STANDARDIZATION OF MILITARY AND ASSOCIATED TERMINOLOGY

Reference(s):
See Enclosure D for References

1. Purpose. Establish policy and implement procedures for the standardization of Department of Defense (DOD) terminology.

2. Superseded/Cancellation. CJCSI 5705.01E, 15 August 2016, is hereby superseded.

3. Applicability. This instruction applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) in accordance with reference a; the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS); the Services; combatant commands (CCMDs); DOD agencies; and the National Guard Bureau (NGB).

4. Policy. In accordance with reference a, DOD policy on terminology is to improve communications and mutual understanding within DOD, with other federal agencies, and between the U.S. and its international partners through standardization of military and associated terminology.

5. Definitions. None.

6. Responsibilities.

   a. In accordance with reference a, CJCS is the primary office responsible for the development of the DOD Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms (also known in its shortened form as the DOD Dictionary), reference b. In accordance with CJCS Memorandum of Policy 59 and 109, "Standardization of Military Terminology," (references c and d), the Director for Joint Force Development/Joint Staff, J-7 (Director, J-7), is responsible for the DOD Terminology Program and reference b.
b. The Director, J-7, on behalf of the CJCS, provides general/flag officer oversight of the DOD Terminology Program. This program includes U.S. participation in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Terminology Programme and other terminology forums. The Director, J-7, delegates these responsibilities to the Deputy Director, Joint Education and Doctrine (DD/JED), J-7.

c. DD/JED, shall:

(1) Oversee the development and management of the DOD Terminology Program that includes the DOD Dictionary, the Terminology Repository for DOD (OSD and CJCS) issuances (also known in its shortened form as the Terminology Repository), and involvement in the functional issues that impact joint doctrine.

(2) Serve as the DOD planner for terminology issues.

(3) Appoint and supervise the DOD Terminologist.

d. The DOD Terminologist shall:

(1) Staff terminology actions in accordance with references e through g. This includes staffing actions to Joint Staff J-7 joint doctrine planners/strategists (collectively known as joint terminologists), Services and NGB joint doctrine planners, and other terminology points of contact (e.g. OSD, JS directorates, CCMDs, and combat support agencies [CSAs]) as required to align terminology across the joint doctrine hierarchy.

(2) Create terminology forums, processes, policies, criteria, and procedures concerning the standardization of DOD military (or support of other DOD or United States Government) terminology efforts and frameworks as needed.

(3) Develop and recommend policies, criteria, and procedures concerning the inclusion of terminology in the DOD Dictionary and the Terminology Repository as may be directed by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the CJCS.

(4) Manage the DOD office of record for terminology as directed, including oversight of the Joint Terminology Master Database automated information storage and retrieval system database, the Terminology Repository, and the DOD Dictionary.

(5) Ensure the DOD Dictionary and other doctrine and information documents are updated at least quarterly to incorporate changes that have been approved in accordance with reference a and this instruction.
(6) Serve as head of delegation in NATO terminology conferences and represent DOD at other terminology-related forums and events unless otherwise delegated to a designated representative.

(7) Chair terminology working groups and other terminology events as directed unless otherwise delegated to a designated representative.

(8) Staff, consolidate, and adjudicate terminology inputs from OSD, Joint Staff, CCMDs, Services, NGB, and other DOD components when appropriate.

(9) Manage Joint Staff J-7 joint doctrine planners/strategists regarding joint publication (JP) or NATO terminology responsibilities to include accuracy of JP glossaries per the DOD Dictionary and references f and g. Also, provide assistance in their support to lead agents, Joint Staff doctrine sponsors or others in the proper use of terminology in JPs and policy documents under revision or development, especially when proposing a new or modified term and definition.

(10) Provide guidance to OSD (principal staff assistants), the Joint Staff (directorates), CCMDs, Services, the NGB, and other DOD components to set up supporting terminology processes and roles, and other assistance as needed.

(11) Provide terminology proposals as required.

(12) Manage oversight of OSD and Joint Staff terminology requests that modify the DOD Dictionary.

e. Services and NGB shall:

(1) Designate a single point of contact to coordinate with Service or NGB on joint doctrine terminology issues and participate in joint doctrine terminology-related events as required in accordance with their established policy and this instruction.

(2) Develop, coordinate, and report terminology positions for their respective organizations as required in accordance with their established policy.

(3) Submit terminology proposals in accordance with organizational policy, this instruction, and references e through g.
f. Terminology personnel selected to coordinate on joint doctrine from OSD, the Joint Staff, CCMDs, DOD CSAs, and any other DOD component shall:

(1) Coordinate on terminology issues and participate in terminology events as required.

(2) Develop, coordinate, and report terminology positions for their respective command, agency, unit, or component as required.

(3) Submit terminology proposals in accordance with this instruction.

7. Summary of Changes. This revision captures the following changes:


b. Articulates procedures and provides clarity to the Terminology Repository.

c. Distinguishes between doctrine and policy terms and definitions.

d. Clarifies roles, responsibilities, procedures and roles of the DOD Terminology program.


9. Effective Date. This instruction is effective upon signature.

For the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

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STANDARDIZATION OF MILITARY AND ASSOCIATED TERMINOLOGY

1. Purpose. Establish methods, guidelines, and procedures to coordinate, standardize, and disseminate DOD military and associated terminology, applicable to policy, strategy, doctrine, and plan writers, for the DOD Terminology Program.

2. Organization. The terminology community consists of terminologists from the Joint Staff (Joint Staff J-7 joint doctrine planners/strategists that are collectively known as joint terminologists and joint directorate assigned personnel, as identified), Services, and NGB, and points of contact from OSD, CCMDs, DOD CSAs, and other DOD components.

3. Guidelines. Joint doctrine terms form the foundation for military guidance and serve to clearly articulate U.S. policy, strategy, and doctrine to facilitate the effective application of U.S. military power. Through years of development, the DOD Dictionary reflected foundational doctrinal terms as well as some policy terms that may fill gaps in joint doctrine until adopted as extant practice. In addition to the DOD Dictionary, the Terminology Repository contains policy terms and definitions from other DOD sources. A well-maintained collection of doctrine and policy terms will assist doctrine writers, policy developers, strategists and planners in the pursuit of better communication and standardization within the department.

   a. For inclusion in either the DOD Dictionary or the Terminology Repository, terms and definitions must be unclassified and marked as such if in controlled (e.g., FOUO) or classified documents, or restricted systems. For controlled unclassified information (CUI) and classified documents, they shall include the following caveat at the bottom of the cover page; “The Glossary in this (JP or Issuance [choose one]) is UNCLASSIFIED.” Components are responsible for the proper marking and classification of terms and definitions prior to submission for consideration by the DOD Terminologist.

   b. Glossary sections should contain terms and definitions that follow guidelines in this instruction. Terms that are a duplicate to those contained in the DOD Dictionary or Terminology Repository are discouraged but, if required, should be staffed as an additional definition to the existing term. For DOD issuance glossary caveats, see Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 5025.01 Issuances Template (reference h) which requires uniformity through the use of “Unless otherwise referenced, terms and definitions are sourced to this document only.” Issuances with terms and their definitions embedded only within the content of issuance text (not listed in a glossary section) will not
be reflected in the Terminology Repository. Abbreviation, acronym, and initialism (also known as shortened word forms) sections will follow the appropriate document guidelines.

c. Unclassified issuances with multiple volumes should create one glossary for all common terms and definitions of that set contained within Volume I of the issuance. Only terms and definitions unique to individual volumes should be contained in volume specific glossaries.

d. New and existing terms will be vetted by the author for existence in the DOD Dictionary and the Terminology Repository through the process outlined in Enclosure B. DOD documents should use approved, widely recognized, and accepted terminology already in existence. Authors should first reference the DOD Dictionary and then the Terminology Repository, to preclude creating alternate and unique DOD definitions unnecessarily.

e. Terms in glossaries should be properly sourced to the base document or referenced to the document of origination. For JPs, see reference g for annotation guidance. For issuances, when terms appear in other document glossaries (e.g., DOD Dictionary or Terminology Repository), definitions should reference the source document as detailed below.

(1) When the source is the DOD Dictionary it should read as “Defined in DOD Dictionary” without the definition. Alternatively, the definition can be listed but must be verbatim.

(2) When the source is the Terminology Repository, the base issuance shown in the Terminology Repository should be listed as the source and not the repository itself. For example, if the author wants to use the definition already included in the repository for ‘date of separation’ sourced to, for example DODI 1315.18, the entry can read one of two ways:

(a) The definition can be repeated verbatim, followed by a reference to the source document, “DODI 1315.18.”

(b) The definition does not have to be repeated and would be shown as “date of separation. As defined in DODI 1315.18.”

4. Methods to Manage DOD Dictionary Terms and Definitions. DOD terminology additions, modifications, revalidations, or deletions will be processed using procedures established in reference a as well as Enclosure B of this instruction.

a. Terminology Changes to the DOD Dictionary. Additions, modifications, revalidations, or deletions of terminology for the DOD Dictionary must be approved using one of the following five methods:
(1) DOD Terminology Proposed from JPs. Establishing new terminology, or modifying or deleting existing terminology in the DOD Dictionary from approved JPs is the preferred method since a JP provides a doctrinal basis for the proposed terminology.

(2) DOD Terminology Directed by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or CJCS via Specific Memorandum. Terminology proposals shall be approved for inclusion in the DOD Dictionary when so directed by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or CJCS via Specific Memorandum. Terms and definitions may be adopted by a component issuance or JP as the new source upon their revision or the term’s revalidation.

(3) DOD Terminology Proposed From DOD (OSD/CJCS) Issuances. The proponents for these sources shall identify each term and definition in its glossary being proposed for inclusion in the DOD Dictionary and coordinate them with the DOD Terminologist during development/revision of the source document. Terms and definitions may be adopted by a JP as the new source upon the JP’s revision or term’s revalidation.

(4) Terminology Proposed from NATO. Terminology in Allied Administrative Publication-6, NATO Glossary of Terms and Definitions (English and French), (reference i) and “NATOTerm” the official NATO Terminology Database may be proposed for inclusion in the DOD Dictionary with the appropriate DOD issuance or JP as the source document.

(5) Administrative changes/uploads by the DOD Terminologist.

b. Resolution of DOD Dictionary Terminology issues. Per reference a, CJCS will resolve DOD terminology issues. Resolution of terminology issues will be accomplished using the procedures in reference e. Issues with OSD-nominated or sourced terms shall be referred to DA ODCMO [the Director of Administration, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense], through the OSD terminology point of contact in accordance with reference a.

c. Terms and definitions from Joint Doctrine Notes or other documents not mentioned in this instruction will not be considered for inclusion in the DOD Dictionary or Terminology Repository.

5. NATO Terms and Definitions. The DOD Terminologist, or J-7-designated U.S. representative, will serve as head of delegation at NATO terminology meetings, present the U.S. position on NATO terminology, and attend terminology forums or events. As required, the OSD Terminology point of
contact, Joint, Service and NGB terminologists will provide recommended U.S. positions for consideration to J-7.
ENCLOSURE B

TERMINOLOGY COORDINATION PROCEDURES

Coordination procedures for DOD terminology changes will follow one of five methods. The first four modify the DOD Dictionary and Terminology Repository (both found at the DOD Terminology Program web page http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/dod_dictionary/index.html) and the last to modify NATO terminology. Proposed terms and definitions must comply with the criteria in reference a and Enclosure C of this instruction. All terms and definitions for inclusion in the DOD Dictionary or the Terminology Repository must be unclassified and marked as such if in controlled (e.g., FOUO) or classified glossaries in accordance with sub para 3.a in Enclosure A. Adhering to these procedures will help ensure the harmonization of DOD terminology within the DOD Terminology Program.

1. Proposed JP Terms and Definitions. This is the preferred method for inclusion of terms that are reflected in the DOD Dictionary since a JP provides a doctrinal basis for the proposed terminology. Joint terminologists will: review and manage glossary development as part of the joint doctrine development process (reference e); assure proper alignment of terminology placement and usage within the JP hierarchy; and work with the Joint Staff doctrine sponsor who assures staffing with DOD components including OSD counterparts through the revision process to ensure all JP glossaries meet standards and criteria in reference a and this instruction prior to the final approval of the JP.

2. Directed Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense, or CJCS Terms and Definitions via Specific Memorandum. Terms and definitions proposed by OSD should be electronically submitted to the Director, Washington Headquarters Service (WHS), Attn: OSD Terminology Point of Contact for Standardization of Military and Associated Terminology. Joint Staff directorates/components responding to tasking on OSD terms will assure coordination with DOD Terminologist via JS J-7. Joint Staff directorates/components initiating or responding to CJCS terms will provide response and/or coordinate with DOD Terminologist via JS J-7.

3. Proposed DOD (OSD/CJCS) Issuance Terms and Definitions. Procedures are divided into three phases: pre-coordination, coordination and approval. For OSD terms, approved coordinated submissions should be electronically submitted via e-mail (whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dod-directives@mail.mil) to the Director, Washington Headquarters Service (WHS), Attn: OSD Terminology Point of Contact for Standardization of Military and Associated Terminology, for submission and consideration in accordance with this instruction. The OSD terminology point of contact will notify the proposing component once a
decision has been made on the proposed submission. If issues arise, the OSD terminology point of contact will notify the proposing component of the issue for collaborative adjudication. For the Joint Staff, any Joint Directorate initiating or coordinating on such a term will assure coordination with DOD Terminologist via JS J-7.

a. Pre-coordination Phase. Authors should pre-coordinate annotated terms for the DOD Dictionary and revalidate existing terms sourced to the DOD Dictionary via provisions in this instruction. Proposals for inclusion or revalidation should be pre-coordinated with the DOD Terminologist. In addition, all Joint Staff offices of primary responsibility (OPRs) for an issuance will pre-coordinate their DOD Dictionary modification(s) with their OSD counterpart prior to submission to the DOD Terminologist.

b. Coordination Phase. Terms and definitions should reside in a glossary section.

(1) For new terms or the modification/revalidation of terms that are sourced to the DOD Dictionary, the following statement with selection must follow the term and definition in the glossary of the source document: "(Upon approval of this issuance, this term and definition is proposed for [addition to, modification of, revalidation in, or deletion from [choose appropriate action]] the DOD Dictionary)."

(2) Information pertaining to terms and definitions intended to update the DOD Dictionary shall be identified in either: the Department of Defense (DoD) Form 106, "DOD Issuances Program Coordination Records" Purpose and Remarks Section and submitted with the issuance via DOD issuances Portal system in accordance with DODI 5025.01; or JS Form 136, "Joint Staff Action Processing Form" Executive Summary, to ensure OSD, Military Service, and relevant Joint Staff elements have an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed terms for appropriateness and potential inclusion in the DOD Dictionary. For OSD actions, the OSD terminology point of contact shall ensure that the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff is selected as a primary coordinator on the coordination request. The JS recipient for this coordination shall provide a notification via email to the DOD Terminologist to expedite the review process and guarantee socialization. Proposed changes/revalidation of DOD Dictionary terms that are not coordinated with the Joint Staff will be deferred to the Terminology Repository. For CJCS actions, the CJCS OPR for an issuance shall ensure that the JS J-! is selected as a primary coordinator on the coordination request with additional notification via email to the DOD Terminologist to expedite the review process and guarantee socialization. CJCS proposed changes/revalidation of DOD Dictionary terms that are not coordinated with OSD and the DOD Terminologist will be deferred to the Terminology Repository. For OSD and CJCS terminology actions, any term and definition that fails to follow the
criteria established in accordance with this instruction will be deferred to the Terminology Repository. CJCS OPRs will assure staffing with OSD counterparts per reference e.

(3) Terms and definitions included in issuances that already exist in the DOD Dictionary shall be referenced in accordance with subparagraph 3.e(1) of Enclosure A. Terms and definitions included in the Terminology Repository shall be referenced in accordance with subparagraph 3.e(2) of Enclosure A.

(4) Terms and definitions shall be added, revalidated, modified, or deleted as a part of the issuance revision process. Any term identified to be removed from issuances will be subsequently removed from the DOD Dictionary or Terminology Repository.

(5) Terms and definitions that exist in the Terminology Repository can only be modified or deleted by the identified source issuance or direction of the Secretary of Defense.

(6) All issuances should attempt to remove duplicative terms and resolve terms with multiple different definitions in the Terminology Repository.

c. Approval Phase. Once an issuance is signed, all unclassified terms and definitions (as well as terms and definitions in CUI) intended for inclusion in the DOD Dictionary will be incorporated and reflected at its next update without further coordination if in accordance with the procedures and criteria of this instruction. All other unclassified terms and definitions (as well as terms and definitions in CUI) will be reflected in the Terminology Repository using the following procedures:

(1) Issuance OPR 0-6 or civilian equivalents verify that each term and definition is unclassified without additional controls and marked as such.

(2) For those terms identified in (1) above, issuance OPRs move or transfer correctly marked unclassified glossary terms and definitions that reside on the classified, restricted or limited system, to the unclassified and unrestricted/unlimited system.

(3) Issuance OPRs populate and transmit the glossary content using the DOD Terminology Glossary Transmit Form found at http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/dod_dictionary/index.html with O-6 (or civilian equivalent) approval to the DOD Terminologist for inclusion in the Terminology Repository.

4. Terminology Proposed from NATO. Terminology in Allied Administrative Publication-6, NATO Glossary of Terms and Definitions (English and French),
and “NATOTerm” the official NATO Terminology Database may be proposed for inclusion in the DOD Dictionary with the appropriate DOD issuance or JP as the source document. Coordination of such terms must also follow the procedures detailed in para. 1 above for other JP terms.

5. Procedures for Proposed NATO Terms and Definitions

   a. Prior to attending a terminology-related forum or event, the DOD Terminologist or delegated representative will solicit input from the OSD Terminology point of contact, Joint Staff elements, and Service and NGB terminologists when required for consideration in determining a U.S. position on a NATO term. The DOD Terminologist or delegated representative consolidates input, attempts to achieve consensus, then provides a U.S. position memo to the NATO Terminology Office indicating the U.S. formal position on a given term.

   b. Any DOD component or Federal department or agency may propose additions, modifications, or deletions to NATO terminology. Proposals will be submitted to the DOD Terminologist for submission to the NATO terminology coordinator.

   c. The fundamental U.S. position on any NATO term should begin with the DOD Dictionary definition. Absent a DOD Dictionary definition, a definition in the most recent edition of The Concise Oxford English Dictionary should be considered before agreeing to a NATO-unique definition.
ENCLOSURE C

DEFINITION WRITING GUIDE

1. Criteria for Terms and Definitions

The DOD Dictionary supplements common English-language dictionaries with standard terminology for military and associated use. A definition is a formal statement of the exact meaning of a term that clearly distinguishes it from other terms. A description, in contrast, is a narrative containing explanatory information about the term or its use, and is not constrained in format or content. Only definitions are included in the DOD Dictionary. Accordingly, the following criteria are used to determine the acceptability of terminology for inclusion in the DOD Dictionary and guidance for other terms in issuances:

   a. The term in a standard, commonly accepted dictionary is inadequate for DOD use.

   b. The term is not a standard dictionary definition with non-definitional text added. Example: capability - The ability to complete a task or execute a course of action under specified conditions and level of performance.

   c. The term is not self-defining. Example: bomber aircraft – An aircraft that is capable of delivery bombs.

   d. The term is not a policy term that competes or overrides a doctrinal term in the DOD Dictionary.

   e. The proposed term follows established procedures in this issuance. Verification must be provided that the DOD Terminologist approved; otherwise the term will only be reflected in the Terminology Repository.

   f. Reflects extant DOD capabilities and practices.

   g. Of general military or associated significance. Technical or highly specialized terms may be included if they can be defined in easily understood language and if their inclusion is of general military or associated significance.

   h. Terms for weaponry are limited to generic weapon systems.

   i. Are not to consist of or contain shortened word forms; e.g., abbreviations, acronyms, or initialisms.

   j. Must be UNCLASSIFIED (including shortened word forms) and marked as such if in controlled (e.g., FOUO) or classified documents.
k. Are not prowords, code words, brevity words, or NATO-only terms.

l. Are not Service-specific or functionality-specific unless they are commonly employed in U.S. joint force operations.

m. An approved joint term with similar definition does not exist.

n. Must be consistent with U.S. law, treaties, international agreements, and executive orders.

o. Noun terms should be in singular form.

p. With few exceptions, should be general terms, not proper names.

q. Cross reference entries, i.e., ‘also called’ terms, will not have a separate entry. Example: ‘Universal Time’ is also called ‘ZULU time,’ but no separate entry for ‘ZULU time’.

r. Terms must appear and be used in the body of the document, not just in its glossary.

s. Proposed entries should be written as a definition and not as a description.

2. Definition Writing Guidance. The following guidance should be followed when developing terms and definitions intended for inclusion in the DOD Dictionary (example definitions are provided for instructional purposes only and are not intended to be authoritative):

Step 1: Research

☐ Proposed term meets the “Criteria for Terms and Definitions” outlined in paragraph 1 of this enclosure.

Step 2: Development Principles

☐ Clear -- Address the meaning of the term only. A definition should not contain doctrinal or procedural information, i.e., it should focus on describing “what” a term means and not “how” or “why” the term is used. Definitions should not address the term itself, e.g., “An overarching term...”

☐ Concise -- Be as brief as possible, including only information that makes the term unique. Limit the definition to one sentence whenever possible.
Complete -- Include all information required to distinguish the term from those that are related or similar. This includes addressing an associated parent term, if applicable.

Two-part definitions -- Wherever possible use the two-part definition form:

theater of operations -- An operational area defined by the geographic combatant commander for the conduct or support of specific military operations.

The first part (operational area) specifies the relevant general type; the second part ('defined by the geographic combatant commander ...') specifies the instance of the type that is being defined.

Step 3: Check for Errors

Avoid multiple definitions -- Provide only one definition for the term you are defining. Do not use a series of numbered definitions for different meanings of the term. Although a different JP or issuance may define the term differently, a single issuance should only have one definition.

Incomplete -- Ensure the definition is detailed enough to rule out objects that should be excluded.

Wrong

rifle -- A weapon incorporating a metal tube from which bullets are propelled by explosive force.

Right

rifle -- A shoulder weapon with a spirally grooved bore from which bullets are propelled by explosive force.

Over-restrictive -- Too detailed so that it excludes objects that should be covered.

Wrong

fighter -- A fast and maneuverable fixed-wing aircraft with equipment and weapons which enable it to engage airborne targets in all weather conditions, day and night.

Right
fighter -- A fast and maneuverable fixed-wing aircraft with equipment and weapons that enable it to engage airborne targets.

☐ Circular -- Repeats the term being defined as part of the definition or use it as a characteristic.

Wrong

crisis response shipping -- Shipping employed to respond to a crisis.

Right

crisis response shipping -- All shipping employed in support of military operations, including ships taken up from trade, chartered shipping and, when appropriate, national prepositioned ships.

☐ Negative -- States what is not covered rather than what is.

Wrong

force protection -- All measures and means, not including actions to defeat the enemy or protect against accidents, weather, or disease, to minimize the vulnerability of personnel, facilities, equipment and operations to any threat and in all situations, to preserve freedom of action and the operational effectiveness of the force.

Right

force protection -- All measures and means to minimize the vulnerability of personnel, facilities, equipment and operations to any threat and in all situations, to preserve freedom of action and the operational effectiveness of the force.

☐ Hidden definitions -- Embedding the definition of one term inside that of another.

Wrong

open-source intelligence -- The product resulting from the processing of publicly available information, as well as other unclassified information that has limited public distribution or access, concerning foreign nations, hostile or potentially hostile forces or elements, or areas of actual or potential operations.

Right
intelligence -- The product resulting from the processing of information concerning foreign nations, hostile or potentially hostile forces or elements, or areas of actual or potential operations.

open-source intelligence - Intelligence derived from publicly available information, as well as other unclassified information that has limited public distribution or access.
ENCLOSURE D

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ENCLOSURE E

GLOSSARY

1. Shortened Word Forms (Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Initialisms)

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The list below is not an exhaustive list of criteria for shortened word forms but is provided as general guidance for organizations in their creation and management. Shortened word forms listed in reference b reflect those used in individual joint doctrine publications. Additional detail on shortened word form construction and guidance may be found in organizational standard operating procedures. Avoid overuse of acronyms, reference j.

a. Must be unclassified and marked as such if in controlled or classified documents. This means a glossary has to be marked unclassified to have the terms and definitions considered for inclusion on the DOD Dictionary or Terminology Repository.
b. Must be more than one letter.
c. Should avoid duplicating existing or combining shortened word forms (to create new forms) and must only have one meaning within a single document.
d. Should generally use capital letters.
e. Shortened forms should only be created when needed and commonly used. All terms do not not need a shortened word form.
f. Establish acronyms in a document only when the term is used more than once within the body.