

Under separate interagency arrangements currently in effect, DSA supports the Coast Guard with a full range of materiel; Veterans' Administration and Public Health Service with selected medical items; the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Federal Aviation Agency with electronics materiel; the Maritime Administration with fuel, and clothing and textiles; and the Office of Economic Opportunity with clothing and textiles and subsistence items.

CIVIL DEFENSE LOGISTICS

DSA is responsible for logistics support of the national civil defense program under the policy control and direction of the Office of Civil Defense, Office of the Secretary of the Army.

In providing civil defense logistics support, DSA operates a national distribution system which issues survival supplies for the stocking of public fallout shelters. During the past fiscal year, supplies for 7.5 million persons were issued. The total supplies issued since the program began in fiscal year 1962 are sufficient for 45.8 million persons in more than 81,000 shelter facilities.

DSA has begun evaluation of the condition of survival supplies in shelters by utilizing the veterinary services of the Army and Air Force to inspect supplies on a scientific sampling basis. Certain samples will also be subjected to laboratory analysis. A pilot inspection has been successfully conducted to test basic procedures and inspection techniques. Through a phased program, the condition and readiness of survival supplies at military installations, in Federal buildings, and in public fallout shelters everywhere will be evaluated.

Since the establishment of the DSA civil defense materiel distribution system, 54 percent of the warehouses initially participating in the storage and issue of survival supplies have been consolidated.

During fiscal year 1966 Civil Defense-owned engineering equipment, which is managed by DSA, was loaned to State governments to alleviate local community suffering and hardships from drought and flood damage. This included the loan of approximately 114 miles of pipe, 158 pumps and related items to 24 States for use in 91 communities.

STANDARDIZATION AND CATALOGING

The Defense Supply Agency now has standardization management responsibility for approximately 2.4 million items or 62 percent of the 3.9 million DOD items in the Federal supply system.

DSA is continuing to give major attention to the reduction in the number of items in assigned commodity classes. In fiscal year 1966, as a result of identification of duplicate or similar items and of standardization actions, decisions were made and concurred in by the military departments to eliminate 116,274 items (fig. 9). These decisions were based on a review of 283,445 items during the 12-month period. The goal for fiscal year 1967 is a total of 96,500 decisions, to be based on a review of approximately 328,000 items. At the end of the second quarter of fiscal year 1967, DSA had completed review and coordination of 118,587 items, and the military services had concurred in the elimination of 50,793 items from the supply system.