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Tuna Supply Improvements

- MRE 31™ chunk light lemon pepper, 4.5 oz commercial size
- USDC, USDA & DSCP will continue to look to improve efficiency of procurement

Removal of MRE™ label from Shipping Case

- Recommend change MRE™ label on Shipping Case to avoid confusion, discuss at R&DA working group

Beef Jerky Vacuum Requirement Reminder

- Beef jerky requires "vacuum overwrap"
- Preformed pouch:
"The filled pouch shall be vacuum-sealed under vacuum level of 15-20 inches of mercury with a minimum 1/8 inch wide heat seal."
- HFFS:
"The filled pouch body shall be hermetically sealed with a vacuum level of 15-20 inches of mercury. Pouch closure shall be effected by heat sealing together the cover and body along the entire pouch perimeter."

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MRE™ Beef Roast with Vegetables

- Further define texture acceptance thresholds, discuss at R&DA working group/USDA Inspectors Workshop

Nut PCR and CID documents

- Review requirements/testing of nut ingredients and sunflower seeds for Aflatoxin and Salmonella

USDA Lab Analytical Methods

- Confirm prep method; contact Mike Miller/Jana Humphries based on specific lab doing the testing

Boil-in-Bag (BIB) Egg Status

- As a cost savings, decision was made to change from 3 pouches to 2 pouches of eggs for UGR-A™
- Likely to keep 18 serving BIB Pouch for UGR-H&S™ to address Marine Corps preference

Shelf Stable Bacon

- UGR-A™ will eventually have same A_w requirement as UGR-H&S™ to further ensure quality and safety

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UGR-E™ Heater Status

- New heater formulation a non-hazardous material per DOT regulations
- Conducting cost/benefit analysis to support decision on accelerated implementation of reformulated heater
 - Potential to retrofit current heaters in Government inventory to incorporate reformulation

Status of documents for UGR-E Type II and Self Heating (SH) BIB Egg

- Modify UGR-E™ ACR, Heater Module MIL-DTL and develop Type II Spec Sheet
- Prepare one major document to incorporate all the SH BIB Egg items and assembly
- Modify Egg PCR to include new fitment required for SH BIB Eggs only

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- Evaluate placement of sterilization requirement, discuss at R&DA working group

Industry Issues

- Several submitted & discussed
- Reported back to submitters & resolved through normal ES channels
- Survey developed to obtain feedback on QS

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