

## CHAPTER 2 - SOURCES OF SUPPLY

### THE PFM CONTRACTOR

0201. The Publicly Funded Messing (PFM) Contractor is the main supplier to the Armed Services for all PFM supplies in those areas of the world covered by the PFM contract, including all UK ports. The cost of food received is settled via the Central Billing System. Payment for food supplied under the PFM contract is not to be made directly by units to the PFM Contractor. The Defence Food Services IPT (DFS IPT) is responsible for the supervision and management of the PFM contract and the services provided under it.

0202. The PFM contract gives the customer access to an approved list of food items. This is known as the "Core List" and is intended to meet the majority of publicly funded messing requirements.

0203. Details of the current PFM Contractor, and instructions relating to the supply of food, can be found in the DFS IPT "Food Supply Contract User Manual".

### OTHER SOURCES OF SUPPLY

0204. **Local Service Contracts.** MoD has placed Local Service Contracts in certain theatres throughout the world where there is a regular requirement for food deliveries. The range of products offered by Local Service Contractors may not be as comprehensive as that offered in UK. Units detailed to deploy overseas are to confirm with their higher authority whether these contracts are to be used, or other messing systems such as CILOR will be authorised. Countries where Local Service Contracts currently exist are as follows:

- a. Brunei.
- b. Canada.
- c. Belize.
- d. Gibraltar.
- e. Nepal.
- f. Norway (renewal annually for WINTEX only).
- e. Cyprus.
- g. Kenya.

0205. **Local Sources.** Local sources of supply may be used where no service contract exists. Purchases are to be kept to a minimum, and only sufficient quantities to support the operational requirement of the unit are to be obtained.

### HM SHIPS AND RFAs IN PORTS OTHER THAN NAVAL BASES AND MOD PORTS, AND SERVICE UNITS ABROAD

0206. In ports other than Naval Bases and MOD Ports, and when abroad, the following rules apply for the supply of provisions:

- a. **Ships.**
  - (1) The PFM contractor will supply provisions in all commercial ports in the UK. Orders are to be placed in accordance with JSP Vol 2 Chap 4.
  - (2) In overseas ports ships are authorised to purchase provisions from local traders. Where applicable the Port Agency contract is to be used. The Logistics Officer is to ensure that excessive prices are not charged and unnecessary expenditure is not incurred by the crown.
  - (3) For food supplies in Cyprus, Gibraltar and the Falkland Islands demands are to be forwarded to the local British Forces Logistics Support Unit. The range of items available

may not be as comprehensive as the UK core list and local sources may therefore be used for non-available items.

(4) All core list items purchased locally are to be revalued at UK PFM core list prices using the current month's price list in use (this should be the latest list in issue to units, and where the list is not the current month's, the most recent list held should be used. All relevant accounting vouchers should be duly certified to this effect). Non-core list items purchased are to be accounted for at locally invoiced prices.

(5) First Patrol Boat Squadron (1PBS) ships use a messing system based on Cash in Lieu of Rations (CILOR), and are not therefore covered by the PFM contractor. They are to purchase provisions from local sources, whether in the UK or abroad, and account for these at the invoiced price.

**b. Service Units Abroad.**

(1) Service units abroad are to use the local British Forces Logistic Support Unit, where one exists, e.g. Cyprus, Gibraltar and Falkland Islands.

(2) Where no contractual arrangements exist, provisions may be purchased locally, and accounted for as at 0206a (4).

(3) During overseas operations and major exercises, specific arrangements may be made with DFS IPT or a Local Resource Section (LRS) to use an agreed contractor.

(4) Locations where specific Local Service contracts currently exist are listed at para 0204 above.

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