



Frequently Asked Questions

Who is SOPAKCO?

SOPAKCO, Inc., is a world leader in the design, processing, and packaging of processed foods using traditional and emerging packaging technologies. The South Carolina-based company has been one of the largest suppliers of Meals Ready-to-Eat (MREs) to the U.S. Military for more than 60 years and is a preferred partner to many major international food companies.

How are Sure-Pak used?

Sure-Pak Meals were originally developed for use by the military for times when formal meal preparation was not possible. The meals are fully cooked, nutritious, lightweight, and simple to store. This has made them popular for disaster relief meals as well as on-the-go meals for hikers, campers, hunters, and other outdoor enthusiasts.

What are self-heating options?

Sure-Pak Meals can be eaten cold or hot. If a hot meal is preferred, there are several heating options. Pouches can be placed in direct sunlight or on a heated surface. The pouches can also be placed in boiling water. A flameless, self-heating option is available, but is not recommended for the young or elderly as it does pose a risk of injury due to high heat.

How many calories does each Sure-Pak Meal contain?

Sure-Pak Meals contain between 1,000 and 1,250 calories per meal, depending on the entree and individual components. A minimum of two meals per person per day is recommended for a 72-hour period.

How are Sure-Pak Meals different from military Meals Ready-to-Eat (MREs)?

Because Military MREs are strictly reserved for military use, SOPAKCO created Sure-Pak Meals for public consumption. Military MREs contain an average of 1,250 calories per meal. Military MREs contain extra items not included in Sure-Pak Meals.

How long will Sure-Pak Meals last?

Sure-Pak Meals have a shelf life of up to five years if stored at 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Conversely, heat may shorten shelf life. Freezing is not recommended as it may damage the seal on the pouches used to package the entrees and side dishes, causing them to spoil.

How do I find the expiration date on my Sure-Pak Meal?

Because the shelf life varies based on storage temperature, Sure-Pak Meals do not have an expiration date. There is, however, a pack date on the bottom of the case in the form of a four-digit number such as "3123"; the "3" represents the year "2013"; the "123" represents the actual day of that year or Julian date; in this case, it was packed on the 123rd day of 2013.

How do I order Sure-Pak Meals?

To place an order, contact a customer service representative at SOPAKCO at 843.464.7851. You can also order online at www.SurePak-12.com. SOPAKCO accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover card payments. In the case of a large order, a credit application may be required.

How long will it take to receive my order?

Orders less than 24 cases typically ship via UPS ground within 72 hours of the order being placed. However, delays may occur due to circumstances beyond SOPAKCO's control. Orders of 24 cases or more are shipped via freight carrier. Customers can also arrange for their own pickup.



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