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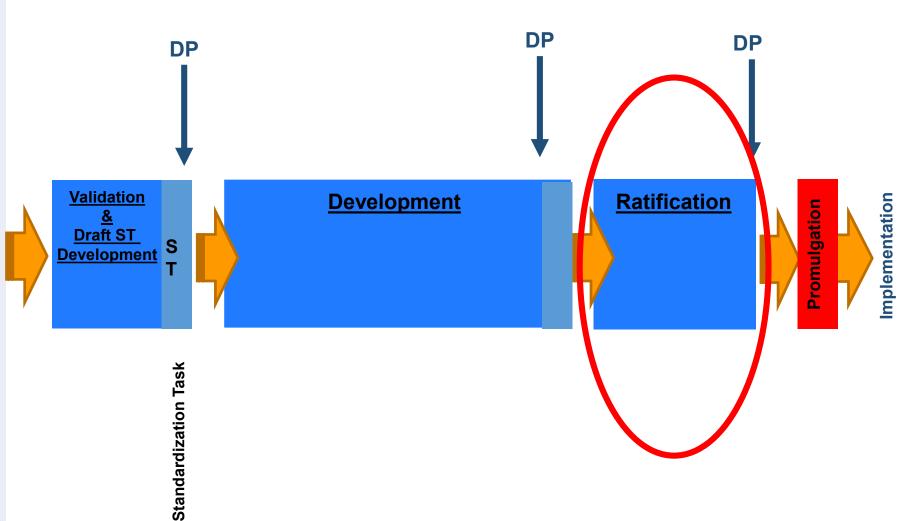
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Ratification and Implementation of NATO Standards

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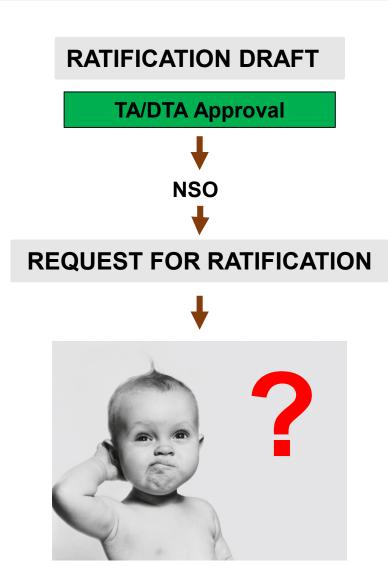
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Ratification Process







Ratification Process

- Ratification: process in which Allies analyse the standards covered by a STANAG in order to determine the national position regarding the implementation (identify if, and how to implement them)
- Completion of process results in formal ratification response by Allies
- Allies should complete staffing for ratification and reply within the timescale set by TA/DTA





Ratification Process

What needs to be analysed?

Requirements and impacts on national resources

- ✓ capabilities supported and national plans for development/procurement of these capabilities
- ✓ services concerned
- ✓ required national actions for implementation (procurement of new material/equipment, technical specification/tactics, change of national education and training courses, software changes to existing IT systems, etc.)
- √ required and available resources
- √ timelines/roadmaps for implementation
- ✓ national limitations/caveats





Ratification Responses

- ✓ ratifying and implementing will implement fully provide date/timescale
- ✓ ratifying and implementing with reservations;
 will implement but has concerns/impediments in some areas provide date/timescale
- ✓ ratifying, future implementation; will implement fully unable to provide date/timescale
- ✓ ratifying, future implementation with reservations; will implement but has concerns/impediments in some areas unable to provide date/timescale
- not ratifying
 object to promulgation / inability to implement
- ✓ not participating do not have the capability / not interested

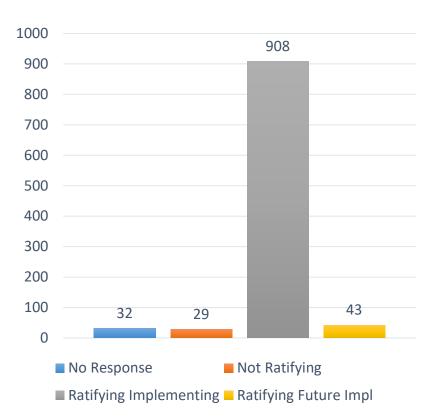


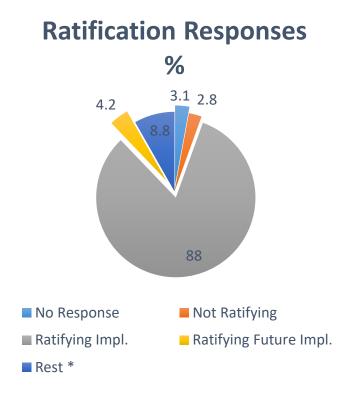


Ratification Responses Nation A

as of 16 Jul 2018

Reference: 1032 Promulgated STANAGs







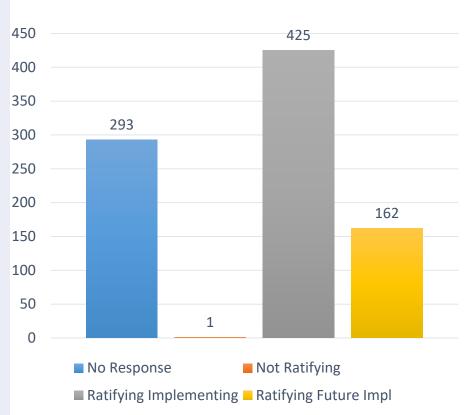
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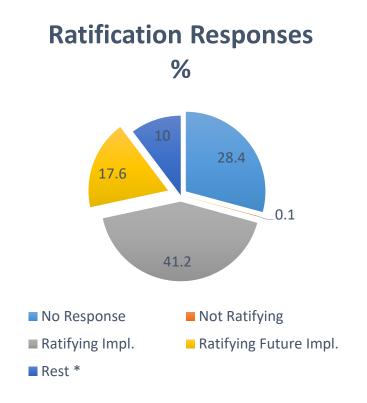


Ratification Responses Nation B

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Reference: 1046 Promulgated STANAGs





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STANAGs delayed in Ratification as of 04 Oct 2018

Examples

STANAG	Due Date	Promulgation Criteria	Ratification responses received
2592 Ed. 2	2018-07-30	15	16
3297 Ed. 7	2017-09-19	14	13 (+ 1 not participating)
4622 Ed. 2	2018-06-22	15	6 (+ 2 not participating, 1 not ratifying)
4684 Ed. 1	2017-08-14	14	8 (+ 5 not participating)
7219 Ed. 1	2011-05-13	14	10 (+ 4 not participating and 1 not ratifying, objection to promulgation)





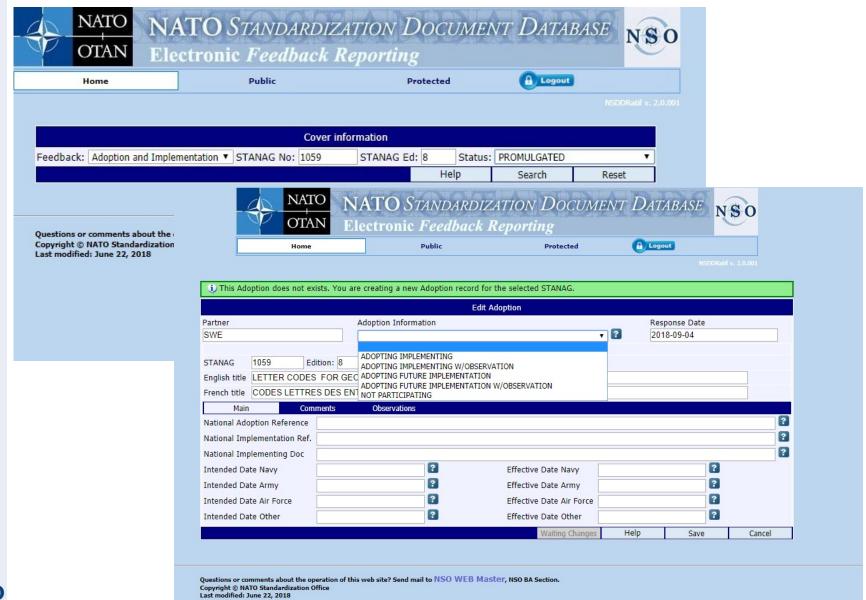
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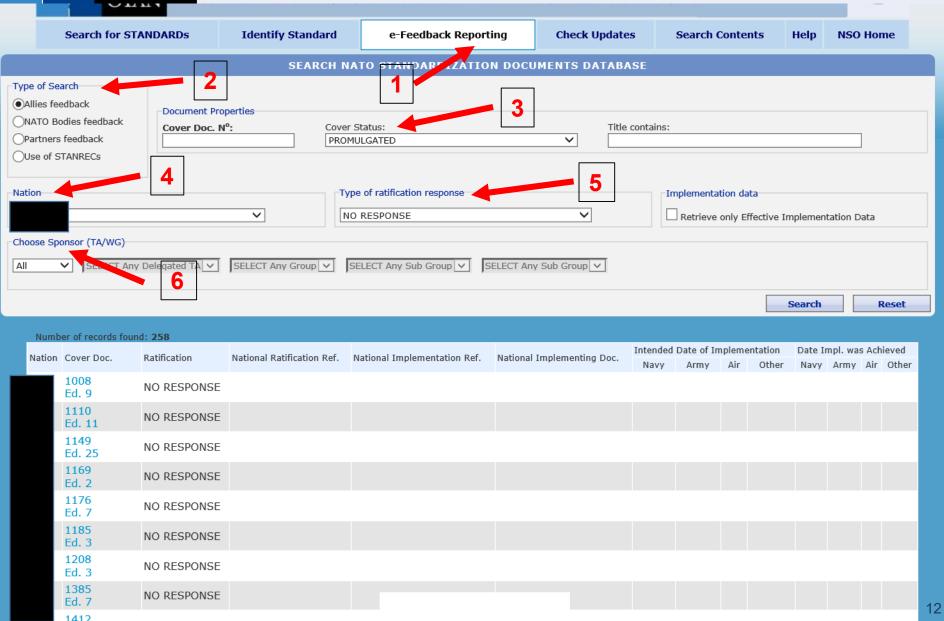
Adoption Reporting





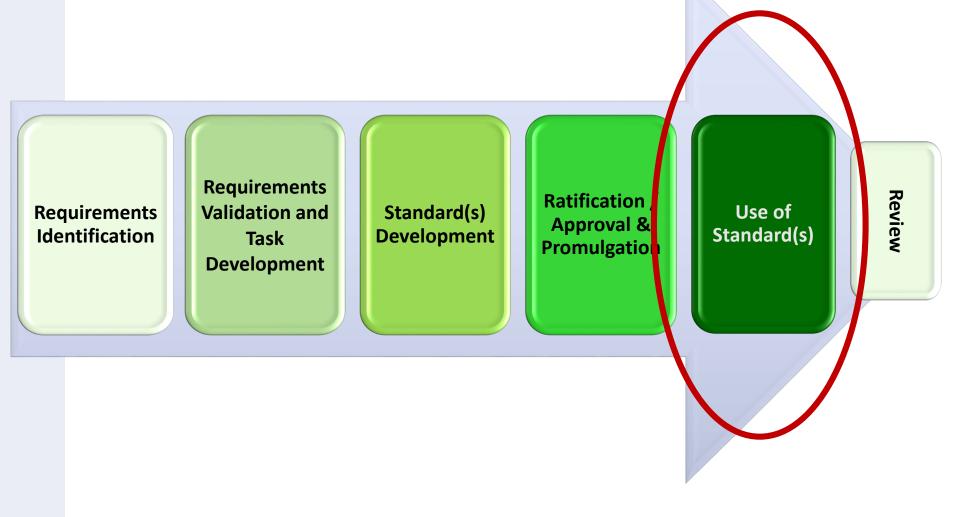


Ratification Responses by Nation





Standardization Document Development Process







Implementation Guidance in STANAGs - Requirement iaw AAP-03 (K) -

"For STANAGS, implementation guidance should be sufficiently detailed and shall set a list of specific actions, ..., that Allies, and partner nations that have decided to adopt and implement the covered Allied Standards, should take, ..."

<u>Operational standards:</u> may address need to include NATO standard in national concepts and doctrine and/or to change national education and training courses. May include use of standard in national exercises and evaluation programmes

<u>Materiel standards:</u> may address national technical specifications or defence standards, national procurement programmes, the development of interface solutions or even the participation in tests and trials with the standardization solution





Implementation Guidance in STANAGs

Consider DOTMLPF(I)

	Questions to consider
DOCTRINE	Does implementation require inclusion of the standard in national procedures, regulations and education plans?
ORGANISATION	Which military organizations/services will have to implement the standard?
TRAINING	Will implementation require consideration of the standard in national education, training and exercises?
MATERIEL	Which specific materiel is affected by the standard? Does the standard require consideration in national procurement programmes, the development of interface solutions, the participation in tests and trials with the standardization solution to confirm interoperability?
LEADERSHIP	Does the standard require leadership engagement? If, yes, at what levels?
PERSONNEL	Does the standard have an impact on personnel, i.e. education of a certain number of experts or the establishment of additionl positions in NATO force structure elements.
FACILITATIES	Does the standard requires changes to existing facilities (includes infrastructure like roads, bridges, communication lines) or even the building of new infrastructure?





Implementation of STANAGs - Reality -

Most implementation paragraphs very week

Examples:

- "Participating nations agree to implement xxx, Edition A, in accordance with their ratification responses"
- "The agreement is implemented when a nation has issued instructions that all national documents will follow the provisions of this agreement"





Implementation of STANAGs - Requirement -

- "Allies should provide feedback on implementation."
 (2016 NATO Policy for Standardization Policy)
- "Allies shall provide implementation details through the electronic reporting tool (e-Reporting)."
 (AAP-03(K), promulgated 28 Feb 2018)



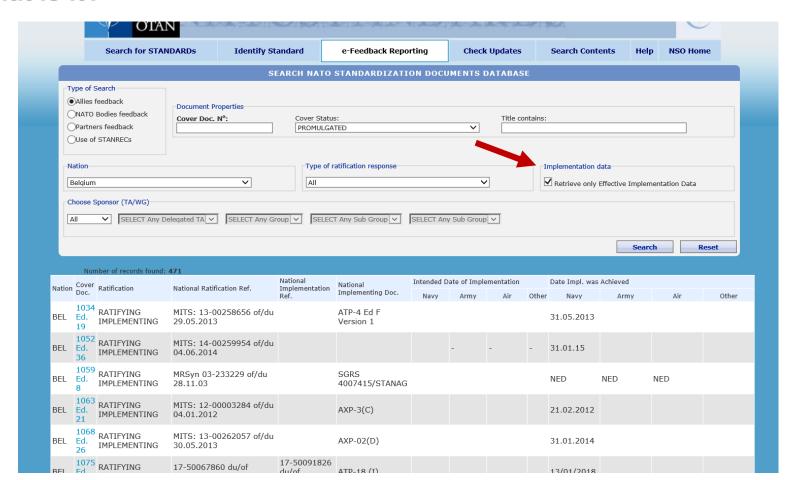


Implementation Reporting

Why is it important?

Provides a holistic picture of the Alliance's interoperability.

What is it?







Implementation of STANAGs - Reality -

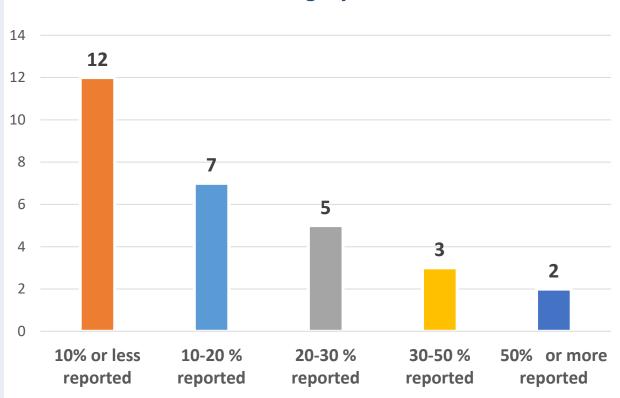


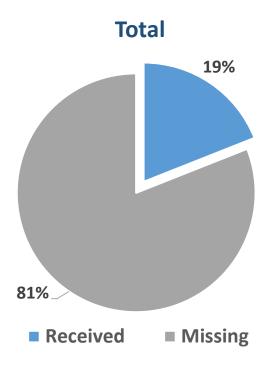


Implementation Reporting

Status 01 Feb 2018

Number of Allies in each category:









Challenges

- Missing ratification responses
 - long ratification process with extensions
 - delayed promulgation
 - unknown national positions
- High number of responses "ratifying, future implementation"
 - unclear national position
- Missing implementation reports
 - unknown national status
 - unknown level of interoperability



Remedial Actions

- Briefings to TAs/DTAs on ratification response status
- Briefings to national standardization managers on ratification response status
- More detailed guidance for setting promulgation criteria [AAP-03(K)]
- E-Feedback Reporting
- More detailed guidance for drafting implementation paragraphs [AAP-03(K)]
- Complementary methods to assess implementation / level of interoperability (exercises reports, evaluations, NATO Defence Planning Process – NDPP)
- Briefings to the Committee for Standardization on available implementation information



Take-Aways

Related to ratification:

- Provide national ratification response within timeline allocated by TA/DTA
- Submit outstanding ratification responses for already promulgated STANAGs
- Update response "ratifying, future implementation" as soon as implementation details are known (time, service, ...)
- Avoid stopping a document in ratification. Use options:
 - "ratifying with reservation"
 - "not participating"

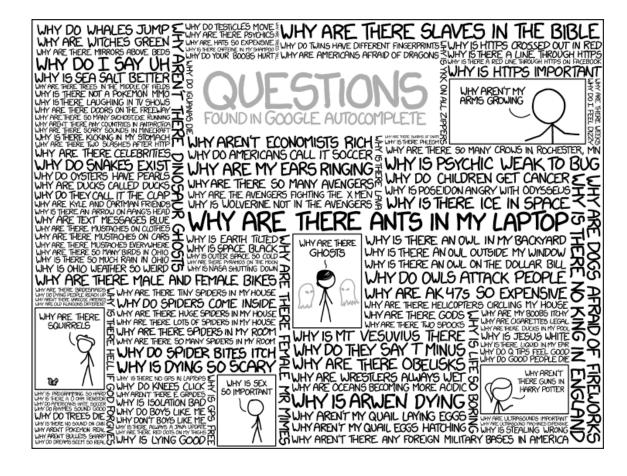
Related to implementation:

- As SME (custodian), provide detailed implementation guidance
- As nation, report implementation to NSO





Time for your questions...





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