PREFACE

Scope
This publication standardizes air-to-air, air-to-surface, surface-to-air, and surface-to-surface brevity code words. The scope is limited to those brevity codes used in multiservice operations and does not include words unique to single-service operations. While not authoritative in nature, all services agree to these brevity code meanings. These code words have been forwarded for inclusion or modification of current North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) brevity code words.

2. Purpose
This publication will ease coordination and improve understanding during multiservice operations.

3. Application
This publication is intended for air and ground operations personnel at the tactical level.

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4. Implementation Plan

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# Chapter I

## Multiservice Brevity Codes

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<td><strong>ABORT</strong></td>
<td>Directive call to cease action/attack/event/mission.</td>
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<td><strong>ACTION</strong></td>
<td>Directive call to initiate a briefed attack sequence or maneuver.</td>
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<td><strong>(system) ACTIVE</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>(location/direction)</strong></td>
<td>Referenced emitter is radiating at the stated location or along the stated bearing.</td>
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<td><strong>ADD</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>(system/category)</strong></td>
<td>Directive call to add a specific (system) or (EOB category) to search responsibilities.</td>
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<td><strong>AJAX</strong></td>
<td>Landing zone/pickup zone is clear of threats.</td>
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<td><strong>ALARM</strong></td>
<td>Directive/informative call indicating the termination of EMCON procedures. Opposite of SNOOZE.</td>
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<td><strong>ALLIGATOR</strong></td>
<td>Link-11/ TADIL A.</td>
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<td><strong>ALPHA CHECK</strong></td>
<td>Request for/confirmation of bearing and range from aircraft to described point.</td>
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