

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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In subsection (c) of section 225—

(1) redesignate paragraph (6) as paragraph (7);

and

(2) insert after paragraph (5) the following:

1 (6) An assessment of opportunities to test,
2 evaluate, and, where appropriate, incorporate domes-
3 tically produced, nutrient-dense, shelf-stable agricul-
4 tural products, including products derived from
5 fruits, vegetables, and tree nuts where such products
6 meet applicable military nutrition, food safety, shelf-
7 life, packaging, storage, transportation, cost, and
8 warfighter-acceptability requirements, into military
9 ration components produced with emerging and in-
10 novative food processing technologies, including an
11 evaluation of shelf life, weight, volume, packaging,
12 storage, food safety, nutrition, cost, warfighter ac-
13 ceptability, domestic availability, potential benefits
14 for military operations in a contested logistics envi-
15 ronment, and performance in operational feeding en-
16 vironments, including hot-weather, austere, ship-

1 board, expeditionary, and long-duration storage con-
2 ditions.

At the end of section 225, add the following:

3 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in para-
4 graph (6) of subsection (c) shall be construed to—

5 (1) require the Department of Defense to pur-
6 chase a specific commodity, product, brand, quan-
7 tity, or class of agricultural product;

8 (2) require the Department of Defense to enter
9 into a contract with a specific vendor;

10 (3) establish a preference for a specific State,
11 region, commodity, product, brand, vendor, or agri-
12 cultural sector;

13 (4) waive competition, food safety, domestic
14 source, best value, nutrition, shelf-life, packaging,
15 storage, transportation, inspection, sanitation, or
16 procurement requirements otherwise applicable
17 under law;

18 (5) alter the requirements of section 4862 of
19 title 10, United States Code; or

20 (6) authorize the appropriation of additional
21 funds.

