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## **CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE DEMAND, ISSUE AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES FOR OPERATIONAL RATION PACKS**

### **PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this instruction is to detail the procedures for the Demand, Issue and Disposal of Operational Ration Packs (ORP) for operations and training.

### **OWNERSHIP AND POINTS OF CONTACT**

2. The policy, processes and procedures described in JSP 886: Defence Logistics Support Chain Manual is owned by Director Joint Support Chain (D-JSC). Head Supply Chain Management (SCM-Hd) is responsible for the management of Joint Support Chain (JSC) policy on behalf of D-JSC.
3. Team Leader, Defence Fuel & Food Services (DF&FS) is responsible for formulating policy for the Demand, Issue and Disposal of Operational Ration Packs. Technical enquiries about the content of this instruction should be addressed to:

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### **GLOSSARY**

5. A glossary of JSC terms is available at JSP 886 Volume 1 Part 1A: The Glossary.

### **LINKED PUBLICATIONS**

6. The following publications are linked to this instruction:
  - a. JSP 456: Defence Catering Manual.
  - b. JSP 886 Volume 4: Materiel Accounting.
  - c. JSP 886 Volume 9 Part 7: The Disposal and Recovery for Disposal of Equipment, Spares and Waste from Operational Theatres, Exercises and Permanent Bases Overseas.

### **SUPERSEDED PUBLICATIONS**

7. This instruction supersedes all previous versions of JSP 886 Volume 6 Part 4: The Demand, Issue and Disposal of Operational Ration Packs.

### **THE MANAGEMENT OF OPERATIONAL RATION PACKS**

8. DF&FS Ops 3b is the ORP Commodity Manager. The authority for the issue of ORP rests with DF&FS. Authority is delegated to Front Line Commands (FLC) to approve ORP allocated for training. Points of Contact are as follows:

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- a. Royal Navy Fleet Capability Logistic Support (FLEET-CAP LOG SPT CS WO and FLEET-CAP LOG SPT CS WO RM)  
Tel: Mil: 93832 Ext 5802. Civ: 02392 625802.
- b. Army Army HQ. Land Log Sp (SO2 Food Svcs Avail)  
Tel: Mil: 94393 Ext 6512. Civ: 01264 886512.
- c. Royal Air Force HQ Air Command (A4 Cat Ops).  
Tel: Mil: 95221 Ext 3881. Civ: 01494 493881.
- d. DF&FS DFS PT Ops 3.  
Tel: Mil: 9679 Ext 83586. Civ: 030679 83586.

9. ORP is managed on Stores System 3 (SS3) under the arrangements described in this instruction.

10. All ORP is stored at Logistics, Commodities and Services (LCS) Bicester. In addition, some theatres hold operational stocks as specific reserves of ORP and related items. All ORP and related items are held as a ready reserve in the event of military operations. To ensure that ORP stocks are rotated, earlier Pack Dates<sup>1</sup> (PD) are issued for consumption during training exercises.

11. Theatre Operational Reserves will be monitored and rotated by DF&FS who will inform HQ LCS Ops and LCS Bicester of the details and arrange the bulk transfer of stocks.

12. Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) reserve ORP holdings remain under ownership of DF&FS until issue. However until issue, local management of these holdings is to be provided by the RFA unit on which ORP stock is embarked. The RFA logistics staffs are to liaise with FLEET N4 to facilitate rotation of bulk stocks as appropriate whilst ensuring that the DF&FS ORP Commodity Manager is kept fully informed of management issues and concerns.

### OPERATIONAL RATION PACK STATUS REPORT

13. DF&FS publish monthly bulletins (ORP Status Reports) detailing advice on the consumption of ORP holdings. Units should check the various menus and pack dates against the information contained in the Status Report. The Base Ordnance Depot Management System (BODMS) condition code is only an indication of the consumption advice at the time it was issued ([Chapter 2, Paragraph 10 refers](#)). The appropriate FLC should be consulted if there is doubt as to whether Consumption Dated (CD) stock is still in-date.

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<sup>1</sup> A Pack Date (PD) is the date applied to the ORP stating the month and year of production. This PD gives ORP its identity to aid in traceability in the event of product recalls.

## **CHAPTER 2: PROCEDURES FOR THE DEMAND, ISSUE, ACCOUNTING AND DISPOSAL OF OPERATIONAL RATION PACKS**

### **DEMANDS**

1. Unit demands for Operational ration Packs (ORP) are to be submitted via UNICOM Q, MATDEM, AF G8620 (Faxed to Mil: 94240 Ext 2269) or by email (see Paragraph 2 below). An electronic copy of an AF G8620: Demand for Materiel and directions on the completion of the form, is available on the LCS Logistics Services Help Desk web page on the JSC web site.
2. Units are to complete the AF G8620 (with point of contact and unit telephone number details) as a preferred option, in the prescribed manner and email the form as an attachment to [deslcsls-ops-docshelpdesk@mod.uk](mailto:deslcsls-ops-docshelpdesk@mod.uk) with the email Subject title – 'DEMAND' along with the corresponding UIN, demand number(s) and SPC of the demand. The LCS Help Desk personnel will print these demands each hour and pass them to LCS's Processing Cell in accordance with Standard Priority Code (SPC) annotated on the demand.
3. Overseas areas (BATSUB, BATUS and BATUK) are responsible to the Land Warfare Centre (LWC) and are required to submit demands to Army HQ, Log Sp SO2 Food Svcs Avail, prior to submission to HQ LCS Ops.

### **COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF DEMANDS**

4. **Demand Procedures.** Units of all Services can use the following demand procedures to place demands for ORP on LCS Ops:
  - a. AF G8620 (Army Form for Demand for Material) (See Paragraphs 1 / 2 above).
  - b. Submission of S145A. (RN Manual Demand Form).
  - c. By signal using the MATDEM Format in JSP 886, Volume 3, Part 1, Section 5 Appendix 1 to Annex A.
  - d. UNICOM Q (Army / RM units) (Unit contact telephone number to be included in 'Special Instructions').
5. **Demand by NATO Stock Number and Quantity.** Demands for ORP are to be made by and using the generic NATO Stock Number (NSN) listed at [Annex A](#) below and not by menu or pack date. ORP are to be demanded by the number of rations required and not by boxes. Demands are to be placed in multiples of 10 rations, with the exception of:
  - a. Submarine Emergency ORP, which are to be demanded in multiples of 20.
  - b. Pouched water demanded in multiples of 40.
  - c. Hexamine cookers and refills demanded in 'each'.
  - d. Emergency Flying Ration Mk 4 and Mk 9 demanded in 'each'.
6. **Special Instructions.** To enable the effective issue of ORP, units must enter ORP consumption information in the 'Special Instructions' box on the demand form as follows:

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- a. Exercise dates that must include the latest date for ORP to be consumed. This will ensure that units receive ORP that will be in-date for the duration of the exercise.
- b. ORP demanded for use as emergency rations for the RN must be annotated in the special remarks box “SHIPS EMERGENCY RATIONS”.
- c. To assist LCS Ops in rectifying demands, where applicable, full contact details including telephone numbers are to be entered on all demand forms.

7. **Use of Standard Priority Codes.** Operational demands are to be submitted in accordance with the Logistic Instruction issued for the operation. SPCs are detailed at Annex A to JSP 886 Volume 3 Part 1 Section 2: Matrix of Standard Priority Codes. All non-operational demands are to be made at the Routine SPC 13, unless prior approval from formation HQ or special authority from DF&FS has been given to submit a higher priority demand.

8. **Demand Progression.** Information on demand progression can be obtained from the 24 hour JSC Operations Customer Services Helpline on Tel: Mil: 94240 Ext 2052. Civ: 01869 256052.

9. **Special Operation and Exercise Codes.** The Special Operation Code (SOC) or Special Exercise Code (SEC) allocated to the operation or exercise is to be annotated on the demand in the customers own reference field.

### OPERATIONAL RATION PACKS MATERIEL CONDITION CODE, ISSUE AND RECEIPT PROCEDURES

10. **Operational Ration Packs Materiel Condition Code.** The Materiel Condition Codes (MatCon) listed below, are applied to ORP. Stores System 3 (SS3) MatCon will be printed in the MatCon field of the plain paper Supply Issue Voucher (SIV) that is generated by BODMS at LCS Bicester. For ORP issues only, a BODMS Condition Code will be printed in the ‘Customer Reference’ field of the SIV and will be indicated by << symbol before and >> after it (eg <<CD>>). These BODMS Condition Codes are based on consumption advice for the particular ORP holdings. It must be noted that condition A2 stock is used for UK training. Condition Codes are as follows:

**Table 1: Condition Codes.**

SS3 MatCon	BODMS Condition Codes	Comment
A1	A1	New stock in first class condition.
A2	GC	Stock that is in Good Condition but is no longer new.
	CA	Consumption Advised.
	CSA	Consumption Strongly Advised.
	CD	Consumption Date set. The stock must be consumed before that date. This stock must be issued from Distribution Centres in due time to allow it to be consumed by the demanding unit.
E0	E0	Stock that is unfit for human consumption and is fit only for disposal.

11. **Issue Procedure.** When demands reach HQ LCS Ops the ORP Section will calculate the menu spread according to the levels of stock available and DF&FS guidelines. In order to ensure ORP stocks are rotated, stocks will normally be issued in the following BODMS Condition Code order: CSA, CA, GC, A1. For the same reason, within each MatCon, the stock with the earliest code date as advised by DF&FS will be issued first.

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12. **Distribution.** ORP will be distributed through the JSC in accordance with the Standard Priority System. Any requirement for a Unit Collect from LCS Bicester is to be in accordance with JSP 886 Unit Collection procedures.

13. **Unit Receipt Procedures.** The following should be noted by units:

a. **Menu Selection.** Units should note that the generic ration NSN demanded will be met by a selection of menus. Units are only permitted to demand by the generic ration NSNs listed at [Annex A](#).

b. **Accounting.** ORPs are to be brought to account by the generic NSN.

### SURPLUS HOLDINGS AND DISPOSALS

14. **7 Days Delivery.** Unit holdings of ORP should be managed at an acceptably low level, cognisant of Supply Chain Pipeline Times re-supply times as published in JSP 886, Volume 3, Part 1 and predicted Operational Demands. Guidance, as required, should be sought from Front Line Commands (FLC).

15. **Transferral of In-Date Stock.** Units holding surplus in-date stocks are, in the first instance, to apply to their formation HQ or FLC for re-distribution instructions to enable stocks to be transferred to other units.

16. **Backloading of Stocks.** Where there is no requirement for cross-servicing, the formation HQ must seek clearance from DF&FS, to backload stocks to LCS Bicester. Where approval to backload ORP is given, DF&FS will issue authority and inform LCS. Units wishing to return ORP must submit AF G8621 (Request for Disposal Instructions) to PO Box 2 (D4) JSC Bicester. Due to bio-security considerations, the approval to backload stocks will not routinely be given. Consequently, in placing demands units should take into consideration that once issued, ORP will not routinely be returned to stock. This will lead to a greater need to ensure that demands are accurate and do not exceed the predicted activity.

17. **Out of Date Stock.** ORP stored beyond their final consumption dates are to be issued from account and disposed of in accordance with loss / write-off procedures. Guidance on the Write-Down of ORP for army units in overseas theatres is given in JSP 456 Chapter 12: Defence Catering Manual: Volume 2. This will normally take place at unit level. In case of large quantities of out-of-date stocks, such as where the value exceeds a unit's delegated powers of write off, units should refer the matter through their formation HQ or FLC. Units may be given instructions to dispose of small quantities of out-of-date ORP as follows:

a. **In the UK.** Dispose of ORP in accordance with their local authority regulations for the disposal of waste food. These regulations normally require that waste food is either incinerated or sent for deep land-fill. Ships are required to use Cat 1 Food Waste skips for the disposal of ORP.

b. **Other Areas.** Under no circumstances is ORP to be returned back to UK once exported. ORP must be consumed or disposed of in accordance with local authority policy. For further advice, Units can contact the Commodity Manager: DF&FS Ops 3 on Tel: Mil: 9679 Ext 83586. Civ: 030679 83586.



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18. **Change to Condition of ORP.** A monthly ORP Status Report is distributed from DF&FS to FLCs with details of current ORP inspection reports. This information must be cascaded down the Chain of Command to units to enable timely management of ORP stocks.
19. **Disposal of RFA Held ORP.** FLEET N4 has local responsibility for the maintenance, rotation and disposal of RFA held ORP. FLEET N4 must therefore liaise with DF&FS to gain financial authority and UIN allocation prior to ORP disposal procedures. Once disposal has been approved, the DF&FS ORP Commodity Manager will advise on the disposal.
20. **Operational Stocks.** In the case of operational stocks held beyond CD, provided every reasonable effort has been made to rotate the stock, then Write-Off action is not required for any residual stock. Stock in this category should be removed from account by the means of a Certified Issue Voucher (CIV).
21. **Gifting.** Regulations on the Gifting of Surplus MOD Property is contained in JSP 886 Volume 9, Part 9.



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## ANNEX A - GENERIC OPERATIONAL RATION PACKS NATO STOCK NUMBERS

(Introduced at [Paragraph 5](#))

DMC	NSN	Type	D of Q	D of Q Code
ORP	8970-99-567-4173	Ration 10 Man Ambient	Ration	RA
ORP	8970-99-001-9011	Ration 24 Hr General Purpose	Ration	RA
ORP	7310-99-883-3123	Cooker Solid Fuel 5 Day Hexamine	Each	EA
ORP	9110-99-124-2229	Fuel Solid Hexamine Cooker	Each	EA
ORP	8970-99-700-2104	Ration Emergency Flying Mk 4	Ration	RA
ORP	8970-99-748-7760	Ration Emergency Flying Mk 9	Ration	RA
ORP	8970-99-441-4359	Submarine Survival Ration	Ration	RA
ORP	8960-99-537-4919	Drinking Water Pouch	Ration	RA
ORP	8970-99-190-6873	Ration 24 Hr Kosher	Ration	RA
ORP	8970-99-190-6874	Ration 24 Hr Sikh/Hindu	Ration	RA
ORP	8970-99-190-6875	Ration 24 Hr Halal	Ration	RA
ORP	8970-99-190-6881	Ration 24 Hr Vegetarian	Ration	RA
ORP	8970-99-302-2654	Ration Cold Climate 24 Hr	Ration	RA
ORP	8970-99-378-9083	Ration Jungle 24 Hr	Ration	RA
ORP	8970-99-551-9933	Ship Emergency Ration Vegetarian	Ration	RA
ORP	8970-99-667-9083	Ship Emergency Ration General Purpose	Ration	RA
ORP	8970-99-575-0992	Ration 12 Hr Patrol	Each	EA