

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VETERINARY COMMAND**  
**OPERATIONAL RATIONS INSPECTION PROCEDURE (OPRATS IP04)**  
**Revision 4, 3 March 2011**

**Meals, Ready-to-Eat (MREs) Procurement/Origin/In-Plant Verification Inspection**

1.0 **PURPOSE**: To establish standardized procedures for the MRE and other individual operational rations procurement/origin/in-plant food safety and quality assurance functions.

2.0 **SCOPE**: This procedure applies to current and future Army Veterinary Inspectors (AVIs) assigned to, are on assignment orders to, and/or on TDY status at any of the three MRE Sections/Branches (Evansville, Mullins, and Cincinnati).

3.0 **DEFINITIONS**: See VETCOM Oprats IP02

4.0 **REFERENCES**:

4.1 Ration Assembly Operations Inspection Procedures (RAO IPs).

4.2 VETCOM Command Policy No. A-27

5.0 **PROCEDURES**:

5.1 Each MRE Section/Branch will maintain a current "Controlled Copy" of the RAO IPs. These IPs are also posted in the restricted access VETCOM MRE Lotus Notes database.

5.2 AVIs on assignment orders to any of the MRE Sections/Branches listed below are encouraged to contact the Chief, Operational Ration Section, VETCOM HQ at DSN 471-6209 or commercial (210) 221-6209 for access to the restricted Operational Rations Procurement databases. The MRE Sections/Branches and their respective command are as follows:

5.2.1 Evansville MRE Section/Branch (Ameriqua), Tennessee Valley DVC, Southeast RVC, Evansville, IN.

5.2.2 Mullins MRE Section/Branch (Sopakco), Tennessee Valley DVC, Southeast RVC, Mullins, SC.

5.2.3 Cincinnati MRE Section/Branch (Wornick), Ohio Valley DVC, North Atlantic RVC, Cincinnati, OH.

5.3 The AVIs given access to the restricted Operational Rations Procurement databases are strongly encouraged to review all documents posted in the various restricted databases prior to their arrival.

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**6.0 RECORDS, REPORTS AND FORMS:**

None.