



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
U.S. ARMY SOLDIER AND BIOLOGICAL CHEMICAL COMMAND  
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND ACQUISITION ENTERPRISE  
KANSAS STREET  
NATICK, MA 01760-5018  
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Food Engineering Services Team

MEMORANDUM FOR Defense Supply Center Philadelphia  
Directorate of Subsistence, Bldg. 6  
ATTN: DSCP-HSL (Mr. Mike Malason)  
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Philadelphia, PA 19111-5092

SUBJECT: Updating Military Nutrition Information Label On MRE Cartons (ES03-026)

Ref:

- (a) SBCCOM memo, Aug 30 2002; subject as above
- (b) DSCP email, 26 Nov 2002, subject FW: file.jpg

1. In ref a, the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Command, Soldier Systems Center (SBCCOM) provided changes to the military nutritional labeling information that appears on various MRE starch, soup and fruit component item cartons entitled "NUTRITION: A FORCE MULTIPLIER". An electronic file of the label was also attached. In ref b, a contractor asked DSCP if there should be a check mark in the column for "iron". DSCP submitted this technical inquiry to SBCCOM.

2. Natick has reviewed the information and the blank "iron" column is an oversight. The oatmeal cookie bar was removed and was the only "iron" fortified component on the previous label. No other food components are fortified with "iron" at this time.

3. The following change to be made on the carton label is provided for pending and future procurements: Delete the "Iron Column" entirely from the chart.

4. The PCR component or snack documents do not cite any of the columns or nutritional information indicated on this insert. The applicable labeling paragraph only states that this specific label be on this carton face. Therefore, the change cited above is only needed to be made on the carton label print itself.

5. The cartons from the following items as referenced in ACR-M-023A, dated 15 April 2002, are affected by this change:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DOC No</u>
Beans, Western	PCR-B-011
Clam Chowder, New England style	PCR-C-045
Minestrone Stew	PCR-M-004
Noodles, Buttered, Pouch	PCR-N-0001
Potatoes, Mashed, Pouch	PCR-P-011
Rice, Pouch	PCR-R-001
Apple Slices in Spiced Sauce, Pouch	PCR-A-001
Fruits, Wet Pack, Pouch	PCR-F-002A

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6. The new label will be faxed to DSCP, Attn: J. LeCollier along with this letter. A hard copy shall be mailed separately to address on cover page.

7. The point of contact for the nutrition information is Ms. Barbara Daley, Individual Combat Ration Team (ICRT), Combat Feeding Directorate, DSN 256-4937/ COM (508) 233-4937. Mr. Raymond Valvano, telephone number DSN 256-4259, may be contacted if additional information is required regarding the document.

3 Attachments

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