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LSU provides a number of services related to non-military logistics issues during and outside emergencies. LSU is responsible for managing a stockpile of relief items and performing a global mapping of relief stockpiles. LSU also advocates for customs facilitation and the standardization of emergency shelters components. LSU is supporting OCHA's internal logistics needs, among others through the setting up of an equipment reserve for OCHA staff and by providing advice on fleet management.

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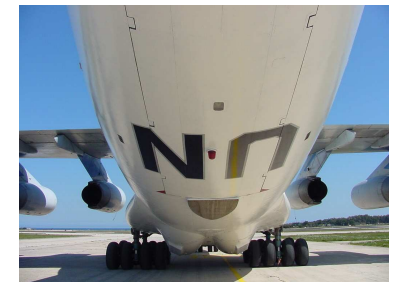
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DURING EMERGENCIES

BRINDISI STOCKPILE:

- Approx 20 types of basic non-food, non-medical survival items (tents, blankets, kitchen sets, water supply and purification equipment...) are stocked by OCHA in the UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) in Brindisi, Italy. They are either received in-kind or procured by LSU.
- Consignments are dispatched, fully free of charge, to emergency or disaster-stricken areas, in cooperation with the Italian, Norwegian, Luxembourg and Irish Governments.
- To request goods: Information on needs, destination, consignee and distribution scheme is required.

OTHER TASKS:

- Support/advice to Governments and partners (OCHA Desks, etc) for issues relating to relief goods
- Production of internal "Logistics Bottlenecks Reports" during major emergencies
- Follow-up (*also outside emergencies*) on non-military logistics matters
- Activation of logistics services by partners: EMERCOM helicopter support to UNDAC field assessment missions / DHL airport ground handling teams ("Disaster Response Teams/ DRT")
- Setting-up of a reserve of surge equipment for OCHA staff
- Moderator for logistics discussion on Virtual OSOCC



WHO WE ARE

The Logistics Support Unit (LSU) belongs to the Emergency Services Branch of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Geneva.

LSU is the focal point for non-military logistics issues of interest to OCHA. It contributes to inter-agency discussions on logistical aspects of emergency relief, among others in the context of the Logistics and Emergency Shelter Clusters, acts as OCHA's contact point for commercial suppliers and supports OCHA's projects in the field and headquarters, particularly in the area of relief materials and transport.



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OUTSIDE EMERGENCIES

CUSTOMS FACILITATION:

- When there is no national disaster law, dissemination and promotion of the Customs Model Agreement to encourage customs facilitation in emergency humanitarian assistance.
- Maintenance and update of a directory of national focal points responsible for facilitating customs treatment of consignments of international emergency humanitarian assistance.

STOCKPILE MAPPING:

Expansion of the global mapping of disaster relief stocks by maintaining and updating the directory of emergency stockpiles of disaster relief items

EMERGENCY SHELTER GUIDELINES:

Participation to discussions and production of guidelines and standards with concerned partners:

- "TENTS: use and logistics of family tents in humanitarian relief" (2004)
- "TIMBER: use and logistics of wood in humanitarian relief" (fall 2007)
- "SHELTER AFTER DISASTER – GUIDELINES FOR ASSISTANCE" (revision-mid-2008)

GENERAL LOGISTICS ISSUES:

- OCHA vehicles and fleet management
- Technical Advisor to OCHA's Task Force on Public/Private Partnerships