



# ***Commercial Box Lunch (CBL)***



# *Guidance*



- **AR 30-22, The Army Food Service Program, 30 Oct 02.**
- **DA Pam 30-22, Operating Procedures for the Army Food Service Program, 30 Oct 02.**
- **TB MED 530, Occupational and Environmental Health Food Service Sanitation, 30 Oct 02.**
- **USARC Memorandum, TBD.**



# *Description CBL*



## ■ Shelf Stable CBL (No Refrigeration Needed).

- Canned Items; Entrée, Fruit.
- Top Shelf Entrée.
- Bottled Water, Fruit Juice.

## ■ Perishable CBL (Needs Refrigeration).

- Prepared Sandwiches.
- Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers.
- Potato Chips.



# Sources



- ✦ **Merimeal**
- ✦ **Heatermeals**
- ✦ **Sun Meadows**
- ✦ **Jimmy Dean**
- ✦ **TOTM**



# *Authorized Use*



- ✦ **Used during Inactive Duty Training (IDT).**
- ✦ **Annual Training (AT) when cooking a meal, a catered meal or eating with others is not feasible.**
- ✦ **Split training.**
- ✦ **Equivalent training (ETS).**
- ✦ **Convoy / bus movements to include meals traveling to and from AT / FTX sites.**



# *Unauthorized Use*



✦ **CBL are not to be considered a substitute for the Meal Ready to Eat (MRE).**



# ***CBL Instructions***



## **☀ Authority:**

- ☀ Annual Training (AT): Shelf Stable CBL or MRE will be used for all convoy /bus movements to include meals traveling to and from AT sites.**
- ☀ Inactive Duty Training (AT): CBL will be used during Inactive Duty Training (IDT) and Annual Training (AT) when cooking a meal or catered meals or eating with another unit is not feasible.**



# ***CBL Instructions***



## **✦ Safety:**

- ✦ The food protection policies and procedures outlined within TB MED 530, paragraph 3-56, will be strictly complied with.**
- ✦ Utilization of perishable CBL is contingent upon unit's ability to meet, or exceed, safety requirements.**
- ✦ Perishable CBL are classified as "Pre-prepared Frozen Sandwiches" delivered to the unit in a frozen state.**



# ***CBL Instructions***



## **✦ Perishable Commercial Box Lunch (Safety):**

- ✦ Limitations: Must be used within the manufacturer's stated shelf life.**
- ✦ Refrigeration: Stored at 35 degrees F. Once issued must be consumed within four hours.**
- ✦ Storage: May be kept up to six months frozen or stored at 35 degrees F up to 14 days. Refreezing is not authorized.**
- ✦ Disposition: Once removed from refrigeration must be consumed or destroyed. Held at 35 degrees F for more than 14 days must be destroyed.**



# ***CBL Instructions***



## **✦ Shelf Stable Commercial Box Lunches:**

- ✦ Limitations: Must be used within the manufacturer's stated shelf life.**
- ✦ Refrigeration: Not requirement.**
- ✦ Storage: Shelf life of one year in a controlled environment.**
- ✦ Disposition: CBL outside the manufacturer's shelf life will be destroyed.**



# ***CBL Procurement***



## **✦ Procurement:**

- ✦ DA Form 3161, Request for Issue or Turn-In or form as designated by appropriate headquarters prepared in accordance with directions.**
- ✦ Two weeks request lead-time as required by Command and/or Vendor.**



# ***CBL Accounting***



## **✦ Record Keeping:**

- ✦ Records must be in accordance with AR 25-400-2, The Army Record Information Management System (ARIMS)**
- ✦ Records are maintained on a fiscal year basis.**
- ✦ Files will contain all accountability records, i. e., requests, receipts, headcount records, ration control sheet, and destruction certificate, etc..**
- ✦ Eventually FSMS will be the ordering and record keeping method.**



# ***CBL Accounting***



## **✦ DA Form 5914, Ration Control Sheet:**

- ✦ To provide a complete audit trail DA Form 5914 will be maintained for all receipt or issue transactions.**
- ✦ Due to storage differences a separate DA Form 5914 will be kept for Perishable CBL and Shelf Stable CBL.**



# ***CBL Accounting***



## **✦ Sale of CBL:**

- ✦ Authorized diners during IDT will reimburse at the Standard Meal Rate, signing the DD 1544, Cash Meal Payment Sheet.**
- ✦ When AT payroll deduction (DA Form 4187 actions) is utilized, reimbursement will be at the Discount Meal Rate.**
- ✦ The remarks block of the CMPS will be annotated with (BL) and the number of meals sold.**
- ✦ CBLs must be accounted for, but do not earn headcount monetary account credit.**



# ***CBL Accounting***



## **✦ Reporting:**

- ✦ Headcount data for CBLs will be reported to units higher headquarters monthly using DA Form 2970.**
- ✦ When a signature system is required:
  - DA Form 3032 annotated top and bottom “COMMERCIAL BOX LUNCHES” will be used.**
  - Personnel required to pay cash will make the appropriate entries on DD Form 1544.**
  - FOS will record the number provided on DA Form 2970.****



# ***CBL Accounting***



## **✦ Relief From Accountability:**

- ✦ CBLs that cannot be supported by headcount data, or a record of destruction to meet food safety standards, the loss (including lost accountability) or destruction requires will be cause for initiating an investigation (AR 15-6).**



# ***In a Nut Shell That's CBLs***