A **National Item Identification Number** (**NIIN**) is a 9-digit numeric code which uniquely identifies an **item of supply** in the NATO Codification System (NCS).

The NIIN is often prefixed by the Federal Supply Class (FSC) to form a National Stock Number (NSN). However the NIIN alone uniquely identifies the item, the FSC merely adds context by indicating the general classification of the item.

The NIIN may be formatted with dashes, as follows

01-234-5678

This format improves readability but is optional as NIINs are often listed without dashes.

The first two digits of the NIIN identify the **National Codification Bureau** (NCB). The NCB is the entity, typically a government agency, in charge of maintaining the NCS database within a given country. The other 7 characters are a non significant identification number (actually *code*, as some of these characters may be alphanumeric, although in general NIINs are strictly numeric.) Following are a few examples of NCB codes:

Country	NCB Code(s)	Country	NCB Code(s)
USA	00 and 01	Slovenia	40
Germany	12	Australia	66
France	14	Saudi Arabia	70
Canada	20 and 21	United Kingdom	99

As the list shows, users of the NCS system not only include NATO member countries, but NATO-sponsored countries as well.

The 5th and 6th character pair is used to record which country was the first to codify the item—which one first recognized it as an important item of supply. This is generally the country of origin, meaning the country of final manufacture. The formal name of the field is CC for Country Code or NCB, because NCB also stands for National Codification Bureau.

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