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OPERATIONAL RATIONS INSPECTION PROCEDURE (OPRATS IP26)
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**Survival Food Packet - General Purpose, Improved
Inspection**

1.0 **PURPOSE:** To provide clear procedures in performing inspections of Survival Food Packet, General Purpose, Improved (GP-I).

2.0 **SCOPE:**

2.1 This VETCOM OPRATS IP applies to Army Veterinary Inspectors (AVI) assigned to post, camp, or stations with responsibility for performing GP-I surveillance inspections.

2.2 This VETCOM OPRATS IP discusses procedures and inspection guidance not covered in Defense Supply Center Philadelphia (DSCP) Handbook 4155.2 Appendix G.

3.0 **DEFINITIONS:**

3.1 Refer to DSCP Handbook 4155.2, Definitions

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3.3 Food Packet, Survival, General Purpose, Improved – Used by the services to sustain an individual in survival situations, including escape and evasion, under all environmental conditions, and when potable water is limited. It is also used to sustain personnel in any survival situation for period less than five consecutive days.

3.3.1 Characteristics – The ration contains six compressed bars consisting of two cereal bars, three cookie bars, and one sucrose bar which are sealed in trilaminate pouches and packed in a water resistant, paperboard box. Lemon tea and soup and gravy base are also included.

3.3.2 Shelf Life – Five years at 80 degrees F (27 degrees C).

3.3.3 There are 24 food packet component boxes per shipping container.

3.3.4 Nutritional Data - Each packet provides 1447 kilocalories (5% protein, 39% fat, and 56% carbohydrate). It is formulated to provide a maximum of 8% of the calories from protein to minimize the metabolic water requirements.

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4.0 REFERENCES:

- 4.1 DSCP Handbook 4155.2
- 4.2 DSCP Handbook 4155.2, Appendix G
- 4.3 Natick Pam 30-25, 8th Edition
- 4.4 DSCP website, <https://www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/rations/programs/survival/gpiabt.as>
- 4.5 MEDCOM Regulation 40-28
- 4.6 MEDCOM Pamphlet 40-13
- 4.7 MIL-F-43231D
- 4.8 VETCOM Handbook 40-3, Installation Support Plan (ISP) Program

5.0 PROCEDURES:

5.1 General Examination for Transportation Damage/Obvious Defects.

5.1.1 A complete receipt inspection is not required if a current inspection report accompanies the shipment

5.1.2 GP-I shipments delivered to various installations directly from the MRE assembly plant (Wornick, Ameriquel, and Sopacko) or the assembly contractor's facility (i.e. NewView Oklahoma) does not require a complete receipt inspection. These shipments must have a DD Form 250 with block 21 (Contract Quality Assurance) completed and signed for the Chief, Operational Rations, VETCOM HQ, by the in-plant/procurement AVIs. Inspect these deliveries only for transportation damage/obvious defects.

5.2 Types and Frequency of Inspections.

5.2.1 Receipt Inspection – IAW DSCP Handbook 4155.2, Paragraph VIII A.

5.2.2 In-storage Inspection – IAW DSCP Handbook 4155.2, Paragraph VIII B.

5.2.3 Warranty Inspection – IAW DSCP Handbook 4155.2, Paragraph VIII C.

5.2.4 Prior to Sale or Shipment (Surveillance) Inspection – IAW DSCP Handbook 4155.2, Paragraph VIII D.

5.2.5 Special Inspection – IAW DSCP Handbook 4155.2, Paragraph VIII E.

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5.3 Formation of Lots. IAW DSCPH 4155.2, Appendix G, Paragraph II.B.3.

5.4 Normal Inspection.

5.4.1 The AVIs will perform normal surveillance inspections IAW DSCPH 4155.2, Appendix G, Paragraphs II.A thru II.H.

5.4.2 The lot size for the GP-I is the total number of food packets.

NOTE: GP-I's are issued by the packet not cases. The AVI will pay particular attention to the shipping container sample size.

5.5 Special Inspection. The AVI will perform special inspections IAW DSCPH 4155.2, Appendix G, Paragraphs III.A thru III.D.

5.6 Monographs. The monographs for the GP-I are posted in the DCSP Quality Assurance Publications website at, <https://www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/support/qapubs/appg/index.asp>

5.7 Condition Code and Lot Disposition. The AVI will condition code the GP-I IAW DSCPH 4155.2, Appendix G, Paragraphs II.G.1 thru II.G.8, III.C.1-2., and Table N.

5.8 Shelf Life. The AVI may extend the shelf life of the GP-I based on the inspection results and IAW DSCPH 4155.2 Paragraph VIII.B.a thru VIII.B.c.

5.9 Nonconformance Reporting. Perform IAW DSCP Handbook 4155.2, and DSCPH 4155.2, Appendix G, Paragraphs II.H and III.D.

6.0 RECORD, REPORT, AND FORMS:

6.1 DSCP Form 5117

6.2 Maintain a copy of the completed DSCP Form 5117 in the local file.

6.3 Do not post GP-I inspection reports in the Lotus Notes MRE Inspection database.

6.4 A CVR will be completed for each ration inspection to establish a record in the ISP application and capture the manpower required.