DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VETERINARY COMMAND

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Health and Comfort Pack Inspection

- 1.0 **PURPOSE**: To provide inspection procedures in performing inspection of Health and Comfort Pack (HCP).
- 2.0 **SCOPE**: This document applies to Army Veterinary Inspectors (AVI) assigned to post, camp, or stations with responsibility for performing HCP surveillance inspections.
- 3.0 **DEFINITIONS**: See VETCOM IP 31

4.0 **REFERENCES**:

- 4.1 Natick Pamphlet 30-25, 8th Edition
- 4.2 Technical Data for Health and Comfort Pack- Located in the Operational Rations Document Library
 - 4.3 MEDCOM Regulation 40-28
 - 4.4 MEDCOM Pamphlet 40-13
 - 4.5 VETCOM Handbook 40-3, Installation Support Plan (ISP) Program

5.0 **PROCEDURES**:

NOTE: Technical Data for Health and Comfort Pack will be the primary reference used to complete each surveillance inspection.

- 5.1 General Examination for Transportation Damage/Obvious Defects.
- 5.1.1 A complete receipt inspection is not required if a current inspection report accompanies the shipment.
- 5.1.2 Health and Comfort packs delivered to various installations directly from the MRE assembly plant (Wornick, Ameriqual, and Sopacko) or the assembly contractor's facility (i.e. Oklahoma League for the Blind) does not require a complete receipt inspection. These shipments must have a DD Form 250 with block 21 (Contract Quality Assurance) completed and signed for the Chief, Operational Rations, VETCOM HQ, by the inplant/procurement AVIs. Inspect these deliveries only for transportation damage/obvious defects.

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- 5.2 Types and Frequency of Inspections.
 - 5.2.1 Receipt Inspection IAW DSCP Handbook 4155.2, Paragraph VIII A.
 - 5.2.2 In-storage Inspection IAW DSCP Handbook 4155.2, Paragraph VIII B.
 - 5.2.3 Warranty Inspection IAW DSCP Handbook 4155.2, Paragraph VIII C.
- 5.2.4 Prior to Sale or Shipment (Surveillance) Inspection IAW DSCP Handbook 4155.2, Paragraph VIII D.
 - 5.2.5 Special Inspection IAW DSCP Handbook 4155.2, Paragraph VIII E.
 - 5.3 Formation of Lots IAW Technical Data Packet, reference 4.2 above.
- 5.3.1 A lot shall consist of the same Type of HCP with same assembly date (Contractor's lot).
 - 5.3.2 No Grand lotting is allowed.
 - 5.3.3 Storage conditions for Contractor's lot should be the same for HCPs.
 - 5.4 Normal Surveillance Inspection.
- 5.4.1 The AVIs will perform normal surveillance inspections when HCPs are within 3-months of their ITD. If temperatures are unknown or can be verified above 100 degrees Fahrenheit, surveillance inspection should be performed within 6-months of ITD.
 - 5.4.2 The lot size for the HCPs is the total number of shipping containers.
 - 5.4.3 Sample size.
- 5.4.3.1 Entire contents of 3 shipping containers for lot sizes of 1-150 shipping containers.
- 5.4.3.2 Entire contents of 5 shipping containers for lot sizes of 151-500 shipping containers.
- 5.4.3.3 Entire contents of 7 shipping containers for lot sizes of 501 or more shipping containers.
- 5.4.4 Focus of inspection since these items are all non-food is obvious off condition. Off condition could be discoloration, dried-up, leaking, off odor, etc.
 - 5.5 Special Inspection.

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No special inspections will be performed

- 5.6 Monograph. Refer to Technical Data packet referenced in 4.2 above.
- 5.7 Condition Code and Lot Disposition.
 - 5.7.1 Condition codes do not apply for this item. Item is either fit or unfit.
 - 5.7.2 No replacement items are available for this item.
- 5.7.3 Lot disposition should be based on lots overall integrity. Clear guidance is not available for lot disposition. Can you salvage the remaining components that show no off condition? Lot disposition will have to be based on lot integrity and accountable officer's willingness to salvage any good components.
- 5.8 Shelf Life. The AVI may extend the shelf life of the Health and Comfort Pack based on the inspection results.
 - 5.8.1 No defective components extend ITD at 3-month intervals.
- 5.8.2 Defective components found and willingness of accountable officer to manage defective components, inspect at 1-month intervals.
 - 5.9 Nonconformance Reporting.
 - 5.9.1 Report results to accountable officer and chain of command.
- 5.9.2 Use the DSCP Form 5177 to report nonconformances. Modification of form is fine to serve the reporting purpose.

6.0 **RECORD, REPORT, AND FORMS**:

- 6.1 DSCP Form 5117.
- 6.2 Maintain a copy of the completed DSCP Form 5117 in the local file.
- 6.3 <u>Do not post</u> Health and Comfort Pack inspection reports in any of the Lotus Notes databases.
- 6.4 A CVR will be completed for each ration inspection to establish a record in the ISP application and capture the manpower required.