

## CHAPTER 2 - SOURCES OF FOOD SUPPLY

### THE PUBLIC FUNDED MESSING (PFM) - FOOD SUPPLY CONTRACTS

0201. **Overview.** The Public Funded Messing (PFM) Food Supply Contracts (FSC) will ensure that the HM Armed Forces and entitled personnel serving in the UK, specified PJOB, on operational deployment (including HM Ships and Submarines) and exercises receive the necessary sustenance to enable them to conduct their missions and tasks. This includes the sourcing and distribution of fresh, ambient, chilled and frozen food along with bottled water and in-flight individual frozen meals to locations in areas where a contracted feeding solution is not in place.

0202. The PFM FSC have been let under the provisions of the Deployable Food Programme (DFP), with management oversight provided through the Delivery Partner (DP) Leidos for the contracts listed below:

- a. DFP (UK) Contract. This contract covers the following sites:
  - (1) Standing Locations/Units that are outwith Catering, Retail and Leisure CRL contracts.
  - (2) National Training Estate Prime (NTEP) sites,
  - (3) HM Ships and Submarines whilst in UK ports
  - (4) UK land based operations and exercises (outside of NTEP sites)
- b. DFP (Overseas) Contract. This contract covers the following overseas locations:
  - (1) British Forces South Atlantic Islands (BFSAI).
  - (2) British Army Training Unit Kenya.
  - (3) Exercises in Sennelager Training Camp
  - (4) Overseas exercises (inside and outside Europe).
  - (5) Overseas operations.
- c. In-Flight Worldwide. Contracts let on a regional basis around the world<sup>1</sup> for the supply of in-flight meals to aircrew and passengers.
- d. Dog Food. Refer to JSP 456 Pt 2 Vol 2 Chap 16.

0203. The FSC give the customer access to approved lists of food items, known as the “Core Range” provided by each of the food supply contractors depending upon the geographical location of the unit and/or the task they are undertaking i.e. UK based exercise or overseas operation or exercise. The core range is intended to meet the majority of publicly funded messing requirements.

0204. **The Contracts.** On behalf of the MOD, DE&S CMO is responsible, in conjunction with the DP, for the management and financial control of food supply to the Armed Forces outside of the in-barrack provision through the Catering Retail and Leisure contracts. The FSC seek to provide a value for money approach in procuring an efficient, effective and economical food supply service to the Armed Forces by using internationally recognised providers.

0205. **Contract Costs.** All Core List items are issued to Units at cost price however the payment for food supplied under the PFM contract is not to be made directly by units to the food supply contractors. The contract management costs, logistics and profit are added to the cost of Core list items and paid centrally.

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<sup>1</sup> Bahrain, Canada, Jordan, Kenya & UAE

0206. **Use of Contract.** As a result of the way this contract is structured, Units are encouraged (seeking advice from their Chain of Command (CoC) where appropriate) to exercise common sense and an awareness of cost. Increasing the frequency of orders and requesting new drop points can all add to the overall cost of the contract.

0207. Detailed instructions on the food supply can found in the contractors' user guides, accessed via the DP's Defence Food webpage (link below) and in JSP 456 Pt 2 Vol 2 Chap 4.

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### **OTHER SOURCES OF SUPPLY**

0208. **Local Service Contracts.** The 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 Contracts 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. Gibraltar.
- d. Nepal.
- e. Cyprus.

0209. **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, SUBMARINES, RFAs AND SERVICE UNITS – ABROAD AND IN PORTS OTHER THAN NAVAL BASES AND MOD PORTS**

0210. In ports other than Naval Bases and MOD Ports, and when abroad, the following rules apply for the supply of provisions:

a. **Ships, Submarines and RFAs.**

- (1) The food supply contractor will supply provisions in all commercial UK ports, in accordance with JSP 456 Pt 2 Vol 2 Ch 4, and in some foreign ports using the Solid Support Pack, in accordance with JSP 456 Pt.2 Vol 1 Ch 13.
- (2) In overseas ports ships are authorised to purchase provisions from local traders using the Port Agency Contract (PAC), where no PAC exists ships are to carry out local purchase in accordance with JSP 456 Pt.2 Vol 1 Ch 13. In all instances 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 receipted in the Falkland Islands, demands are to be forwarded to the local British Forces Logistics Support Unit using the South Atlantic range core list.
- (4) All core list items purchased locally are to be receipted in accordance with the regulations found in JSP 456 Pt.2 Vol 1 Ch 13.
- (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

contract. 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. Falkland Islands.
- (2) Where no contractual arrangements exist, all core list items purchased locally are to be re-valued at UK PFM core price list using the current month's price list (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 and 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.
- (3) During overseas operations and major exercises, specific arrangements may be made with the DP or a Local Resource Section (LRS) to use an agreed contractor.
- (4) Locations where specific Local Service contracts currently exist are listed at para 0208 above.

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