

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
UNITED STATES ARMY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMAND  
ARMY INSTITUTE PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARY SERVICES**

**OPERATIONAL RATIONS INSPECTION PROCEDURE (OPRATS IP04)  
1 March 2013**

**Meals, Ready-to-Eat (MREs) Procurement/Origin/In-Plant Verification Inspection**

1.0 **PURPOSE:** To establish standardized procedures for the MRE and other individual operational rations procurement/origin/in-plant food safety and quality assurance functions.

2.0 **SCOPE:** This procedure applies to current and future Army Veterinary Inspectors (AVIs) assigned to, are on assignment orders to, and/or on TDY status at any of the three MRE Sections/Branches (Evansville, Mullins, and Cincinnati).

3.0 **DEFINITIONS:** See USAPHC Oprats IP02

4.0 **REFERENCES:**

4.1 Ration Assembly Operations Inspection Procedures (RAO IPs).

4.2 USAPHC Command Policy No. A-27

5.0 **PROCEDURES:**

5.1 Each MRE Section/Branch will maintain a current "Controlled Copy" of the RAO IPs. These IPs are also posted in the restricted access USAPHC MRE Lotus Notes database.

5.2 AVIs on assignment orders to any of the MRE Sections/Branches listed below are encouraged to contact the Chief, Operational Ration Section, USAPHC HQ at DSN 867-3098 or commercial (410)417-3098 for access to the restricted Operational Rations Procurement databases. The MRE Sections/Branches and their respective command are as follows:

5.2.1 Evansville MRE Section (Ameriquel), Fort Knox DVC, PHCR-North, Evansville, IN.

5.2.2 Mullins MRE Section (Sopakco), Fort Gordon DVC, PHCR-South, Mullins, SC.

5.2.3 Cincinnati MRE Section (Wornick), Fort Knox DVC, PHCR-North, Cincinnati, OH.

5.3 The AVIs given access to the restricted Operational Rations Procurement databases are strongly encouraged to review all documents posted in the various restricted databases prior to their arrival.

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**6.0 RECORDS, REPORTS AND FORMS:**

None.