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PACS MCRL ON CD-ROM

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The PACS Master Cross Reference List CD-ROM is intended to support military logistics between Pacific area countries. The product contains technical information on items of supply from Australia, Canada, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, and the United States. It currently contains information pertaining to about 9 million National Stock Numbers (NSNs) and includes information on the manufacturers of these items of supply.

vides item name, manufacturer code status, company name, address, telephone number and NSN.

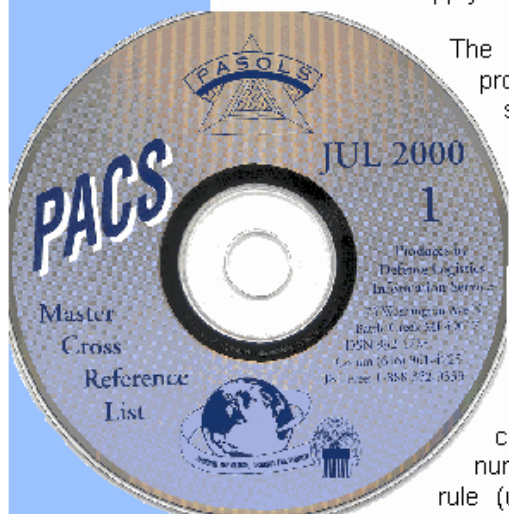
Should the PACS MCRL be changed?

At the PACS Forum III the attendees discussed the future of the PACS MCRL and the former disaster relief product produced by PACS. It was agreed to consider ways to improve the MCRL. For example:

- Third party NSN's are not included in the PACS MCRL, e.g., Australia uses items of United Kingdom origin but these are not visible in the product. An improvement would be the addition of this data.
- The product requires two CD-ROM drives to operate, switching of CD's is not permitted in the current authoring software. An improvement here is possible by changing to DVD technology which allows considerably more information on a single disk.
- Features of the PACS Disaster Relief CD could be added to the PACS MCRL, as well as other disaster relief related features.
- It could be made to look and feel more like the NATO MCRL to reduce unique processing.

Of course, any decision to change

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The data on this product can be searched by NATO Supply Code (NSC), National Item Identification Number (NIIN), country code, manufacturer code, part number, MOE

rule (users of the item) and/or Item Name.

There are two data views available for screening results: the PACS MCRL view and the manufacturer's view. The PACS MCRL view provides NSN, item name, part number, manufacturer's code, various codes about the status of the part number (RNCC, RNVC, RNFC, RNSC, RNJC, and RNAAC) and MOE Rule (s). The manufacturer's view pro-