DoD Shelf Life Extension System

The DoD Shelf Life Extension System (SLES) consists of two main components. The first piece is the Materiel Quality Storage Standards as prescribed by AR 702-18. These standards provide the inspection, testing, and storage requirements for extendible (Type II) shelf life materiel. The second piece is the Quality Status Listing (QSL) which contains the results of previously accomplished extension testing. The Type II shelf-life items in this listing have undergone testing by certified laboratories, and have either successfully passed and been extended, or have failed. This listing may be used to extend the test date, provided storage requirements have been adhered to, or condemn all stock on hand under same National Stock Number (NSN), contract number, and manufacturer's lot/batch number. This information on the QSL is updated as soon as test results are received.

The SLES is accessible on-line on both a secure and non-secure web site. The non-secure site at http://www.shelflife.hq.dla.mil requires a logon ID and password for access. The secure site is available to .mil customers without a logon ID and password. If you are a .mil user contact your Military Service or Agency Shelf Life Administrator listed on the non secure site under POCs in order to obtain the secure web site address. If you have any questions you may send an email to HQSLES.FEEDBACK

For anyone interested in learning more about Shelf Life Management there are classes held quarterly at the Naval Inventory Control Point (NAVICP) Mechanicsburg, PA. Information on course overview is posted on both non-secure and secure web sites.

Disposition instructions on products with expired shelf life which are not listed in the QSL may be obtained from the USAPC. For additional information contact the USAPC at Shelf-Life or by phone at DSN 771-5868 or Comm 717-770-5868.