -- both in terms of the countries involved and the logistics functions covered -- host nation support agreements, and mutual and cooperative support agreements.

For many years our security assistance program largely consisted of providing older, less sophisticated equipment, no longer needed by US forces, to friendly countries. Due to changing world conditions, we are now providing sophisticated, often "front line" equipment, also being used by US forces, which often requires extensive logistics support that is beyond the capabilities of non-industrialized nations. Thus, we must devise means of ensuring that our allies and friends can either develop the organic capability to logistically support US-origin equipment or be provided continuing support from our industrial base in wartime as well as peacetime.

In response to these challenges, the following goals for International Logistics are established:

Goal

Possess logistics support plans and agreements that ensure that maximum, reliable support will be provided in peacetime, crisis or wartime to deployed US forces by host nations, and for US-origin equipment employed by friends and allies.

-- Sub-Goals

- Ensure that timely and sufficient wartime logistics support will be provided by other nations to deployed US forces.
- Ensure that peacetime and wartime logistics support will be provided by the United States to allied and friendly nations.
- Ensure integration of international logistics planning into post-production support programs so that US-origin equipment employed by allied and friendly nations remains viable.