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Part 1 COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS

Section 1.1 DEHYDRATED POTATO PRODUCTS REQUIREMENTS

- A. Quality of Dehydrated Potato Products
- (1) The dehydrated potato products shall meet the requirements as specified in the Commercial Item Description (CID) for potatoes, white, dehydrated, A-A-20032F, dated December 20, 2002, which is available at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fqa/aa20032f.htm>. Applicable sections of the CID will be for Type II – Mashed (precooked, rapid rehydrating), Styles A, B, C, and E; and Type VI.
 - (2) The potato products delivered shall have been packed during the latest season's pack or crop year.
 - (3) The solicitation shall specify the type, style and sizes of dehydrated potatoes.
- B. Fortification
Fortification of Vitamin A, iodine, or other micronutrient shall be when specified in the solicitation.

Section 1.2 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Inspection shall be performed by an Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) agent (hereinafter referred to as "USDA Grader"). Procedures to follow and a schedule of fees for this service may be obtained at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fvstand.htm>.
- B. Prior to sampling, the contractor shall furnish the USDA Grader with a list of codes and the approximate quantity per code. Inspection of products shall be performed not more than 90 days prior to shipment.
- C. Contractor shall provide scales suitable for random selection weighing.
- D. The quality, weight, and packaging of the product shall be evidenced by certificates issued by the USDA Grader.
- E. Contractor shall not ship the product unless informed by the USDA Grader that the containers and markings meet the Acceptable Quality Level (AQL) of the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers.
- F. If the product fails to meet contract specifications on one or more factors on the first inspection, the Contractor may arrange with the USDA Grader for subsequent inspections. The inspections may be conducted at origin or a subsequent point of delivery if the provisions of Title 7 CFR 68.44 through 68.63 issued under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as

amended, with respect to retest, appeal, and new inspections can be met. When subsequent inspections of the product are made, the results of the last inspection will be used as the basis for payment under the contract.

- G. Contractors shall notify the Government immediately of lots that fail to meet contract requirements.

Section 1.3 QUALITY DISCOUNTS

Compliance with product specifications shall be based on samples tested by the USDA Grader. If a lot fails to meet these specifications with respect to sulfur dioxide and/or defects; but is acceptable under the following schedules, the contractor may tender such lot for delivery to the Government. The Government will then, at its option, accept the lot and the contract price shall be reduced in accordance with the following schedule:

Type of Deficiency	Test Results	Discounted Contract Price
Type II Mashed, Style A Granules (Average of specks on the surface of the product in 100 mm circle)	66 thru 70	\$0.01/lb.
	71 thru 80	\$0.02/lb.
	81 or more	Unacceptable
Type II Mashed, Flakes (Average discolorations and peel [Style B] per 100 grams. Defects are counted specs measuring over 1/16inch in any dimension.)	16 thru 20	\$0.01/lb.
	21 thru 25	\$0.02/lb.
	26 or greater	Unacceptable

Part 2 CONTAINER AND PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS

Section 2.1 COMMERCIAL PACKAGING

- A. All containers and packaging materials shall be manufactured and assembled in the United States. The components that make up the fabricating materials of the containers and packaging materials shall be of U.S. origin to the extent that they are commercially available. Questions concerning the availability of a material should be directed to:

USDA/FSA/DACO
 Room 5755 – South Bldg, STOP 0551
 1400 Independence Avenue SW
 Washington, DC 20250-0551
 ATTN: Packaging

- B. Container and packaging requirements for commercial products are those used in current commercial shipping practices for export.