WHAT IS DELSA?
The Disaster Emergency Logistics System for ASEAN (DELSA) is the region’s key mechanism to swiftly augment the availability of relief items to a disaster-affected Member State. Launched on 7 December 2012, the first phase of DELSA was designed to establish a regional emergency stockpile.

The DELSA Project also supports capacity enhancement of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) and the ASEAN Member States in emergency logistics operations.

In 2018, the second phase of DELSA focused on three main aspects:

- Establishment of the satellite warehouses in Thailand and the Philippines
- Capacity building for logistics personnel of the National Disaster Management Organisations (NDMOs) of ASEAN Member States
- Establishment of a mechanism for collaborative research and development for innovations in Emergency Logistics

DELSA’s establishment and operations have been supported by the Government of Japan through the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF). Important decisions on DELSA are made by a Project Steering Committee (PSC), co-chaired by Malaysia and Singapore as co-chairs of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) Preparedness and Response Working Group, and composed of the Mission of Japan to ASEAN, Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) Management Team, the ASEAN Secretariat, and the AHA Centre.

DELSA CATALOGUE

In March 2016, the AHA Centre launched the DELSA Catalogue, primarily aimed at providing ASEAN Member States with a list and description of the items available at the DELSA warehouses.

Items and equipment listed in the catalogue and stored at the warehouses were compiled based on previous AHA Centre’s emergency responses and mainly focused on items that are suited to the first phase of emergency. The items in the warehouse address the needs of the community and it has the unique capability to support the operations of the NDMO of the affected country to ensure that they can function effectively.
According to the ASEAN Joint Disaster Response Plan (AJDRP), DELSA relief items are handled based on an analysis of disaster risks. As AHA Centre's monitoring status is elevated to "orange alert", which indicates an imminent danger, the AHA Centre's logistics team readies relief items for mobilisation and places them on standby. If required, DELSA resources can be mobilised prior to the response phase.

Within 24 to 48 hours of entering the active response phase and upon acceptance of the affected Member State, the AHA Centre offers to mobilise DELSA relief items to the affected Member State. Additionally, the AHA Centre also provides information on assets and capacities, available DELSA resources, as well as recommendations on disaster response plan.

Within 24 to 48 hours of entering the active response phase and upon acceptance of the affected Member State, the AHA Centre Emergency Operations Centre in Jakarta, the ASEAN-Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ERAT), or the AHA Centre's field team can start to coordinate the delivery of relief items to the affected areas.

Using the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) and the Standard Operating Procedure for Regional Standby Arrangements and Coordination of Joint Disaster Relief and Emergency Response Operations (SASOP), the AHA Centre coordinates the deployment of relief items to disaster-affected Member States. Relief items are delivered directly to the NDMO, and the subsequent distribution of goods to disaster-affected communities is done under the NDMO's authority. This way, DELSA relief items become NDMO resources to respond to emergencies and support ongoing operations in affected areas.

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