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TO: DSCP-FTSA

SUBJECT: ES08-104; Use of Time Stamping for MRE 29 Retort Pouch Items

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1. During the development of documents for the new MRE 29 retort items, Natick used the opportunity to introduce time stamping and enhanced product name labeling.

2. The MRE retort companies supported an evaluation of time stamping on retort pouches and cartons. Due to this successful effort, time stamping will now be required on retort pouches and the cartons. Natick recommends that DSCP modify the MRE 29 contract to incorporate the following changes for retorted components:

        Section D-2, A.

Delete:
      — Retort identification number
      — Retort cook number

Insert:
"Time stamp (hour and minute of filling/sealing operation)"

        Section D-2, B

After Code, add appropriate footnote, 2/ or 3/.
  And add footnote:

"2/ or 3/ (as appropriate) Cartons shall be time stamped with the hour and minute that the pouch is sealed into the carton. (Cartons are not expected to bear same time stamp as pouch)."

3. ACR-M-029; MEAL, READY-TO-EAT (MRE™), ASSEMBLY REQUIREMENTS may be consulted to verify the items that will now use time stamping.

For DSCP Website Posting

RDNS-CFF   3 September 2009

TO: DSCP-FTSA

SUBJECT: ES09-166; Retort Pouch Labeling, Code Clarification

1. In October 2008 (ES08-104), Natick introduced time stamping requirements for retort pouches. Since its introduction and use, it has been found that one contractor prefers use of a retort lot code on the carton. Easy traceability is retained; this variation is acceptable.

2. Natick recommends that DSCP modify current, pending and future contracts to incorporate the following changes for retorted components:

       Section D-2, A(2), before "Time stamp", insert on new line:
"Retort identification number and Retort cook number (Optional)"

       Footnote 1/, delete: "Sublotting (when used) shall be represented by an alpha character immediately following the four digit Julian code." and "and the alpha character (when used),".

       Section D-2,B(1), Footnote 2/ or 3/, add after "time stamp as pouch)" insert "Alternatively, the optional Retort identification number and Retort cook number shall be used."

3. ACR-M-029 and future ACRs for MEAL, READY-TO-EAT (MRE™), ASSEMBLY REQUIREMENTS may be consulted to verify the items that will now use this labeling.