

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VETERINARY COMMAND**  
**OPERATIONAL RATIONS INSPECTION PROCEDURE (OPRATS IP18)**  
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**Depot Assembly Operations**

1.0 **PURPOSE**: To provide an overview of the organizational structure and functional management of the depot assembly operations food safety and quality assurance.

2.0 **SCOPE**: This procedure applies to current and future Army Veterinary Inspectors (AVIs) that are assigned to, are on assignment orders to, and on TDY status at the assembly depot (Tracy Depot, CA).

3.0 **DEFINITIONS**: None

4.0 **REFERENCES**:

4.1 Tracy Depot Inspection Procedures (Depot IPs)

4.2 MEDCOM Regulation 40-28

4.3 MEDCOM Pamphlet 40-13

5.0 **PROCEDURES**:

5.1 Responsibilities:

5.1.1 DLA-Troop Support, Directorate of Subsistence, is responsible for the procurement of operational rations to include:

5.1.1.1 Coordinating with all services to determine requirements.

5.1.1.2 Developing and coordinating contractual requirements, including quality requirements, with the services.

5.1.1.3 Soliciting and awarding contracts to suppliers.

5.1.1.4 Managing contracts, to include evaluation of waivers and deviations, modification of contractual requirements, and determining disposition of nonconforming materials.

5.1.1.5 Providing technical guidance concerning quality assurance provisions of contracts and specifications.

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5.1.1.6 Providing the necessary support to the operational rations industry that an adequate industrial base is maintained to fulfill wartime subsistence requirements.

5.1.2 Veterinary Command (VETCOM) is responsible for the coordination of operational rations programs related to command emphasis and identifying training and program requirements. The Operational Rations Section, VETCOM HQ, is primarily responsible for implementing this program. The Operational Rations Section, VETCOM HQ will:

5.1.2.1 Coordinate with DLA-Troop Support to develop strategic goals that will enhance the future of the operational rations program.

5.1.2.2 Development of procedures, in cooperation with DSCP-FTR, UGR Section, and the District Veterinary Commands (DVC), for the standardization of inspection programs at all ration assembly plants.

**NOTE:** The acronym DVC in this VETCOM OPRATS IP relates only to Northern California DVC.

**NOTE:** The Operational Rations Section, VETCOM HQ, will interact with the DVC through their respective Regional Veterinary Command (RVC).

5.1.2.3 Assist the DVC in the evaluation, development, and continuous improvement of food safety and quality assurance functions and issues.

5.1.2.4 Assist the DVC in identifying training needs and coordinating to obtain the necessary resources.

5.1.2.5 Identify inspection requirements and coordinate with the responsible VETCOM resource management representative, RVC and DVC to ensure that sufficient personnel and funds are available for mission accomplishment during accelerated production (surge).

5.1.2.6 Analyze and approve the Depot IP changes and updates forwarded by the RVC after endorsement.

**NOTE:** The acronym RVC in this VETCOM OPRATS IP relates only to Western RVC.

5.1.3 The RVC will:

5.1.3.1 Endorse Depot IP changes and updates originated by the DVC and forward the changes to the Operational Rations Section, VETCOM HQ.

5.1.3.2 Exercise complete command and control on their respective DVC with the responsibility for depot assembly operations inspections.

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5.1.4 The DVC will:

5.1.4.1 Exercise complete command and control on their respective depot assembly operations food safety and quality assurance functions.

5.1.4.2 Originate necessary changes and updates to the Depot IPs and forward the changes and updates to their respective RVC.

5.2 Depot IPs.

5.2.1 DVC will maintain a current copy of the Depot IPs in its entirety.

5.2.2 The development, changes, and updates to the Depot IPs are processed in the following order:

5.2.2.1 The DVC will originate development, changes and updates to the Depot IPs.

5.2.2.2 The RVC will endorse the Depot IP and forward the documents to VETCOM HQ.

5.2.2.3 The Operational Rations Section, VETCOM HQ, will analyze the documents for standardization, deviations, compliance, etc. If DVC will benefit from the development, changes, and updates to the Depot IPs, the Operational Rations Section will endorse and forward the Depot IPs to DSCP-FTR (Group Rations Section).

5.2.2.4 DSCP-FTR (Group Rations Section) will review the new Depot IPs, changes, and updates for concurrence and approval.

5.3 Food Safety and Quality Assurance Functions.

5.3.1 The AVIs will perform depot assembly operations food safety and quality assurance functions in accordance with, but not limited to, the Depot IPs.

6.0 **RECORDS, REPORTS AND FORMS:**

None.