

**ACQUISITION AND CROSS-SERVICING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LATVIA AND DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

March 28, 1998, Date-Signed; March 30, 1998, Date-Signed
March 30, 1998, Date-In-Force

PREAMBLE

THIS AGREEMENT, by and between the Ministry of Defense of Latvia and the Department of Defense of the United States (hereinafter referred to as the Parties);

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties mutually agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE

This Agreement is entered into for the purpose of establishing basic terms, conditions, and procedures to facilitate the reciprocal provision of logistics support, supplies, and services as that term is defined in Article III of this Agreement.

ARTICLE II

APPLICABILITY

1. This agreement is designed to facilitate reciprocal logistic support between the Parties to be used primarily during combined exercises, training, deployments, operations, or other cooperative efforts, and for unforeseen circumstances or exigencies in which the recipient may have a need of logistic support, supplies, and services.
2. It is the intent of both parties [*2] that no classified information would be exchanged under this agreement.
3. This Agreement applies to the reciprocal provision of logistic support, supplies, and services to the military forces of one Party by the other Party in return for either cash payment or the reciprocal provision of logistic support, supplies and services to the military forces of the other Party.
4. It is understood between the parties that acquisitions and transfers under this Agreement and any implementing arrangements executed hereunder are made subject to the availability of appropriations and acquisition and transfer limitations established by *Latvian* and United States laws and regulations.
5. The parties agree that the following items are not eligible for transfer under this Agreement and are specifically excluded from its coverage:

- a. weapons systems
- b. major end items of equipment (except for the lease or loan of general purpose vehicles and other items of nonlethal military equipment not designated as part of the U.S. Munitions List);
- c. initial quantities of replacement and spare parts associated with the initial order quantity of major items of organizational equipment covered in tables [*3] of allowances and distribution, tables of organization and equipment, and equivalent documents.

6. Also excluded from transfer by either Party under this Agreement are any items that transfer of which are prohibited by its laws or regulations. Specifically excluded from transfer by United States law and regulation under this Agreement are the following:

- a. guided missiles;
- b. naval mines and torpedoes;
- c. nuclear ammunition and included items such as warheads, warhead sections, projectiles, demolition munitions, and training ammunition;
- d. cartridge and air crew escape propulsion system (AEPS) components;
- e. chaff and chaff dispensers;
- f. guidance kits for bombs or other ammunition;
- g. chemical ammunition (other than riot control agents);
- h. source, byproduct, or special nuclear materials or any other material, article, data, or thing of value the transfer of which is subject to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, (Title 42, USC, sect. 2011, *et seq.*)

ARTICLE III

DEFINITIONS

1. As used in this Agreement and in any Implementing Arrangements which provide specific procedures, the following definitions apply:

a. Logistic support, supplies [*4] and services. Food, water, billeting, transportation (including airlift), petroleum, oils, lubricants, clothing, communication services, medical services, ammunition, base operations support (and construction incident thereto), storage services, use of facilities, training services, spare parts and components, repair and maintenance services, calibration services, and airport and seaport services. Such term also includes the temporary use of general purpose vehicles and other items of military equipment not designated as part of the United States Munitions List.

b. Implementing Arrangement. A written supplementary agreement related to the specific acquisition and/or transfer of logistic support, supplies and services, which sets forth additional details, terms and conditions which further define and carry out this Agreement.

c. Order. An order, when in its proper form and signed by an authorized official (see Article IV, paragraph 2 below), is a request for the provision of specific logistic support,

supplies and services pursuant to this Agreement and any applicable Implementing Arrangement.

d. Invoice. A document from the supplying Party which requests reimbursement [*5] or payment for specific logistic support, supplies and services rendered pursuant to this Agreement and any applicable Implementing Arrangements.

e. Transfer. Selling, leasing, loaning, or otherwise providing (whether for payment in currency, replacement-in-kind, or exchange of supplies or services of equal value), logistics support, supplies or services.

ARTICLE IV

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Each Party shall make its best efforts, consistent with national priorities, to satisfy requests from the other Party under this agreement for logistic support, supplies, and services, during peacetime and during periods of national emergency, international tension or active hostilities. When an implementing arrangement contains a stricter standard for satisfying such requests, it shall apply over this paragraph.
2. The parties agree that the transfer of logistic support, supplies and services between the Parties shall be accomplished by Orders issued and accepted under this Agreement and any applicable Implementing Arrangement.
3. An Order may be issued against this Agreement alone without an Implementing Arrangement only in those cases set forth in Annex A.
4. An Implementing [*6] Arrangement may be negotiated on the part of the United States by US European Command (USEUCOM) designated Subordinate Commands when operations are conducted within USEUCOM area of responsibility or with USEUCOM units. When operations are conducted outside USEUCOM, Implementing Arrangements may be negotiated on the part of the United States by authorized U.S. Headquarters in coordination with USEUCOM. When operations are conducted outside USEUCOM or with U.S. forces from another Unified Command, the respective USEUCOM Service Components will assist in processing the requirements with the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Latvia.
5. Whether the transfer is accomplished by an Order under this Agreement alone or in conjunction with an Implementing Arrangement, the documents taken together must set forth all necessary details, terms, and conditions to carry out the transfer including the data elements in Annex B.
6. The parties shall endeavor to adopt a standard Order form. An Implementing Arrangement shall generally identify those personnel authorized to issue and accept Orders under that agreement. The Parties shall notify each other of specific authorizations or limitations [*7] on those personnel able to issue or accept Orders directly under this Agreement or under an Implementing Arrangement when the Implementing Arrangement does not state this information. In the case of the United States, these notifications shall

go directly to the Component Command concerned. In the case of the Republic of Latvia, these notifications shall go to the Ministry of Defense.

7. In all transactions involving the transfer of logistic support, supplies and services, the receiving Party agrees that such logistic support, supplies and services shall not be retransferred, either temporarily or permanently, by any means to other than the forces of the receiving Party without prior written consent of the supplying Party.

ARTICLE V

REIMBURSEMENT

1. For any logistic support, supplies and services transactions, the Parties shall negotiate for payment either in cash or the currency specified by the supplying Party (a "reimbursable transaction") or in equal value to be defined in monetary terms only (an "exchange transaction". The receiving Party shall pay the supplying Party under the conditions set out in either paragraph 1a. or paragraph 1b. of this Article.

a. Reimbursable [*8] transaction. The supplying Party shall submit Invoices to the receiving Party after delivery or performance of the logistic support, supplies and services. Both Parties shall maintain records of all transactions, and each Party shall provide for the payment of outstanding accounts not less frequently than every twelve months. Bills prepared by the supplying party shall be accompanied by necessary support documentation and paid within 30 days from the date prepared. In pricing a reimbursable transaction, the Parties agree to the following reciprocal pricing principles:

(1) In the case of specific acquisition by the supplying Party from its contractors for a receiving Party, the price shall be no less favorable than the price charged the armed forces by the contractor of the supplying Party for identical items or services, less any amount excluded by Articles VI of this Agreement. The price charged may take into account differentials due to delivery schedules, points of delivery, and other similar considerations.

(2) In the case of transfer from the supplying Party's own resources, the supplying Party shall charge the same price it charges its own forces for identical logistic support, [*9] supplies and services, as of the date the Order is accepted, less any amounts excluded by Article VI of this Agreement. In any case where a price has not been established or charges are not made for one's own forces, the parties shall agree on a price in advance, excluding charges that are precluded under these reciprocal pricing principles.

b. Exchange transaction. Both Parties shall maintain records of all transactions. The receiving Party shall pay by transferring to the supplying Party logistic support, supplies and services that are agreed between the Parties to be of equal monetary value to the logistic support, supplies and services delivered or performed by the supplying Party. If the receiving party does not complete the exchange within the terms of a replacement schedule agreed to or in effect at the time of the original transaction, within time frames which may not exceed one (1) year from the date of the original transaction, the transaction shall be deemed reimbursable and governed by paragraph 1a above, except

that the price shall be established using actual or estimated prices in effect on the date payment would otherwise have been due.

2. When a definitive price [*10] for the Order is not agreed upon in advance, the Order, pending agreement on final price, shall set forth a maximum limitation of liability for the Party ordering the logistic support, supplies and services. The Parties shall then promptly enter into negotiation to establish the final price.

3. The Invoice shall contain identification of the applicable Implementing Arrangement or in the absence thereof, refer to this Agreement and shall be in the format set forth by the supplying organization. The Invoice shall be accompanied by evidence of receipt by the party receiving the logistic support, supplies and services.

4. The Parties agree to grant each other access to documentation and information sufficient to verify, when applicable, that reciprocal pricing principles have been followed and prices do not include waived or excluded costs. Points of contact will be identified on each Implementing Arrangement to validate expenses or research charges on an as-required basis.

5. No provision in this Agreement shall serve as a basis for an increased charge for logistics support, supplies and services, if such logistic support, supplies and services would be available without charge [*11] or for a lesser charge under the terms of another agreement.

ARTICLE VI

WAIVED OR EXCLUDED COSTS

The provisions of any tax and customs relief agreements applicable to the acquisition of materials, services, supplies and equipment by the receiving Party shall apply to logistic support, supplies and services transferred under this Agreement. The parties shall cooperate to provide proper documentation to maximize tax relief. In the case where taxes or customs duties for which a receiving Party would ordinarily have an exemption have already been paid by the supplying Party and cannot be recovered, the supplying Party shall advise the receiving Party prior to agreement to the transaction. In such a case the receiving Party may, if practicable, replace the supplies as an exchange transaction in lieu of reimbursement for the supplies. If exchange is not practicable, the price paid by the receiving Party shall include only those taxes or customs duties not recoverable by the supplying Party.

ARTICLE VII

INTERPRETATION AND REVISION

1. Each party agrees to resolve disagreements between the Parties with respect to the interpretation or application of this Agreement. [*12] In the case of an Implementing Arrangement or transaction, the Parties shall resolve any disagreements with respect to interpretation or application of the arrangement or transaction. Any disagreements regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement or any implementing

arrangements executed hereunder shall be resolved through consultation between the parties and shall not be referred to any international tribunal or third party for settlement.

2. Either Party may, at any time, request revision of this Agreement by giving the other Party 90 days' advance written notice. In the event such a request is made, the two Parties shall promptly enter into negotiations. This Agreement may only be amended by written agreement between the Parties.

ARTICLE VIII

EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION

This Agreement, which consists of a Preamble, Articles I-VIII, and Annexes A and B, shall become effective on the date of the last signature and will remain in force for a period of ten years unless terminated by either Party giving not less than 180 day's notice in writing to the other Party. At any time during the final year of the ten-year term of this Agreement, the Parties [*13] may agree to extend its term for an additional ten years. This extension shall be executed by the exchange of letters signed on behalf of the United States by Headquarters, U.S. European Command, Director of Logistics and Security Assistance (or successor official), and on behalf of Latvia by the State Secretary, Ministry of Defense (or successor official).

DONE in duplicate, in the English language.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective governments, have signed this agreement.

SIGNATORIES:

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

JOHN M. McDUFFIE
Major General, U.S. Army
Director of Logistics and Security Assistance
at: Patch Barracks, Germany
on: 30 November 1998

FOR THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

EDGARS RINKEVICS
State Secretary
The Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Latvia
at: Riga, Latvia
on: March 28, 1998

APPENDICES:

ANNEX A

Pursuant to Article IV, paragraph 3, Orders or support request may be issued against this Agreement alone in the following circumstances:

a. Orders for logistic support, supplies and services placed during times of active hostilities; and tension.

b. Orders for logistic support, supplies [*14] and services urgently required and not covered by an Implementing Arrangement, provided the Parties to the transaction (or their designated representatives) agree.

ANNEX B

MINIMUM ESSENTIAL DATA ELEMENTS

- 1) Implementing Arrangements or support Agreement
- 2) Date of Order
- 3) Designation and address of office to be billed
- 4) Numerical listing of stock numbers of items, if any
- 5) Quantity and description of material/services requested
- 6) Quantity furnished
- 7) Unit of Measurement
- 8) Unit price in currency of billing country
- 9) Quantity furnished (6) multiplied by unit price (8)
- 10) Currency of billing country
- 11) Total Order amount expressed in currency of billing country
- 12) Name (typed or printed), signature, and title of authorized Ordering or requisitioning representative
- 13) Payee to be designated on remittance
- 14) Designation and address of office to receive remittance
- 15) Recipient's signature acknowledging service or supplies received on the Order or requisition or a separate supplementary document
- 16) Document number of Order or requisition
- 17) Receiving organization

18) Issuing organization

19) Transaction type

20) Fund citation [*15] or certification of availability of funds when applicable under Parties' procedures

21) Date and place of original transfer; in the case of an exchange transaction, a replacement schedule including time and place of replacement transfer

22) Name, signature and title of authorized acceptance official

23) Additional special requirement, if any, such as transportation, packaging, etc.

24) Limitation of government liability

25) Name, signature, date and title of supplying Party official who actually issues supplies or services