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**OPERATIONAL RATIONS INSPECTION PROCEDURE (IP01)
1 March 2013**

Preparation of Inspection Procedures

1.0 **PURPOSE:** To establish a consistent format and standardization of Inspection Procedures (IPs).

2.0 **SCOPE:** This procedure applies to all IPs that are incorporated into the Operational Rations Inspection Handbook.

3.0 **DEFINITIONS:**

3.1 Inspection Procedure (IP) – IPs are established by the Operational Rations Section, USAPHC HQ. The IPs are categorized into four distinct groups and the activity that uses the IPs.

3.1.1 United States Army Public Health Command Operational Rations Inspection Procedures (USAPHC OPRATS IP) - Used USAPHC-wide for the receipt and surveillance inspection of operational rations.

3.1.2 Depot Assembly Operations Inspection Procedures (Depot IP) - These IPs are used by Tracy Depot. Only the personnel assigned to this depot use the Depot IPs.

3.1.3 Ration Assembly Operations Inspection Procedures (RAO IP) - Used at the MRE Plants/Section. These IPs are based on the Meal, Ready-To-Eat (MRE), Humanitarian Daily Ration (HDR), Meal, Cold Weather/Long Range Patrol (MCW/LRP), Tailored Operational Training Meal (TOTM), and First Strike Ration (FSR) contracts. Only personnel assigned to the MRE Plants/Section uses the RAO IPs.

3.1.4 Survival Rations Assembly Operations Inspection Procedures (SRAO IP) - Used by USAPHC personnel tasked with the additional responsibility to perform Survival Rations General Purpose - Improved in-plant/procurement food safety and quality assurance functions.

4.0 **REFERENCES:**

4.1 MEDCOM Regulation 40-28, U.S. Army Veterinary Command Policies and Procedures

4.2 MEDCOM Pamphlet 40-13, U.S. Army Veterinary Command Guidelines and Procedures

5.0 **PROCEDURES:**

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5.1 Identification of a need for a procedure.

5.1.2 The Operational Rations Section, USAPHC HQ, will develop IPs for recurring or unique operations that require standardization at operational rations inspection sites.

5.2 Updates and New IPs.

5.2.1 USAPHC OPRATS IP - The Operational Rations Section, USAPHC HQ will post the final document in the Lotus Notes Operational Rations Document Library database along with a revised Table of Contents.

5.2.2 Depot IP - Maintained by the **Northern California DVC**. Revisions to these IPs are coordinated with the DVC, the Operational Ration Section USAPHC HQ, and DLA-FTRA/FTRB (Group Rations Section).

5.2.3 RAO IP - These IPs are posted in the restricted access Lotus Notes USAPHC MRE database. Access to this database is limited only to the personnel assigned to or on TDY at the MRE Sections. Access to the USAPHC MRE database is managed by the Chief, Operational Rations Section, USAPHC HQ.

5.2.4 SRAO IP - These IPs are posted in the restricted access Lotus Notes OLB Procurement Database. Access to this database is limited only to personnel who are given the additional task to perform in-plant/procurement food safety and quality assurance functions for Survival Rations General Purpose-Improved contracts. The **OLB** Procurement database is managed by the Chief, Operational Rations Section, USAPHC.

6.0 RECORDS, REPORTS AND FORMS:

None.