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SUBJECT: SECURING THE MILITARY FOOD CHAIN

A. COAST GUARD FOOD SERVICE MANUAL COMDTINST M4061.5

B. FOOD SERVICE SANITATION MANUAL COMDTINST M6240.4A

1. THIS ALCOAST SERVES AS A NOTICE TO ALL COAST GUARD FOOD SERVICE OFFICERS, ADVISORS, AND STAFFS. EVENTS SINCE 11 SEPT 2001 MAKE IT IMPERATIVE THAT WE DILIGENTLY WORK TOWARDS ENSURING THE SAFEKEEPING OF FOOD SUPPLIES FOR THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AS WELL AS OUR ARMED FORCES. FOOD SERVICE OFFICERS ARE OUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE IN ENSURING THE SAFETY OF FOODS SERVED TO COAST GUARD PERSONNEL. WHEN RECEIVING PRODUCT FROM FOOD VENDORS OR PRODUCE SUPPLIERS, COAST GUARD PERSONNEL MUST EXERCISE VIGILANCE TO ENSURE PRODUCTS ARE SAFE FOR CONSUMPTION.

2. THE FOLLOWING MEASURES SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED TO MINIMIZE THREATS TO FOOD SUPPLIES.

A. PRODUCT SHOULD BE COMING FROM APPROVED SOURCES AND SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY FAMILIAR FIRMS AND KNOWN PERSONS CARRYING APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION. IF YOU DO NOT KNOW THE TRUCK DRIVER, REQUEST PROPER IDENTIFICATION.

B. IF BRANDS ARE NOT FAMILIAR OR BOXES ARE NOT PROPERLY MARKED, THEY SHOULD BE REJECTED. KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH SUPPLIERS TO ENSURE THEY UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION AND SEND ONLY PACKAGING THAT YOU ARE EXPECTING TO RECEIVE.

C. ANY PRODUCT THAT APPEARS ADULTERATED OR TAMPERED WITH MUST ALSO BE REJECTED. IF DETECTED LATER, AFTER DELIVERY, IT SHOULD BE SEGREGATED AND PLACED ON HOLD FOR FURTHER REVIEW. THESE CASES MUST BE REPORTED TO THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES.

3. PROCEDURES SHOULD ALSO BE REVIEWED TO ENSURE PRODUCT IS SAFELY STORED AFTER RECEIPT BY THE COMMAND. ACCESS TO FOOD SUPPLIES SHOULD BE LIMITED TO ONLY APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL. STORAGE SPACES SHOULD BE ADEQUATELY LOCKED AND MONITORED. ANY INDICATION OF FOOD BORNE ILLNESS SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO YOUR SERVICING MLC (KSE).

4. IT IS NOT OUR INTENTION TO CAUSE UNWANTED REJECTIONS OR TO DELAY TRUCK DRIVERS AS THEY DO THEIR JOBS. HOWEVER, ALL INSTANCES OF SUSPECTED ADULTERATION OR TAMPERING MUST BE REPORTED TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES EXPEDITIOUSLY.

5. FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION, CONTACT COMDT (G-WKW), POC IS CWO AVERILL AT (202)267-1197 OR FSCM SYLVESTER, (202)267-2556, FAX (202)267-4798 E-MAIL, RAVERRILL(AT)COMDT.USCG.MIL OR KSYLVESTER(AT)COMDT.USCG.MIL.

6. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

7. RADM JOYCE M. JOHNSON, USPHS, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND SAFETY, SENDS.

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