STOWAGE OF COFFEE AND DRY GOODS PRODUCTS

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Background: Recently, coffee beans stored in an unventilated shipboard storeroom may have contributed to increased concentrations of carbon monoxide (CO) accumulating in the space.

Effective immediately, Chapter 6 of the NAVSUP P-487 will include stowage procedures for coffee and other dry good products.

6008 STOWAGE OF DRY GOODS INCLUDING COFFEE PRODUCTS

a. Dry products such as coffee beans and other semi-perishable goods should be stored in a well-ventilated storeroom as near to room temperature as feasible given the operational environment. This is to protect product quality and prevent potential build-up of harmful gases such as carbon monoxide (CO).

b. For unventilated storerooms, it is recommended that the Supply Officer request assistance from the Chief Engineer to establish some type of monitoring procedures to ensure the storerooms are certified “Safe for Entry” for approved personnel.

c. S-3 personnel will work with the Safety Officer to conduct monitoring for harmful gases such as CO on an “as needed” basis for unventilated spaces and will take corrective action for storerooms exceeding the establish safety threshold.

d. S-3 personnel will inspect all dry goods on a routine basis to ensure all packaging is intact and report all damages to containers.

e. Items shall be stored in their original containers. Items in damaged containers shall be checked for human consumption. The items will be inspected by the Army veterinary personnel, if available, or by the Navy Preventive Medicine Authority (PMA). If the items are fit for human consumption, they will be issued immediately, if they have a resale value; otherwise, they shall be surveyed. Items found to be unfit for human consumption, will be surveyed. All items shall be inspected regularly for signs of damage, spoilage, insect infestation or rodent contamination.
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