

# MILITARY LOGISTICS – SCIENCE, SPECIALIZATION, PROFESSION AND OCCUPATION

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## **1. Military logistics in the context of global logistics**

**L**ogistics has lately become an extremely used notion in the media and daily conversations; various scientific activities, some of them of the highest standards, discussing the topic of logistics.

Logistics is mentioned very often, in a whole range of senses and significances; it has actually become a real symbol to assess the general contemporary and particular development- in regions, areas, lucrative organizations and public administration.

When we read the press, we come across phrases like: didactic logistics, logistics of a gathering, law enforcement logistics, logistics of hospitals, public institution logistics, logistics of a political party etc.

From the very beginning, we must accept a fact: logistics is a notion more and more used, suggesting the technical and material setting where a whole range of social activities take place. This is the qualitative criterion differentiating these activities.

Years ago, in the economic sciences, logistics was interpreted as 'a set of activities including handling, transportation, sorting, storage of products, shaping of the commercial category of products, preparation and execution of orders, whose goal is the physical transfer of the product from the manufacturer to the end user that incurs the least distribution costs "<sup>1</sup>.

Starting from the contents of the marketing logistics, some researchers started to use the phrase "industrial logistics" more and more, meaning an optimized sizing of material and operational flows: best decisions, best orders, best

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<sup>1</sup> Collective, *Dictionar de marketing*, Junimea Publishing House, Iasi, 1979, p. 186.