

## CONTRACTOR INSPECTION

### General Information

- I. **PURPOSE AND SCOPE:** Describe general procedures for the contractor's quality assurance system to Government Quality Assurance Representatives (GQAR's) at ration assembly plants.
- II. **POLICY:**
  - A. Subsistence contractors shall be responsible for ensuring their product and/or processes conform to contractual requirements and to their approved Quality System Plan (QSP).
  - B. Contractor inspection may include intermediate or processing operations. Unless otherwise stipulated in the contract, the contractor's receipt, end item, in process records, procedures and QSP's must be made available to the GQAR.
- III. **DEFINITION:**

Contractor Inspection and/or Contractor Audit: The Inspection/Audit performed by or for the contractor, to the extent required by the contract, to determine the acceptability of supplies and/or its process.
- IV. **BACKGROUND:**
  - A. The contract's Higher Level Requirements define thirteen elements that shall be addressed as a minimum in the Contractors QSP.
  - B. DLA Troop Support Manual 4155.5, Subsistence Contractor Inspection Procedure Manual, explains the various elements of contractor inspection and outlines the contractors responsibilities for performing inspection and reporting inspection results.
- V. **PROCEDURES:**
  - A. Generally, the contractor shall be required to perform inspections in accordance with the normal severity inspections of ANSI/ASQ Z1.4, however; the contract may specify a severity of inspection greater than at the initial production phase of the contract. In the event the contract does not specify a greater than normal severity of inspection, tightened inspection procedures shall be implemented.
  - B. When the contractor is required to perform examinations and/or tests, the QAR shall ascertain whether they are being performed in accordance with contractual requirements. This determination is accomplished by observing and evaluating the contractor's processing system and/or the tests that are required by the contract. This function is called "Contractors Quality Systems Evaluation." Subsection 225.2 outlines what is expected of the contractor in the way of inspection and reporting.
  - C. Verification Examination Procedures are prescribed in subsection 225.3.

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDER**

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