

Appendix E

CONTAINERIZATION, VEHICLE PREPARATION AND BLOCKING, BRACING, PACKAGING, CRATING AND TIEDOWN MATERIAL

RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the commander's responsibility to ensure that all equipment is ready for deployment. This is a time consuming process because a myriad of requirements must be addressed, among them the type of equipment being moved, to where and how it is being moved.

The installation is responsible to procure and store blocking, bracing, packing, crating, and tie-down (BBPCT) material. Vessel captains provide tie-down chains for their ships. The Air Force normally provides tie-down chains for equipment moved on its aircraft. Therefore, it is imperative that the unit determine its needs, and convey them via chain of command to the appropriate support agency.

REFERENCE USE AND ACQUISITION

The unit should refer to FM 38-701 for proper packaging procedures. FM 38-701 (hard copy) can be acquired through normal distribution channels. The manual is also available electronically and can be downloaded from <http://www.adtdl.army.mil/cgi-bin/atdl.dll/fm/38-701/toc.htm>.

Proper procedures concerning deploying vehicles and equipment via different modes of transport are found in the Military Traffic Management Command Transportation Engineering Agency (MTMCTEA) publications listed below.

- MTMCTEA Pamphlet 55-19 (Rail)
- MTMCTEA Reference 55-20 (Truck)
- MTMCTEA Reference 55-21 (Helicopter)
- MTMCTEA Reference 55-22 (Lifting and Lashing)
- MTMCTEA Reference 55-23 (Containerization)
- MTMCTEA Reference 55-24 (Air)

The MTMCTEA 55-series is available online at <http://www.tea.army.mil/dpe/field.htm>. (Password is required.)

Hard copies of FM 38-701 and pamphlets can be ordered by using the form on the next page. (This form can also be found in the front of MTMCTEA Ref 55-24).

