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SUBJECT: Approved MILSTRIP Change Letter (AMCL) 13, Date Packed/Expiration Date for Subsistence Items (Staffed by PMCL 3)

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1. References:

a. DLSSO-B letter, 22 December 1988, subject: Joint Requests for Implementation Date (RFID) for Approved MILS changes 13 (MILSTRIP) and 5 (MILSTRAP), Date Packed/Expiration Date for Subsistence Items (Previously Staffed by PMCLs 3 (MILSTRIP) and 3 (MILSTRAP).

b. DoD 4000.25-1-M, 1 May 1987, Military Standard Requisitioning and Issue Procedures (MILSTRIP), as amended.

2. Enclosure 1 is published as an approved MILSTRIP change with an implementation date of 1 November ~~1992~~ 93, as a result of staffing reference 1.a. The enclosed procedures may be implemented prior to 1 November 1992 for intra-Service/Agency use, or inter-Service/Agency use based on agreement of the components involved. Implementation of this change is in conjunction with implementation of MILSTRAP AMCL 5.

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3. Addressees are advised not to file this change in DoD MILSTRIP Manual. This AMCL is being provided as a planning document to assist in systems program/design efforts which may be necessary to implement the change

4. AMCLs containing the same cyclic implementation dates will be incorporated into an interim formal MILSTRIP change immediately preceding the implementation date. Addressees are advised that specific paragraph appendix numbering may be changed in the interim formal change due to the long leadtime involved for implementation.

5. This is the first approved MILSTRIP change scheduled for implementation 1 November 1992.

6. Addressees may direct questions/problems to the DLSSO-B point of contact

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Enclosure 1 to Approved MILSTRIP Change Letter 13,
Date Packed/Expiration Date for Subsistence Items

1. References:

a. DoD Manual 4000.25-1-M, Military Standard Requisitioning and Issue Procedures (MILSTRIP), 1 May 1987, as amended.

b. DoD 4140.27-M, 28 August 1986, Shelf-Life Item Management Manual.

c. DLA-OSC letter, 8 October 1987, subject: Proposed MILSTRIP Change Request, Date of Pack/Date of Expiration (DOP/DOE) for Subsistence Items.

d. DLSSO-B letter, 22 December 1988, subject: Joint Requests for Implementation Date (RFID) for approved MILS Changes 13 (MILSTRIP) and 5 (MILSTRAP), Date Packed/Expiration Date for Subsistence Items (Previously Staffed by PMCLs 3 (MILSTRIP) and 3 (MILSTRAP).

2. Proposed Change Concept/Rationale:

a. Concept: Inclusion of a three-digit code in MILSTRIP documents for subsistence items, permitting Inventory Control Point (ICP) direction of issues by date packed/expiration date within supply condition code.

b. Rationale: The subject proposal is considered mandatory in order to carry out the basic responsibilities for the control of shelf-life items vested in the ICP, as stated in reference 1.b, and to provide interface requirements with MILSTRAP. In this regard, the management of subsistence items, purely on a supply condition code basis, is considered to impede efficient item management, limit effective issue policy, and contribute to inventory loss due to shelf-life expiration. This change, when coupled with MILSTRAP, will provide the subsistence ICP with the definitive shelf-life information necessary for proper inventory control and cost effective management of their items. The jointly staffed MILSTRAP change requires receipt and inventory documents to contain date packed/expiration date for subsistence items. Based on this information, the subsistence ICP will be able to stratify assets in their inventory records by date packed/expiration date within supply condition code. This change, which provides for date packed/expiration date to be communicated in MILSTRIP issue documents, will allow the subsistence ICP to direct shipment in the most economical manner that is in consonance with customer needs.

(1) Date packed is the date on which the product was packaged in the unit container. Expiration date is the date by which items should be discarded as no longer suitable for issue or use. In general shelf-life management terms, perishable items are Type I (expiration date) items, and semiperishable items are Type II (date packed) items. Date packed is also used in conjunction with the inspection test date (ITD), the date at which an item is due for inspection to determine if the shelf life can be extended.

(2) Date packed/expiration date will be three digits. When used as date packed, the first digit will be a numeric indicating the year (7 = 1987), the second digit an alpha indicating month (H = August), and the third digit a constant zero. When used as an expiration date, the third digit will be a numeric 1, 2, 3, or 4 indicating week of the month by which an item must be used.

(3) Item management of subsistence items, by supply condition codes only, is impractical and unrealistic. All food items are at their prime when first harvested or processed. Each day after harvest that an item is not consumed, the quality (taste, texture, nutritional value) deteriorates a little more. Items may deteriorate at a different rate . Even though they are stored under strictly controlled (and expensive) conditions, all items must be consumed in a relatively short period of time.

(4) Various processing methods are used today to provide a shelf life of as long as two years. Under strict production requirements and storage conditions, some items have been developed with a storage life of up to seven years; however, these items are limited to combat-type operational rations.

(5) Despite this, all subsistence items can reach a point where they are no longer fit for human consumption. Without the requested data, this could happen before they are issued from stock. ICP ability to direct issues by date packed/expiration date is mandatory in order to accomplish effective item management techniques before the need arises to change from one supply condition code to another. Nothing less than Supply Condition Code A is acceptable in most cases.

3. Interface/Impact Requirements:

a. Interface: Supply sources and storage activities.

b. Impact:

(1) Applicable changes to MILSTRIP.

(2) System programming at ICPs and storage activities.

4. Procedures. Revise MILSTRIP as indicated in attachment 1.

1 Attachment

Attachment 1 to Approved MILSTRIP Change Letter 13,
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1. Change chapter 3, paragraph Q.1 as follows:

Add as last sentence to chapter 3, page 3-8, paragraph Q.1:

"MRDs for subsistence MROs for which there is no stock for the date packed/expiration date cited on the MRO will use Management Code 3 (see MILSTRAP (reference (cc)), appendix B7). *

2. Place a note number, as indicated, in the following appendices:

APPENDIX	FIELD LEGEND	RECORD POSITION(S)	
C7	Stock or Part Number	8-22[1]	*
	Fund	52-53[1]	*
C11	Stock or Part Number	8-22[1]	*
	Fund	52-53[1]	*
C12	Stock or Part Number	8-22[1]	*
	Fund	52-53[1]	*
C14	Stock or Part Number	8-22[1]	*
	Fund	52-53[1]	*
C15	Stock or Part Number	8-22[1]	*
	Fund	52-53[1]	*
C16	Stock or Part Number	8-22[1]	*
	Fund	52-53[1]	*
C22	Stock or Part Number	8-22[1]	*
	Fund	52-53[1]	*
C45	Stock or Part Number	8-22[1]	*
	Fund	52-53[1]	*
C46	Stock or Part Number	8-22[1]	*
	Blank	52-53[1]	*

3. Add the following at the end of appendices C7, C11, C12, C14, C15, C16, C22, C45, and C46:

"[1]For subsistence transactions, rp 22 and 52-53 will contain the date packed/expiration date indicator code, as defined in MILSTRAP (reference (cc)), appendix B20." *

Also add the note to paragraphs 2 and 9 of Appendix B5, and paragraph 17 Appendix B11

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