

CHAPTER 12 - OPERATIONAL RATION PACKS & SURVIVAL RATIONS

1201. **General Instructions.** Full information regarding the types of Operational Ration Packs (ORP) available, including contents and ordering instructions are detailed in JSP 456 Volume 1 Chapter 8. ORP is to be held on a unit's Miscellaneous Stores Account or retained as stock as follows:

- a. As an operational reserve, when authorised by DFS IPT.
- b. When drawn in advance of training or operational requirements.
- c. Under no circumstances is ORP to be returned back to Bicester Depot without prior approval from DFS IPT Ops.

1202. **Accounting.**

- a. Each ORP type is to be accounted for separately by individual variant. Should there be a requirement to write-off ORP the special rates published annually by DFS IPT are to be used.
- b. For accounting purposes 10 man ORP is to be charged at 60% of the DMR in force, while 24 Hr ORP is charged at the full DMR.
- c. **Small Groups.** When the feeding strength of a small group does not equate to the number of rations in a pack, then the ration pack most appropriate to the requirement is to be used e.g. 1 x 10 man pack issued for 3 men for 3 days. Write-off is to take place on the issue voucher and the monetary value of the issue is to be debited against the exercise account.
- d. ORP boxes and their open components that have not been consumed and have been returned to unit lines must be either taken back onto account by CRV and cross referenced to the original IV, or they are to be disposed of in accordance with unit disposal instructions (JSP 886 Volume 4 refers). They are not to be gifted or re-sold under any circumstances.

1203. **Issue of ORP Stocks.** Issue of stocks is controlled by DFS IPT. ORP will normally be issued for training exercises, in accordance with annual authorised allocations, and operations on instructions from PJHQ or FLCs. Instructions on the demanding and issuing are contained in the Defence Supply Chain Manual 886 Volume 10.

1204. **Hexamine Cookers.** Hexamine field cookers and refills are available for issue with 24 hour ORP on an individual basis. The recommended scale of issue is one cooker and 2 refills per person for 3 days. However, this scale is subject to variation, e.g. for a one-day exercise no refills will be issued, and for an exercise lasting 5 days, 4 refills may be issued. The unit demand is to show the length of the exercise/training period.

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1205. When demanding ORP on OASIS the following statement is to be inserted in to the special instructions field "SHIPS EMERGENCY RATIONS". When ORP are delivered to the unit they are to be bought on charge on OASIS and Form S549 IV will be issued from the Stores Department to the Catering Department where the Senior Logs (CS) is to take the ORP on charge on TRICAT.

1206. **Operational Ration Packs (ORP) – Issues for Exercises.** If there is a requirement to issue ORP, the following procedure is to be followed:

- a. All ORP issued are to be treated as Crown Issues and removed from charge as such.
- b. LOs are to counter sign all paperwork to authorise the issue.
- c. Personnel in receipt of ORP are to be MOR'd to field conditions on Form S71 and the appropriate meal/meals are not to be claimed by the Senior Logs (CS).
- d. Requests for internal issue of ORP are to be made on Form S156 that is to be authorised by head of the group requiring the rations.

1207. Operational Ration Packs – Issues for use as Emergency Rations. When using ORP as emergency rations, each 24 hour pack should be expected to yield 2 Action Messing meals (using the Main and Breakfast Hot Meals) and 2 issues of Action Snacks. When using the breakfast meal this should be supplemented with the biscuit contents of the pack. Provided that these meals are achieved units are to issue a complete pack as a Crown Issue and abate the value of two lunch meals (i.e. 2 x 35%) for each ration pack used. When used to victual FOST Staff, duty meal claims normally arising from the Staff At Sea signal are to be suspended, but the numbers and documentation retained for audit purposes. Normal MoD Issue (Meals) action is to be taken for FOST staff living in a mess ashore.

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1208. Write Down - Overseas Theatres Where ORP is issued to Overseas Theatres in bulk for use by exercising troops it is to be ordered through Log Sp Food Services at HQ Land Forces. Should any of this ORP not be consumed due to occurrences such as exercise cancellations or that it is classified CD on the monthly ORP Consumption Dates letter then it may have to be reduced in price and written off. Where this is the case Overseas Theatres are to contact SO2 Food Services B at HQ Land Forces for authority to Write Down the rations to £0.01p a ration in order that they can be written off and disposed of. Under no circumstances are any rations to be returned to UK.

1209. In exceptional circumstances units in other areas who encounter problems with excess ORP amounts, that they have not been able to consume due to Operational commitments, may request Write Down authority as listed in para 1208. For both instances the following information is required by HQ Land Forces:

- a. Numbers of ORP.
- b. Packed dates of each pack.
- c. Unit UIN and Title.
- d. Reason for write down.

SUPPLEMENTS

1210. ORP Supplements.

- a. **10-Man ORP**

(1) **On Operations.** Depending on the operational scenario, the supply lines, time and other factors, DFS IPT will supply dietary supplements whilst Units are being fed 100% 10-Man ORP. These supplements, when supplied, will be “pushed” to Units. The ORP is to be debited to the catering account at the Operational Daily Messing Rate (OPDMR) as promulgated by DFS IPT. Supplements “pushed” by DFS IPT will be accounted for centrally and are not to be debited against the catering account. Once a Core Supply of fresh rations has been established, no dietary supplements will be authorised with ORP.

(2) **On Exercise.** When units are on 10-Man ORP from Day 1, they are to claim the full Exercise (Field) Daily Messing Rate E(F)DMR and charge the 10-Man at 60% of the (E(F)DMR). The remaining 40% of the E(F)DMR is to be treated as a consolidated supplement (CONSUP) and no other supplements are to be claimed.

(3) **Arctic Supplement.** When 10 Man ORP is authorised for use within the Arctic/Antarctic Circles or at 3000m or more above sea level in cold conditions, Arctic Supplement may be claimed in accordance with Chapter 6.

b. **24Hr ORP.** When Units are on 24Hr ORP no supplements are to be claimed.

BREAD

1211. **Purchase of Bread for ORP.** Bread should be ordered and accounted for in the same way as any other PFM Contractor supplied commodities.

1212. **Local Purchase.** When parties of troops on 10-man ORP are exercising outside areas supplied by para 12a or b, then bread may be purchased locally and the bill processed through Imprest as follows:

a. The amount of bread required is to be assessed in accordance with the entitlement to the nearest whole loaf. Imprest should pay the bill locally using RA Code PAA 002, Local Project Code ZZP1G21121 supported by the Proforma shown at Annex A. The Proforma is to be completed in duplicate, the original being used to support the Imprest account and the duplicate to be retained with the exercise account.

b. The expenditure on local purchased bread entitlement, at Annex A, is to be entered on the ration account as a debit. A Miscellaneous Credit is to be entered for the difference between the bread element and the total expenditure on local purchased bread. Where the total weight purchased exceeds the entitlement (rounded up to the nearest loaf) the difference is to be made good from non-public funds.

NORTH WEST EUROPE (NWE) TRANSIT MEAL PACKS (TMPs)

1213. When travelling throughout NWE on exercises sponsored by HQ Land Forces and no other means of feeding exists (e.g. travelling by rail with military equipment), TMPs may be provided for consumption of the overland journey. They consist of items which can be stored at ambient temperatures, and may include the following:

NWE TMP

Hot Can	1
Kit Kat Bar	1
Drink, Coke	2
Chewing Gum	1
Fruit (Apple)	1
Yoghurt	1

1214. TMPs may be claimed at the scale of one per person for each period of 5 hours and the TMP rate is calculated monthly by DFS IPT. All requests for NWE TMPs are to be made to DFS IPT via HQ Land Forces. Subsistence Allowance and Missed Meals Payments are not admissible when TMPs have been issued.

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ANNEX A – BREAD PURCHASED FROM LOCAL SOURCES

BREAD PURCHASED FOR EXERCISES FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN MOD CONTRACTOR/SERVICE SOURCE

Unit:

Exercise Code/Name:

Period of Exercise:

From:

To:

Total number of operational rations consumed:

Entitlement

Rations consumed x 241grams:kgs

Rounded up to the nearest loaf:kgs

Total weight purchased:kgs

Expenditure

Receipted bills attached:.....

Total expenditure : Miscellaneous Credit on Ration Account

Note:

1. Excess expenditure to be made good from non public funds.
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CERTIFICATE

1. I certify that the above details are, to the best of my knowledge correct.

Date:..... Name: Rank: Signature:.....OC Unit

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