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ST/75 Warranty EXPIRY & Turnover INSTRNS
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Subject: Foodstuffs - Warranty Expiry Dates.

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
STH/4

27 April 1945.

Direzione Commissariato,
Comando Territoriale, Napoli.

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (M.M.I.A.) ✓

1. From inspections made in the past of Naples Bulk Depots, it is evident that Depot Commanders have little, if any, knowledge of the procedure to be adopted for ascertaining the Warranty Expiry Dates of Allied Foodstuffs.
2. The importance of this duty cannot be over-emphasized, particularly in view of the large amount of old stock which would appear from personal observations to exist at present in these Depots.
3. For your guidance, copy of MMIA S & T Branch Operating Instruction No. 6 dated 24 July 44 is forwarded herewith, contents of which should be already well known to all Italian Officers and men serving in Bulk Depots. Attention is drawn in particular to para 6.
4. Will you please, therefore, ensure that this subject is fully understood by all concerned and the above-mentioned instruction put into effect without delay.

S & T, MMIA.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
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Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

7 Nov 44.

1. The provisions of the above named Operating Instruction are still effective.
2. It is allowed, however, that where a rapid turnover is assured, Depot Commanders may use their own discretion in the matter of marking commodities with warranty period or packing dates.
3. In such an event, it is essential to ensure that these dates are noted on tally cards (MMA Form ST/4), when stock is received.

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B. L. PERGEVAL.
Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

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Copy to:- Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMA),
NAPLES - (Ref your STN/4 of 3 Nov 44)
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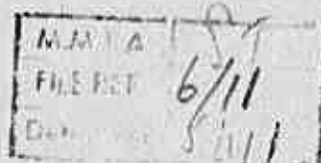
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Subject: S & T Branch Operating Instruction #6.



LIAISON OFFICER
MMIA
NAPLES SECTOR
STN/4

3 November 1944.

To: Military Mission Italian Army
ROME

1. Commissariato, Naples, has asked if the provisions of S & T Branch Operating Instruction #6 are still effective.
2. The experience in the Bulk Depot, Naples, is that the turn-over and consumption of food is so rapid that there is no time to stencil the cases as directed in the a/m instruction.
3. Reference is made on stock cards (MMIA Form ST/4) when stock is received, and as a rule, the entire stock is distributed before thirty days elapse. This would appear to be complying with the intention of the directive.

KRN/jlm

Homer E. Long
HOMER E. LONG
Major, QMC
Executive Officer

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at (3) | Reply to effect that instruction is still operating, but
where ^{rapid} turnover is assumed depot Commander may
use their own discretion about markings.

ARMY SUB COMMISSION, AGO.
(M.M.I.A.)

Nº 6.

S & T BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION.

This instruction applies to Italian Army Bulk Depôts only.

1. Considerable quantities of foodstuffs received from the U.S.A. by the Italian Armed Forces are NOT marked with a manufacturer's warranty period or packing date.
2. To secure uniformity of practice in Italian Army Depôts and to ensure maximum conservation of foodstuffs by reducing to a minimum losses due to deterioration in stock, a list is attached at Appendix "A" showing "Life Expectations" of various food commodities.
3. Effective the date of this instruction Officers Commanding Italian Army Depôts will be instructed to put the following procedure into operation. -

A. Foodstuffs received direct from the USA - Unmarked.

Any such foodstuffs received without warranty period or packing date marks will be stencilled, on receipt into the Depôt, with a Provisional Warranty Expiry date, based on the "Life Expectations" at Appendix "A" and calculated from the date of receipt of such supplies into the Depôt.

B. Foodstuffs received direct from the USA - Marked with packing date only.

Any such foodstuffs similarly will have applied to them a Provisional Warranty Expiry date based on the "Life Expectations" at Appendix "A" and calculated from the packing date shown on the boxes, etc.

C. Foodstuffs received from US Army or Allied Army Depôts.

1. All such foodstuffs will be carefully scrutinized by OSC Italian Army Depôts to see whether a Provisional Warranty Expiry date has already been applied to them. Such Warranty Expiry dates may appear on such foodstuffs in any of the forms shown in the following.

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W/E Mar. '44 or 3/44.
PROV W/E Apr. '45 or 4/45.
Warranty Expiry Jun. '46 or 6/46.

Other methods may be used. In cases of doubt MMIA Sector Liaison Officers will advise.

ii. If Provisional Warranty Expiry dates have been applied such dates will stand effective and Oso Italian Army Depôts need take no action to apply new dates.

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iii. If Provisional Warranty Expiry dates have NOT been so applied, OSC Italian Army Depôts will act as in "A" or "B" above, whichever is applicable, and themselves apply Provisional Warranty Expiry Dates.

iv. If foodstuffs received under this paragraph are clearly old stock (i.e. weathered, damaged cases, and other indications) OSC Italian Army Depôts will apply to such foodstuffs a Provisional Warranty Expiry date based on 2/3.rds. of the "Life Expectations" shown at Appendix "A" and calculated from date of receipt into the Depôts.

Normally, MMIA Sector Liaison Officers will be called in to give their advice in such cases.

D. All Provisional Warranty Expiry dates applied in Italian Army Depôts will be so applied with a bold, clear cut stencil, using a prominent paint colour and will take the form shown in the following example:

A.F.D.G. Lug.45.

representing 'Alla Fine della Garanzia - Luglio 1945'.

4. The Provisional Warranty Expiry stencil will be applied to each individual box, crate, case, barrel, etc., and it will usually be necessary to apply it to one side and one end, so that the stencil is visible when foodstuffs are stacked in the Depôts.

5. Care must be exercised in the case of sacked goods (i.e. flour, sugar, etc) to ensure that the paint does not penetrate the sacks and contaminate the contents.

It may be necessary to stack sacked goods in accordance with the Warranty Expiry dates (i.e. all stock having the same Warranty Expiry date stacked in the same stack) and to mark each of such stacks with a single board showing the Warranty Expiry date.

6. Officers Commanding Italian Army Depôts will be instructed that the principle of stacking foodstuffs in Depôts is so to stack that the goods most near to Warranty Expiry can be issued first, thus ensuring prompt and regular turnover.

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Osc Depôts must bear this in mind at all times and be constantly alert to ensure that the storemen and issuing clerks are carrying this principle into effect.

7. Immediate action is necessary in all Italian Army Depôts to have stocks checked for Warranty Expiry and stencilled in accordance with these instructions.

24 July, 44.
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Distribution: All Sectors (3)
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File & Diary (2)

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Lt. Col, RASC,
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S & T BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION No 6.

APPENDIX "A".

Schedule of Provisional Warranties for Foodstuffs received from U.S.A.

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Pack Details</u>	<u>Provisional "Life Expectation"</u> <u>reckoned from date of receipt into Depdt.</u>
Bacon Tinned	Tins and Cases	12 months
Beans Canned, (with Pork)	Tins and Cases	18 "
" " (without Pork)	Packets & Cartons	12 "
Biscuits, Type 'C'	Tins & Cases	12 "
Cheese Tinned		
Dehydrated Cabbage)		
" Carrots)		
" Potatoes)	Lever Lid tins & cases	12 "
" Turnips)		
Herrings Tinned	Tins and cases	18 "
M & V. Hash)		
M & V. Stew)		
M & V. Meat & Beans)	Tins and cases	18 "
M & V. Irish Stew)		
Preserved Meat	Tins and cases	18 "
Onion Powder	Lever Lid tins and cases	9 "
Pepper	Composite Cardboard/ Tinplate containers in cartons	12 "
Pilchard	Tins and cases	18 "
Pork Luncheon Meat	Tins and cases	18 "
incl Chopped Ham		
Pork Soya Links	Tins and cases	18 "
Potatoes Tinned	Tins and cases	18 "
Salmon Tinned	Tins and cases	18 "
Sardines	Tins and cases	18 "
Sausage Tinned	Tins and cases	18 "

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NOTE: The term 'cases' includes timber, chip and batten cases or fibreboard cartons.

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