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SUBJECT: Packing and Marking of several items of cold stores.

TO : Col. J.W.G. Stephens, Chief Depot Operations Division, OQMG, Washington, D.C.

1. Gummed labels are being used to indicate contents of boneless beef cartons and are unsatisfactory because many of them come off. It is recommended that these cases be printed with the necessary information rather than labeled. It is considered advisable, to use different colored inks for each variety of beef e.g. Beef, fresh, frozen for Roasting and Steaks (Green); for Boiling and Stewing (Red); ground (blue).

2. Frozen beef specification cases, letter April 28th, OQMG, Subject: Packing of Subsistence Items for overseas shipment, are proving very satisfactory and the amount of damaged contents due to packing, is negligible. For example, one cold storage depot has, to date, received 47,000 lbs. of frozen beef in these cases without losing one pound due to faulty containers. However, contractors are, on occasion, not following packing specification requirements e.g.

Contract No. W199 QM 25284 - Cudahy Packing Co. - 300 cases noted in half rather than the full telescopic style required.

Contract No. W199 QM 36624 - Armour Packing Co. - 500 cases noted, same deficiency as above.

Contract No. W119 QM 24585 - John Morrell & Co. - 150 cases containing War Bacon - these cases were 30" long (interior dimension) and contents only filled up to 24", causing much damage to cases and contents and wasting 125 cu.ft. for this one lot.

3. It is understood that fresh egg cases should be stacked with the pointed ends of the eggs facing downwards, which is not done, in many instances, because of a lack of stacking instructions on the cases. It is recommended that these cases all be stenciled with the legend on the proper face and in 2" letters, "This side up".

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