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TO: DSCP-FTSA

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

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Date replied: 16 Oct 08

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.