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ANNOUNCEMENT CPS2

**PURCHASE OF
CANNED PINK SALMON
FOR USE IN EXPORT PROGRAMS**



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ANNOUNCEMENT CPS2 CANNED PINK SALMON FOR USE IN EXPORT PROGRAMS

1. GENERAL

A. Invitation for Offers

- (1) The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will from time to time issue an invitation for offers under this announcement to sell canned pink salmon (hereinafter referred to as salmon or product) to CCC for use in export programs.
- (2) The invitation will specify the office to which offers are to be submitted, the closing time for receipt of offers, and provisions applicable to the proposed procurement that are in addition to or different from those set forth herein.

B. Terms and Conditions

- (1) Provisions of "General Terms and Conditions For the Procurement of Agricultural Commodities or Services," USDA-1, Revision No. 2, as amended (USDA-1), are incorporated as specified in Section 5 of this announcement.
- (2) Offerors are cautioned to read all terms and conditions of USDA-1, this announcement, the appendixes to this announcement, and the invitation.

C. Certifications, Representations, and Warranties

Appendix 1 to this announcement contains certifications, representations, and warranties that must be certified and submitted annually to CCC prior to or with an offer. In addition to an annual submission, offerors must submit an updated Appendix 1 as changes in the certifications, representations, and warranties submitted to CCC occur throughout the year.

D. Packaging and Marking Specifications

Appendix 2 to this announcement contains the detailed packaging and marking specifications, and other requirements, applicable to the product delivered under this announcement. The canned salmon will be purchased in 24/14 3/4-ounce marked net weight cans per case and 1, 672 cases (36,993 pounds) per offer unit.

E. Commercial Item Description

Appendix 3 to this announcement is the Commercial Item Description (CID) for Salmon, Canned, A-A-20158B, dated July 22, 1993 and Technical Data Supplement (TDS) for the Procurement of Canned Pink Salmon TDS-CPS, dated June, 2001 .

2. ELIGIBILITY OF OFFERORS

To be eligible to submit an offer under this announcement, the offeror must:

- A. Submit a completed "Solicitation Mailing List Application" (Standard Form 129) to the contracting officer prior to a first offer. Offeror must complete all portions of form SF-129, except Item 18, and include the following additional information for:
- (1) Item 8. Identify all affiliates including any parent company. Provide full name and main office address. A "parent" company is one that owns or controls the activities and basic business policies of the bidder. An "affiliate" is defined on the back of the form.
 - (2) Item 10. Identify the commodities/products the offeror is interested in supplying.
 - (3) Items 19 and 20. Must be an officer of the company.
- B. Offerors must resubmit form SF-129 as necessary when the information requires updating.
- C. Affirmatively demonstrate responsibility as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 9.104-1. CCC may request a pre-award survey to be conducted by the Warehouse Licensing and Examination Division for the purpose of evaluating the offeror's ability to perform the contract. Facilities to be used in fulfilling USDA contracts must be operating in accordance with the Salmon Control Plan, by year.
- D. Meet the definitions of a manufacturer or nonmanufacturer as defined below. Brokers are ineligible to submit offers.
- (1) Manufacturer, means a person that owns, operates, or maintains a factory or establishment that produces on the premises the materials, supplies, articles, or equipment required under the contract and of the general character described by the specifications.

- (2) Nonmanufacturer means a person that is primarily engaged in the wholesale or retail trade and normally sells the items being supplied to the general public; and will supply the end item of a small business manufacturer or processor made in the United States, or obtains a waiver of such requirement pursuant to 13 C.F.R. 121.406.
- E. Maintain a bona fide business office in the United States for the purpose of selling to CCC the product described in this announcement. Additionally, the offeror must maintain an office, employee, or agent for service of process.

3. SUBMISSION OF OFFERS

A. How to Submit Offers

- (1) Offers must be submitted by regular mail, express mail, or hand delivered. **(The invitation will specify the office to which offers are to be submitted).** Offers must include a signed original and one copy of the offer form. Reproductions of the offer form are acceptable. Appendix 1 to this announcement must be submitted to the Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) with the offer form if it was not previously submitted within the calendar year.
- (2) Envelopes containing the offers are to be sealed and marked with the name and address of the offeror in the upper left corner. Offers submitted by express mail, must be sealed inside a second envelope. All envelopes are to have Optional Form OF-17 Offer Label, filled in and attached or must be plainly marked with the following statement: **“DO NOT OPEN UNTIL PRESCRIBED TIME UNDER ANNOUNCEMENT CPS2, EXPORT INVITATION (Enter Appropriate Invitation Number.)”** If overnight/express service is utilized, this statement must be printed clearly on the outer express envelope, not the mailing label.
- (3) Modifications or withdrawals of offers may be submitted by mail, facsimile, or hand delivered.
- (4) Amended offers may be submitted via facsimile at the offeror’s risk. CCC will not be responsible for any failure attributed to the transmission or receipt of facsimile changes including, but not limited to the following:
 - (a) Receipt garbled or incomplete.
 - (b) Availability or condition of the receiving facsimile equipment.
 - (c) Incompatibility between the sending and receiving equipment.
 - (d) Delay in transmission or receipt of price changes.
 - (e) Failure of the bidder to properly identify the information.

- (f) Illegibility of the information.
 - (g) Security of data.
- (5) Changes by facsimile must contain the required signatures.

B. Where and When to Submit Offers

- (1) Offers, modifications, or withdrawals of offers must be submitted to the KCCO and received by the date and local time specified in the invitation for receipt of offers. In the event such date falls on a business day when KCCO is officially closed, offers must be received by the specified time on the next succeeding business day.
- (2) Whether an offer, modification, or withdrawal is received timely will be determined, in the case of regular mail and express mail, by the time stamp of the Kansas City Management Office (KCMO) mailroom.
- (3) Offers, modifications, or withdrawals of offers must be submitted to:

Kansas City Commodity Office
Export Bid Box, Stop 8738
Export Operations Division
P.O. Box 419205
Kansas City, MO 64141-6205

- (4) Users of the various express deliver services are to address correspondence to:

Kansas City Management Office
Export Bid Box, Stop 8738
Export Operations Division
6501 Beacon Drive
Kansas City, MO 64133-4676

C. Late Submission, Modifications, and Withdrawals of Bids

- (1) Any bid received after the designated time specified for receipt in the invitation will not be considered. Notwithstanding the above, a late modification of an otherwise successful bid that makes its terms more favorable to the Government will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.
- (2) Notwithstanding the above, a bid may be withdrawn in person by an offeror or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for receipt of bids, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and that person signs a receipt for the bid.

D. Delivery Basis

- (1) Offer prices will be quoted and delivery will be either, f.a.s. vessel, intermodal plant, or intermodal bridge as specified in the contract.
- (2) Contractors must deliver the commodity according to the following:
 - (a) Contracts for f.a.s. vessel must be delivered in accordance with Article 56 of USDA-1.
 - (b) Contracts for intermodal plant must be delivered f.o.b. conveyance. Contractors are responsible for obtaining the transportation conveyance and loading the cargo. Steamship lines are responsible for transportation costs to the U.S. port and all charges incurred to load vessel.
 - (c) For intermodal bridge contracts, contractors are responsible for loading cargo and paying for transportation costs to a specific location at the designated U.S. point, named by the steamship line. Contractors are to contact the notify party indicated on the Notice to Deliver and/or the steamship line to obtain the exact location for delivery. Steamship lines are responsible for transportation expenses incurred (if any) to move the transportation conveyance to a U.S. port, unloading the conveyance (including container stuffing charges, where applicable), and all charges incurred to load the vessel.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS

- A. CCC will notify successful offerors on the date specified in the invitation. The date of acceptance by CCC will be the contract date.
- B. In addition to the price, factors considered in accepting offers will include the time of shipment, the total cost to the Government to deliver the product to the ultimate destination, and the responsibility of the offeror as demonstrated by prior contract performance.
- C. CCC may accept or reject any or all offers, or portions thereof.

5. PROVISIONS OF CONTRACT

- A. The contract consists of:
 - (1) Contractor's offer.
 - (2) CCC's acceptance.
 - (3) The applicable invitation.
 - (4) This announcement, including Appendixes 1-3.

(5) USDA-1, except Articles 50 and all of Part E.

- B. If the provisions of USDA-1 and this announcement are not consistent, the provisions of this announcement will prevail. If the provisions of USDA-1, this announcement, and the invitation are not consistent, those of the invitation will prevail.
- C. No interpretation or amendment of this announcement is valid or enforceable unless such interpretation or amendment is in writing and executed by the contracting officer.

6. NAICS CODE AND SMALL BUSINESS SIZE STANDARD

- A. The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition and the small business size standard is:

| COMMODITY | NAICS CODE | SIZE STANDARD (EMPLOYEES) |
|--|------------|------------------------------|
| Fish, canned and cured, manufacturing | 311711 | 500 |

- B. The small business size standard for a concern that submits an offer in its own name, but proposes to furnish a product that it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.
- C. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has implemented the Procurement Marketing and Access Network (PRO-Net), which has replaced the former Procurement Automated Source System (PASS). PRO-Net is a procurement related Internet-based electronic search engine for locating small, small disadvantaged, and women-owned small business sources. The PRO-Net Internet address (URL) is (<http://pro-net.sba.gov>). Companies that do not have access to the Internet may register for PRO-Net through your local SBA Office. The PRO-Net is a free electronic gateway to the Commerce Business Daily, government agency home pages, and other sources of procurement opportunities.

7. RESPONSES TO ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER ACTIVITY

- A. Cancellation, Rescission, and Recovery of Funds for Illegal or Improper Activity

(1) If the Government receives information that a contractor or a person has engaged in conduct constituting a violation of subsection (a), (b), (c), or (d) of Section 27 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 423) (the Act), as amended by section 4304 of the 1996 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (Pub. L. 104-106), the Government may:

- (a) Cancel the solicitation, if the contract has not yet been awarded or issued; or

- (b) Rescind the contract with respect to which:
 - 1) The contractor or someone acting for the contractor has been convicted for an offense where the conduct constitutes a violation of subsection 27 (a) or (b) of the Act for the purpose of either:
 - a) Exchanging the information covered by such subsections for anything of value; or
 - b) Obtaining or giving anyone a competitive advantage in the award of a Federal agency procurement contract; or
 - 2) The head of the contracting activity has determined, based upon a preponderance of the evidence, that the contractor or someone acting for the contractor has engaged in conduct constituting an offense punishable under subsections 27(e)(1) of the Act.
- (2) If the Government rescinds the contract under paragraph A. (1) of this clause, the Government is entitled to recover, in addition to any penalty prescribed by law, the amount expended under the contract.
- (3) The rights and remedies of the Government specified herein are not exclusive, and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law, regulation, or under this contract.

B. Price or Fee Adjustment for Illegal or Improper Activity

- (1) The Government, at its election, may reduce the price of a fixed-price type contract and the total cost and fee under a cost-type contract by the amount of profit or fee determined as set forth in paragraph B. (2) of this clause if the head of the contracting activity or designee determine that there was a violation of subsection 27 (a), (b), or (c) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act, as amended (41 U.S.C. 423), as implemented in section 3.104 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.
- (2) The price or fee reduction referred to in paragraph B. (1) of this clause shall be:
 - (a) For cost-plus-fixed-fee contracts, the amount of the fee specified in the contract at the time of award;
 - (b) For cost-plus-incentive-fee-contracts, the target fee specified in the contract at the time of award, notwithstanding any minimum fee or “fee floor” specified in the contract;
 - (c) For cost-plus-award-fee contracts:
 - 1) The base fee established in the contract at the time of contract award;

- 2) If no base fee is specified in the contract, 30 percent of the amount of each award fee otherwise payable to the contractor for each award fee evaluation period or at each award fee determination point.
- (d) For fixed-price-incentive contracts, the Government may:
- 1) Reduce the contract target price and contract target profit both by an amount equal to the initial target profit specified in the contract at the time of contract award; or
 - 2) If an immediate adjustment to the contract target price and contract target profit would have a significant adverse impact on the incentive price revision relationship under the contract, or adversely affect the contract financing provisions, the contracting officer may defer such adjustment until establishment of the total final price of the contract. The total final prices established in accordance with the incentive price revision provisions of the contract award and such reduced price shall be the total final contract price.
- (e) For firm-fixed-price contracts, by 10 percent of the initial contract price or a profit amount determined by the contracting officer from records or documents in existence prior to the date of the contract award.
- (3) The Government may, at its election, reduce a prime contractor's price or fee in accordance with the procedures of paragraph B. (2) of this clause for violations of the Act by its subcontractors by an amount not to exceed the amount of profit or fee reflected in the subcontract at the time the subcontract was first definitively priced.
 - (4) In addition to the remedies in paragraphs B. (1) and B. (3) of this clause, the Government may terminate this contract for default. The rights and remedies of the Government specified herein are not exclusive, and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

8. PROTECTING THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST WHEN SUBCONTRACTING WITH CONTRACTORS DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, OR PROPOSED FOR DEBARMENT

- A. The Government suspends or debar contractors to protect the Government's interests. Contractors must not enter into any subcontract equal to, or in excess of, the small purchase limitation of \$25,000 with a contractor that has been debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment unless the acquiring agency's head or designee determines there is a compelling reason for such action (FAR 9.405).
- B. The contractor must require each proposed first-tier subcontractor, whose subcontract shall exceed the small purchase limitation of \$25,000, to disclose to the contractor, in writing, whether as of the time of award of the subcontract, the subcontractor, or its principals, is or is not debarred,

suspended, or proposed for debarment by the Federal Government.

- C. A corporate officer or a designee of the contractor must notify the contracting officer, in writing, before entering into a subcontract with a party that is debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment (See FAR 9.404 for information on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement Programs). The notice must include the following:
- (1) The name of the subcontractor.
 - (2) The contractor's knowledge of the reasons for the subcontractor being on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement Programs.
 - (3) The compelling reason(s) for doing business with the subcontractor notwithstanding its inclusion on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement Programs.
 - (4) The systems and procedures the contractor has established to ensure that it is fully protecting the Government's interests when dealing with such subcontractor in view of the specific basis for the party's debarment, suspension, or proposed debarment.

9. COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS

A. Domestic Origin

- (1) The product delivered under this announcement must be produced in the United States from commodities produced in the United States. U.S. produced means the fish are landed by American flag vessels, and the salmon originated from the United States.
- (2) For purposes of this section, the following definition applies:

“Produced in the United States” means manufactured, processed, mined, harvested, or otherwise prepared for sale or distribution, from components originating in the United States. Components originating in the United States that have been exported, and subsequently imported back into the United States, will not be considered as having been produced in the United States.
- (3) The contractor must maintain records to verify that during the contract shipping period, at the point of packaging or, in the case of bulk commodities, at the point of delivery to CCC, the product was in compliance with the domestic origin requirements of this section of the announcement. (See Article 76 of USDA-1)
- (4) CCC will randomly conduct domestic origin compliance reviews to determine whether the product delivered to CCC was produced and manufactured in the U.S. from materials produced and manufactured in the U.S. Upon request, the contractor must submit documentation substantiating compliance to the contracting officer for review. This documentation may include procurement, production, inventory, delivery, and any other

pertinent records. Onsite reviews may also be performed, at the discretion of CCC.

B. Product Specifications

Salmon delivered pursuant to this announcement and the applicable invitation shall be packed in the United States in accordance with: (1) the Commercial Item Description (CID), Salmon, Canned, A-A-20158B, dated July 22, 1993; (2) the Technical Data Supplement (TDS-CPS), dated June 2001, including the Federal Food and Drug Administration Standard of Identity and Fill of Container for Canned Salmon, 21 C.F.R. 161.70; (3) the Good Manufacturing Practice regulations (21 C.F.R. Part 110); and (4) additional requirements as prescribed in the Salmon Control Plan, by year.

- (1) The product must conform in every respect to the provisions of the "Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act," as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder; including any Defect Action Level guidelines issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that may be applicable to this product. Any shipments with counts in excess of the FDA Defect Action Level guidelines will be rejected to the contractor's account in accordance with Article 60 of USDA-1.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of Articles 60 and 68 of USDA-1, product that deviates from the specifications of this contract will be rejected.
- (3) Commercial brand canned pink salmon must comply with CID, Salmon, Canned, A-A-20158B, dated July 22, 1993 and Technical Data Supplement (TDS) for the Procurement of Canned Pink Salmon TDS-CPS, dated June 2001.
- (4) Warranty. The canned pink salmon must have a shelf life of at least one year from date of manufacture. Contractor must replace defective commodity with an equal quantity of commodity which conforms to all contract requirements and specifications, provided replacement is agreed to by CCC.

C. Loss Due to Deterioration or Spoilage

The contractor will be liable for losses due to deterioration or spoilage for which he or she is responsible, which are discovered within 9 months of the date of deliver to USDA, in accordance with the provisions of Article 61 of USDA-1.

10. INSPECTION AND CHECKLOADING

- A. Inspection as required by Article 54 of USDA-1, and checkloading as provided in Article 55 of USDA-1, shall be performed by a United States Department of Commerce (USDC), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) agent. Checkloading is required for intermodal movements only. Procedures to be followed and a schedule of fees for this service may be obtained by contacting the nearest USDC, NMFS, Inspection Office listed in Section 14 of this announcement. Subject to Articles 54(k), 54(o), and 55(b) of USDA-1, the quality, weight, packaging, and

checkloading (if applicable), of the product must be evidenced by certificates issued by USDC/NMFS.

- (1) Whether each lot offered for shipment meets the applicable product and container requirements of the contract will be determined on the basis of representative sample units drawn as provided and specified in regulations governing processed fishery products (50 C.F.R. Part 260) and U.S. Standards for Condition of Food Containers effective on the date of the invitation. Prior to sampling, contractor shall furnish the USDC/NMFS agent with a list of codes and approximate number of cases per code. Contractor shall deliver intact lots whenever possible and split or combine lots only when necessary.
 - (2) Contractor shall not ship the commodity before receipt of shipping instructions from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) or before the commodity has been certified by the USDC/NMFS agent and found to meet contract specifications. Contractor shall not ship commodity unless he is informed by the USDC/NMFS agent that a designated lot is acceptable. Notice by the USDC/NMFS agent that a designated lot to be shipped does not meet contract requirement shall constitute rejection to the contractor of such lot.
- B. Examination and certification of product by the USDC/NMFS, shall not relieve contractors of their responsibility to deliver a product which complies with all contractual and specification requirements.

11. SHIPMENT AND DELIVERY

- A. Shipment and delivery must be made in accordance with this announcement and Articles 56 and 64 of USDA-1.
- B. Title and risk of loss will pass to CCC on the date of delivery, as evidenced by signed and dated consignee's receipt, warehouse receipt, dock receipt, or other similar document acceptable to CCC.
- C. The quantity of the product delivered must be evidenced by signed and dated consignee's receipt, warehouse receipt, dock receipt, or other similar document acceptable to CCC.
- D. Contractors are required to make **TWO** notifications for each shipment (See Article 56(c) of USDA-1):
 - (1) The Notify Party shown on the KC-269, "Notice to Deliver" (N/D), must be contacted prior to shipment.
 - (2) The contractor must submit for KC-366, Shipment Information Log, for each N/D, annotating on the form when the shipment is complete for each N/D. The KC-366 is to be faxed as early as possible each Tuesday and Thursday, until shipping is complete, to both the Traffic Management Division, KCCO (facsimile number 816-926-6767) and the Notify

Party(s) on the N/D. Contractors must notify the contracting officer in advance if shipments will not be made by the final shipment date under the contract, in accordance with Article 67(a) of USDA-1.

12. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

A. Compensation to Contractor for Late Issuance of Notice to Deliver

Liquidated damages for delay in shipment due to late issuance of "Notice to Deliver" (KC-269), will be payable in accordance with Article 65 of USDA-1, and will be at the rate of \$0.10 per 100 pounds (net weight) per day.

B. Compensation to CCC for Delay in Shipment

Liquidated damages for delay in shipment will be payable in accordance with Article 67 of USDA-1, and will be at the rate of \$0.10 per 100 pounds (net weight) per day.

13. INVOICES AND PAYMENT

A. Invoicing and payment will be handled in accordance with Article 70, USDA-1. Invoices must be mailed to:

Kansas City Management Office
Financial Operations Division, Payment Certification Branch
Stop Code 8578
P.O. Box 419205
Kansas City, MO 64141-6205

B. The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 amended 31 U.S.C. 3332 to require Federal agencies to convert all Federal payments from checks to electronic fund transfers. Payments must be made directly to a financial banking institution. To receive payments electronically, Standard Form 3881, ACH Vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form must be completed. If you have questions or would like these forms mailed to you, contact Financial Operations Division, Payment Certification Branch.

14. INQUIRIES

Inquiries pertaining to USDA-1 and this announcement should be directed to:

Kansas City Commodity Office
Export Operations Division
Stop Code 8738
P.O. Box 419205
Kansas City, MO 64141-6205

Inquiries concerning certification should be directed to either:

Program Manager
National Seafood Inspection Program
NOAA/NMFS/F/TS4
1335 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Telephone: 301-713-2355

Director, Southeast Inspection Branch
National Seafood Inspection Program
USDC-NOAA-NMFS
9721 Executive Drive, North
St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2449

Telephone 813-570-5383

Director, Western Regional Inspection Office
National Seafood Inspection Program
USDC-NOAA-NMFS
5600 Rickenbacker Road, Bldg. 7
Bell, CA 90201

Telephone 213-526-7412

Director, Northeast Inspection Branch
National Seafood Inspection Program
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11-15 Parker Street
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APPENDIX 2

**Technical Data Supplement (TDS) for the
Procurement of Canned Pink Salmon (CPS)**

TDS-CPS

Packaging and Marking Specifications

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**TECHNICAL DATA SUPPLEMENT (TDS) FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF
CANNED PINK SALMON (CPS)
TDS-CPS, JUNE 2001**

1. SCOPE

This technical data supplement is for use by USDA for the procurement of canned pink salmon in conjunction with Commercial Item Description (CID) A-A-20158B dated July 22, 1993, for salmon, canned.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

The following documents and all references cited therein shall be incorporated as part of this USDA, TDS-CPS:

- Commercial Item Description A-A-20158B, July 22, 1993.
- United States Department of Commerce (USDC) Inspection Handbook 25, dated June 20, 1995, PT. I, CH. 2, SEC. 06A, Instructions For Canned Salmon Commercial Item Description A-A-20158B.
- Applicable year National Food Processors Association (NFPA) Salmon Control Plan (SCP)
- With Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point Program and Container Integrity Program as approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Fish Inspection Regulations 18 AAC 34.
- ANSI/ASQC Z1.4 - Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes.
- USDA, AMS, Handbook for the Inspection of Food Containers.

(Copies of these documents are available upon request. For addresses, refer to page 11 of the Commercial Item Description A-A- 20158B)

3. ORDERING DATA

- Offerors/Contractors shall deliver only products of domestic origin as referenced and defined in the applicable USDA Commodity Procurement Branch Announcement.
- Previously frozen salmon shall not be used.

4. CID OPTIONS

The following options have been selected as requirements for USDA canned pink salmon.

Specie ----- Oncorhynchus gorbuscha --- Pink.
Style ----- Style I - Regular --- skin and bones included.
Salt/Sodium Levels ----- Level a, Regular (No more than 1.5 percent salt.)

5. PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

Color of the oil shall conform to Table I of CID A-A-20158B.

The following Product Characteristics have been changed to meet USDA requirements:

Color of the flesh shall be **pink to light pink**.

Texture of the fish shall be **firm to slightly soft**.

6. ANALYTICAL REQUIREMENTS

Chemical analysis is not required. The Offeror/Contractor shall present a Certificate of Conformance from the salt manufacturer to the USDC/NMFS agent verifying that the salt used in the production of the offered product is in compliance with the CID. Salt content shall be determined based on the results of an organoleptic taste evaluation.

7. LOT SIZE AND DEFINITION

The lot size for end item examinations shall be as declared to the USDC/NMFS agent by the Offeror/Contractor. The maximum lot size shall be the quantity of product produced on a **single line** during an 8-hour production shift at one facility with one plant identification number. Production lots shall be designated by can codes, which for the purpose of this TDS are the same as “bookkeeping codes” as defined in the NFPA applicable year SCP. However, except as necessary to denote time period changes, all cans of product in a lot must bear identical markings. Product with can code changes for other purposes (e.g.; different lines) must be declared as separate lots. (For clarification: A can code has a designated character that indicates a specific period of production time within a lot.) Product shall meet all other requirements for “lot” and “uniform lot” as defined in the applicable year SCP.

To facilitate product identification and traceability, lot numbers assigned by the plant at the time of production shall be recorded and maintained. At the time eligible product is offered for certification, the USDC/NMFS agent shall ensure that lot numbers assigned by the plant are designated with corresponding sequential lot numbers beginning with number 001.

8. QUALITY ASSURANCE

Inspection by USDC/NMFS under Type I continuous inspection is not required. The canned salmon shall be randomly sampled, examined, and certified by lot on an end-item basis by a USDC/NMFS agent. Offerors/Contractors are encouraged to request detailed information from USDC/NMFS concerning product certification services and fees.

It is the responsibility of the Offeror/Contractor to ensure that all product offered for USDA purchase is in compliance with applicable contract and specification requirements.

Lots may consist of more than one can code. However, lots with can codes that contain any variables other than a time period change, **shall not be eligible** for certification.

Offerors/Contractors shall provide the USDC/NMFS agents with can code interpretations and a listing of all can codes that comprise each shipping unit prior to offering the lots for certification. Except when it is necessary to use a portion of a lot to complete a delivery unit, each lot shall be shipped as an intact unit.

Offerors/Contractors may elect to have samples selected at the time of production, after the cans have been labeled and cased, or in any manner that complies with the USDC'S Notice to the Trade, dated July 10, 1996, regarding Random Sample Selection of Sample Units of Canned Salmon. Acceptance or rejection of a lot shall be determined by the USDC/NMFS agent.

Canned Pink Salmon produced during the specified canning period may be offered to USDA provided that Offerors/Contractors comply with the following additional requirements.

- a) Safety and wholesomeness shall be regulated by the FDA and monitored by the NFPA based on compliance with the applicable year SCP. Product packed during periods of facility suspension and/or while the facility is in conditional status shall not be offered.
- b) Authorized USDA/AMS, USDC/NMFS, and/or FDA personnel shall have unrestricted access to the Offeror's/Contractor's processing and labeling facilities and all Quality Control/Low Acid Canned Foods records pertaining to USDA contracts, both at the plant and those submitted to the NFPA, to facilitate random, periodic audits by these agencies.
- c) Each can code within a lot shall have **complete traceability** back to the source of the harvested salmon to ensure compliance with domestic requirements (U.S. flag vessel harvested and transported). Loads of raw and processed salmon shall remain segregated from non-domestic raw material. Can codes shall not be commingled when pallets are brite stacked except as necessary to finish off pallets between time periods. These pallets shall clearly identify can code changes for labeling and casing purposes.
- d) Lots containing can codes which are detained and reexamined by the NFPA for suspected Class II decomposition shall not be offered.
- e) Lots which have been determined by the NFPA to be of questionable status or lots which have been reconditioned, recanned, and/or reprocessed shall not be offered.
- f) Sampling for certification and determination of acceptability shall be done in accordance with provisions set forth in the ANSI/ASQC Z 1.4 standard currently in effect on the date of solicitation. The sampling plan intensity shall be under **Single, Normal**.

9. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO CID DEFECT TABLES FOR END-ITEM CERTIFICATION

Inspection Levels and AQLs shall remain as indicated in Table II of the CID except as amended below:

Table II. Inspection Levels and Acceptance Numbers

| Table | Inspection Level | AQL | |
|-------|------------------|-------|-------|
| | | Major | Minor |
| V | S3 | --- | 10 |

Table V. Examination of Cross Fill

Add to footnote number 1: “The sections or steaks are so packed that the cut surfaces approximately parallel the ends of the container.”

Table VI. Examination of Pieces and Patches

Change minor defect 201 to read: “Pink salmon only. More than 4 pieces and 1 patch in cans less than or equal to 16 ounces (453.59 g).”

Table VII. Product Defects

Add major defect 106: “Evidence of freezing and/or slacking (thawing) as indicated by the presence of more than a **moderate** amount of curd or other factors.”

Change minor defects as follows:

203 Color of flesh not **pink to light pink**.

205 Texture of fish not **firm to slightly soft**.

10. PRESERVATION, PACKAGING, PACKING, LABELING, AND MARKING

a) Cans and Cases

The cans shall be suitably code marked so that the product can be identified as a specific lot with related acceptance certificates. Only one can code shall be allowed within each shipping container except as necessary to accommodate consecutive changeover periods within a lot. **Major defect number 101**, “Not specified method,” shall be scored on Table VIII - Label, Marking or Code of Form AD-748* if cans from more than two can codes are observed in a shipping containers.

b) Markings

Cans Can and shipping container markings shall be as shown in Exhibits A, B, and C. Can codes shall be identified on the exterior of each shipping container. **Major defect number 101**, “Not specified method,” shall be scored on Table VIII - Label, Marking or Code of Form AD-748 (reverse)* if more than two can codes appear on the exterior of the shipping container.

c) Universal Product Code Specifications

The Universal Product Code (UPC)--code and symbol--shall be required on the label of each primary package (can) and a UPC shipping container code, called Interleaved 2 of 5 (I 2/5), shall appear on each shipping container.

In accordance with the UPC guidelines published by the Uniform Code Council (UCC), a 12-digit UPC code and symbol--which consists of the number 715001018038 must appear on each 14 3/4 oz. can. A 14-digit I 2/5 bar code--which consists of the number 10715001018035 must appear on each shipping container that contains 14 3/4 oz. cans.

*(From the USDA, AMS Handbook for the Inspection of Food Containers.)

The code for the primary package (can) must be placed in a position that precludes interference with other required label markings. The code for the shipping container shall be placed in the lower corner of one side panel. For contrast in scanning, a white patch or block shall be used as background for bar codes applied directly to metal containers. The UPC guidelines describe the requirements for the proper placement, printing, readability, and scanability for the bar coding. The complete code must be printed in machine and human readable form. The start and stop indicators must be included in the bar code symbols. Package manufacturers, printers, and film master suppliers are familiar with this symbology. Further information may be obtained from the Uniform Code Council, Inc.; 8163 Old Yankee Road, Suite J; Dayton, Ohio 45458. Telephone: 513/435-3870. The USDA has acquired a unique manufacturer's identification number for this application. Offerors/Contractors need not join the UCC.

d) Shipping Container Palletization

Unless otherwise specified in the Invitation, all truck, rail, and piggyback shipments of product shall be unitized by stacking the shipping containers on pallets. Contractors may arrange for pallet exchange with consignees; however, the USDA is in no way responsible for such arrangements. The shipping containers shall be held firmly in place by applying plastic stretchwrap as tightly as possible around all of the tiers stacked on the pallet.

Pallets shall be flush, 48 inches long by 40 inches wide, stringer or block design, partial or full four-way entry, nonreversible, and suitable for use in the shipment of approximately 2,000 pounds of food product.

Pallet loads shall be stacked in a manner that minimizes the overhang of the shipping containers over the edges of the pallets and exposes the principle shipping container display panel to facilitate certification examinations.

At the time of shipment, the USDC/NMFS agent shall examine each pallet to ensure that the shipping containers are held firmly in place, and that the appropriate pallets were used. If any noncomplying pallets or stretchwrapping is observed, the units must be reworked and reoffered to the USDC/NMFS agent.

11. TOLERANCE

Contractor must deliver the quantity called for on the Notice-to-Deliver. No tolerance is provided.

12. ACCEPTANCE AND CERTIFICATION


The USDC/NMFS agent shall certify acceptable product and set forth on either: 1) a Lot Inspection Certificate, 2) a Certificate of Inspection, or 3) a Memorandum Report of Inspection, as appropriate, the following:

- a) Contract number.
- b) Notice-to-Deliver Number.
- c) Name of product.
- d) Can code(s) and the month and year of production.
- e) Count of shipping containers and total projected net weight of product in each lot.
- f) Total projected net weight per delivery unit.
- g) Identity of car or truck (car numbers and letters, seals, truck license, etc.), as applicable.
- h) "Product conforms with Commercial Item Description A-A-20158B and TDS-CPS; count and projected net weights certified."

EXHIBIT A

CAN LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR CANNED PINK SALMON

Can labels shall be full wraparound and printed on white durable stock. Printing shall be black and arranged essentially as shown below. The product name shall be of a size that stands out prominently. After the heading for ingredients, the contractor shall list the ingredients in order of predominance. The name and address of the contractor shall be placed on the label accordingly. Only the contractor's list of ingredients, name and address, and the following markings shall be permitted.


| | | |
|---|---|--|
| PINK SALMON | All canned salmon contains bones. The bones soften during processing and are edible. | Ingredients: |
| Donated by the People of the United States of America for domestic Food Assistance Programs | Refrigerate after opening and use within 24 hours. Store unopened can in a cool, dry place. | Packed by: |
| NOT TO BE SOLD OR EXCHANGED | Contents: About 1 3/4 cups. |  |
| | * <input type="text"/> | |

NOTES: *UPC CODE--SEE PAGE 5.

EXHIBIT B

SHIPPING CONTAINER LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR CANNED PINK SALMON

Both sides and ends of the fiberboard shipping container (box) shall be marked substantially as shown below. Markings other than those requested will not be permitted. The words "CANNED PINK SALMON, SALT ADDED" shall be in letters at least 1 ½ inch high, and the USDA symbols shall be at least 2 ½ inches high. All other printing or stenciling shall be of a size to stand out prominently.

| ONE SIDE PANEL | END PANELS-2 | OTHER SIDE PANEL |
|---|---|--|
| <p>CANNED PINK SALMON</p> <p>DONATED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR FOOD HELP PROGRAMS NOT TO BE SOLD OR EXCHANGED</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 10px auto; text-align: center;">*</div> | <p>CANNED PINK SAMON SALT ADDED</p> <p>CONTRACT NO. _____</p> <p>DATE PACKED _____</p> <p>CAN CODES(S) _____</p> <p>24/14 ¾ OZ. (418 GRAMS) CANS</p> <p>NET WEIGHT 22.125 LBS. (10.0 KG)</p> <p>STORE IN A COOL DRY PLACE</p> | <p>CERTIFIED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</p> <p>PRODUCED UNDER THE NFPA-FDA SALMON CONTROL PLAN</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 20px 0;">  </div> <p>PACKED BY: _____</p> |

NOTES: Date packed shall be month and year of pack.

A the option of the contractor, the "CONTRACT NO.," "DATE PACKED", and "CANNED CODE(S)" may be omitted from one end of the shipping container.

* UPC code – See page 5.



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**AMENDMENT 1
TO THE TECHNICAL DATA SUPPLEMENT (TDS)
FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF
CANNED PINK SALMON (CPS)
TDS-CPS, JUNE 2001**

CORRECTION:

Please remove pages 7 and 8 and replace with the new pages 7 and 8 (attached) to incorporate the correct EXHIBIT A AND EXHIBIT B.

Existing marked or labeled boxes and can labels may be used until supplies are exhausted. Any new labels and box markings must comply with the attached exhibits.

This amendment is effective immediately and will apply to all contracts issued on or after September 6, 2001.

/s/ Herbert C. Abraham, Chief, Standardization Branch

Herbert C. Abraham, Chief
Standardization Branch
Livestock and Seed Program

September 6, 2001

Date

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PINK SALMON

Distributed by USDA in cooperation
with State and local or tribal
governments for domestic food
assistance programs.

Not to Be Sold or Exchanged

Certified by the U.S.
Department of Commerce

Produced under the
NFPA-FDA Salmon Control Plan

NET WEIGHT – 14 ¾ OUNCES
(418 GRAMS)

All canned salmon contains
bones. The bones soften
during processing and are
edible.

Refrigerate after opening
and use within 24 hours.
Store unopened can in a
cool, dry place.

Contents: About 1 3/4
cups.

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Ingredients:

Packed by:



NOTES: *UPC CODE--SEE PAGE 5.

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SHIPPING CONTAINER LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR CANNED PINK SALMON

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| ONE SIDE PANEL | END PANELS-2 | OTHER SIDE PANEL |
|---|---|--|
| <p>CANNED PINK SALMON</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Distributed by USDA in cooperation with State and local or tribal governments for domestic food assistance programs.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 10px auto; text-align: center;">*</div> | <p style="text-align: center;">CANNED PINK SAMON SALT ADDED</p> <p>CONTRACT NO. _____</p> <p>DATE PACKED _____</p> <p>CAN CODES(S) _____</p> <p>24/14 ¾ OZ. (418 GRAMS) CANS</p> <p>NET WEIGHT 22.125 LBS. (10.0 KG)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STORE IN A COOL DRY PLACE</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFIED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRODUCED UNDER THE NFPA-FDA SALMON CONTROL PLAN</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 20px 0;">  </div> <p>PACKED BY: _____</p> |

NOTES: Date packed shall be month and year of pack.

At the option of the contractor, the "CONTRACT NO.", "DATE PACKED", and "CAN CODE(S)" may be omitted from one end of the shipping container.

* UPC code – See page 5.

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APPENDIX 3

Commercial Item Description Salmon, Canned

ANNOUNCEMENT CPS2

A-A-20158B dated July 22, 1993



INCH-POUND

A-A-20158B
July 22, 1993
SUPERSEDING
A-A-20158A
June 29, 1993

COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

SALMON, CANNED

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has authorized the use of this Commercial Item Description in preference to Federal Specification PP-S-31F and Product Purchase Description PPD-05-S-003E.

This Commercial Item Description (CID) covers canned salmon, packed in commercially acceptable containers, suitable for use by the Federal Government.

Salient characteristics.

The canned salmon shall conform to one or more of the following species, styles, and salt/sodium levels as specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order. Canned salmon shall meet the requirements of 21 CFR Part 161.170.

Species.

Oncorhynchus tshawytscha - Chinook, king, spring
Oncorhynchus nerka - Blueback, red, sockeye
Oncorhynchus kisutch - Coho, coho, medium red, silver
Oncorhynchus gorbuscha - Pink
Oncorhynchus keta - Chum, keta

Beneficial comments, recommendations, additions, deletions, clarifications, etc., and any data which may improve this document should be sent to: Technical Services Unit, Inspection Services Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930.

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DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT A. Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited.

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Analytical requirements.

The finished products shall conform to the analytical requirements specified in Table I. Analyses shall be made in accordance with methods of the American Oil Chemists' Society.

Salt/Sodium levels.

- Level a - Regular (no more than 1.5 percent salt)
- Level b - No salt added (no sodium chloride added during processing)
- Level c - Very low sodium (35 milligrams or less sodium per serving)
- Level d - Low sodium (140 milligrams or less sodium per serving)

Processing.

Only current season, fresh or RSW (Refrigerated Sea Water) unintentionally partially frozen, salmon shall be used for the product. The product shall be derived from raw material having characteristics that are indicative of good quality salmon, including, but not limited to, firmness of flesh, color typical of the species, and no off-odor of the gills and gut cavity. The washed salmon shall be free of objectionable material, including but not limited to, heads, viscera, and fins.

Watermarked salmon shall not be used.

Hatchery brood carcasses shall not be used.

The salmon and oil shall conform to the following product characteristics:

TABLE I. Product characteristics

| Species | Color of oil | Color of flesh | Texture of fish |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Chinook, king, spring | Light red through orange to almost white | Red to orange red to light pink | Moderately firm to soft |
| Blueback, red, sockeye | Deep red to deep orange | Dark red to orange red | Very firm to soft |
| Coho, coho, medium red, silver | Light red to yellowish pink | Red to orange red to light pink | Moderately firm to soft |

TABLE I. Product characteristics (Continued)

| Species | Color of oil | Color of flesh | Texture of fish |
|----------------|--|-----------------------------|---|
| Pink | Pink to light yellow | Pink to buff | Moderately firm to soft (but not mushy) |
| Chum, keta | Light pink with orange shade to yellow | Light pink to grayish white | Moderately firm to firm |

Analytical requirements.

Chemical analyses shall be made in accordance with the Official Methods of Analysis of the AOAC.

| <u>Test</u> | <u>Chapter and Section</u> | <u>Paragraph Number</u> |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Salt (Sodium Chloride) | Chapter: Fish and Other Marine Products Section: Salt (Chlorine as Sodium Chloride) | 937.09 976.18 |
| Sodium | Chapter: Fish and Other Marine Products Section: Sodium and Potassium in Seafood | 969.23 |

Contractor's certification.

By submitting an offer, the contractor certifies that the product offered meets the specified salient characteristics and requirements of this CID; conforms to the producer's own specifications and standards, including product characteristics, manufacturing procedures, quality control procedures, and storage and handling practices; has a national or regional distribution from storage facilities located within the United States, its territories, or possessions; and is available and sold to the commercial market. The Government reserves the right to determine proof of such conformance prior to the first delivery from point of origin and any time thereafter, up to and including delivery at final destination, as may be necessary to determine conformance with the provisions of the contract.

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Regulatory requirements.

The delivered product shall comply with all applicable Federal and State mandatory requirements and regulations relating to the preparation, processing, packaging, labeling, storage, distribution, and sales of the product within the commercial marketplace. Delivered product shall conform in every respect to the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and regulations promulgated thereunder. Delivered product shall also meet with the provisions of Regulations found in CFR 50, Subchapter G - Processed Fishery Products, Processed Products Thereof, and Certain Other Processed Food Products, Part 260, Inspection and Certification.

Quality assurance.

Compliance with this CID shall be determined by the U.S. Department of Commerce (USDC), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). NMFS will determine the degree of inspection and supervision necessary to assure specification compliance. The cost of all services performed by NMFS agents involving examination, supervision, official documentation, and related services shall be borne by the contractor.

The canned salmon shall be inspected by USDC, NMFS, under Type I continuous inspection in accordance with this CID for Federal, State, and military purchases when so contracted.

External examination for condition of containers will be conducted using the U.S. Standards for Condition of Food Containers (7 CFR Part 42) in accordance with NMFS policies and procedures.

Internal examination for condition of containers shall be in accordance with NMFS policies and procedures. Assurance of can requirements may be based on the acceptance of a certificate of conformance.

Sampling for inspection and determination of acceptability shall be done in accordance with provisions set forth in the Military Standard, MIL-STD-105 currently in effect on the date of the solicitation. Defects found during inspection shall be classified in accordance with Tables III through VIII at the inspection levels and acceptable quality levels (AQL's) as shown below. AQL's shall be expressed in defects per hundred units. The lot size shall be expressed in cans.

TABLE II. Inspection levels and acceptance numbers

| Table | Inspection level <u>1/</u> | AQL | |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | Major | Minor |
| III | S3 | --- | 6.5 |
| IV | S3 | --- | 6.5 |
| V | S3 | --- | 6.5 |
| VI | S3 | --- | 6.5 |
| VII | S3 | 1.5 | 6.5 |
| VIII | S2 | 1.5 | 6.5 |

1/ Sample shipping containers shall be selected randomly on a proportionate basis from not less than 90 percent of the code listed in a lot or on the warehouse receipts. In the event that the referenced levels result in a sample size that is too small to provide for sampling 90 percent of the codes in a lot or on the warehouse receipts, a level sufficiently large to accommodate this requirement shall be selected. Not more than one primary container per shipping container shall be examined for the defects within the tables listed in Table II.

The sample unit for USDC Inspection is the contents of one can. For sampling purposes, the maximum lot size will be the quantity of product produced on a single line during an 8-hour production shift. The lot size may be reduced by the USDC inspector if necessary. If a plant operates two or more lines under inspection simultaneously, the products from each line will be inspected as separate lots. Also, if a plant wishes to extend the processing day beyond a normal 8-hour shift, the product produced after the end of the 8-hour shift will be inspected as a new lot. For labeling and identification purposes, production lots shall be numbered in sequence. For purposes of lot identification, in addition to the requirements contained in 21 CFR Part 113, a code change will be necessary when a shift concludes or a new shift begins.

If a plant operates more than one line under inspection, it may be necessary to assign an inspector to each line. This is to enable the inspector to have sufficient time to perform a sanitation inspection, examination for product characteristics, condition of container examination, etc., and still have sufficient time to observe the materials being processed to ensure their suitability for processing.

The contractor shall obtain a USDC Certificate of Inspection which state(s) the product meets all requirements of this CID.

TABLE III. Examination for net weights 1/ 2/

| Category | Defect |
|---------------------|--|
| <u>Minor</u> | |
| 201 | A single primary container with more than 5 percent under specified weight. |
| 1/ | Failure of lot average net weight to meet specified net weight shall be basis for rejection of entire lot. |
| 2/ | Report results to the nearest 0.1 ounce (2.835 g). |

TABLE IV. Examination for vacuum requirements

| Category | Defect |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>Minor</u> | |
| 201 | Less than 5 inches (12.7 cm). |

TABLE V. Examination of cross fill

| Category | Defect |
|---------------------|--|
| <u>Minor</u> | |
| 201 | Cross fill. 1/ |
| 1/ | The vertebral column not generally parallel to the vertical axis of the can. |

TABLE VI. Examination of pieces and patches

| Category | Defect |
|---------------------|---|
| <u>Minor</u> | |
| 201 | Pink salmon only. More than 5 pieces and 1 patch in cans less than or equal to 16 ounces (453.59 g). More than 12 pieces and 1 patch in 64-ounce cans (1,814.37 g). 1/ |

TABLE VI. Examination of pieces and patches (Continued)

| Category | Defect |
|-----------------|---|
| Minor | |
| 201 | All other salmon. More than 3 pieces and 1 patch in cans less than or equal to 16 ounces (453.59 g). More than 12 pieces and 1 patch in 64-ounce cans (1,814.37 g). <u>1/</u> |

1/ A patch is a small portion of salmon which is added, if necessary, to complete the fill of the container. A patch is any small portion less than 1 ounce (28.35 g).

TABLE VII. Product defects

| Category | Defect |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Critical Major Minor | |
| 1 | Flesh showing evidence of true honeycombing or the presence of flavors and/or odors of decomposition such as, but not limited to, sour and rancid, or other flavors or odors of decomposition. <u>1/ 2/</u> |
| 101 | Presence of objectional flavors or odors such as, but not limited to, burnt, scorched, overcooked, stale, or other objectionable flavors or odors, or flavors or odors of watermarking (hominy, muddy). <u>3/</u> |
| 102 | Presence of objectionable foreign material, such as, but not limited to, rust, wood, hair, dirt, or insect or insect parts either singly or in combination. <u>4/</u> |
| 103 | Bones hard, not soft and friable. <u>5/</u> |
| 104 | Species of salmon not as specified. |
| 105 | Presence of struvite crystals. |
| 201 | Presence of watermarking indicated by the color change of the normal white area (i.e. belly) to another color characteristic of the species (Style I only). |

TABLE VII. Product defects (Continued)

| Category | Defect |
|------------------------|---|
| <u>Critical</u> | |
| | 202 Presence of gills, fins, or viscera. |
| | 203 Color of flesh not characteristic of species. |
| | 204 Color of oil not characteristic of species. |
| | 205 Texture not characteristic of species. |
| | 206 Presence of skin and backbone (Style II only). 6/ |
| | 207 Presence of blood clots, mutilated areas, or bruises. 7/ |
| | 208 Sulfide blackening. |

- 1/** These are regarded as critical defects and their finding will be basis for rejection of the entire lot.
- 2/** Honeycombing is the visible appearance of discrete holes or openings of varying size observed in the salmon flesh.
- 3/** Do not include flavors and odors of decomposition.
- 4/** Presence of chemicals, glass, or metal particles, animal excreta, or similar extraneous material which could harmfully affect or contaminate the product (critical defects) shall be basis for rejection of the entire lot.
- 5/** Hard bones are those which are not soft or friable. Bones are soft and friable if the vertebrae are easily crushed when pressed between thumb and fingers. Bones should be brittle and breakable with slight distorting finger pressure. Thermal processing records should be carefully reviewed and process authorities should be consulted if necessary.
- 6/** Minor 206 is a defect if the skin and backbone is not removed in accordance with good manufacturing practices. If the majority of sample units are defects, the lot may be relabeled as Style I.

7/ Mutilated areas are areas of flesh which are not physically intact due to mechanical or predatory damage. Blood clots or bruises are those which detract from the appearance of the product. Minute blood streaks or blood spots which do not materially affect the appearance are not a defect.

TABLE VIII. Can interior enamel coating defects

| Category | Defect |
|---------------------|--|
| <u>Major</u> | |
| | <u>Minor</u> |
| 101 | Missing enamel coating. |
| 102 | Blistered or softened enamel coating which can be peeled by fingertip (not fingernail abrasion). |
| 103 | Enamel coating with internal rust stains. |
| 201 | Enamel coating with bare areas (other than scratches). <u>1/</u> |
| 202 | Enamel coating that is dirty, stained, or smeared with foreign material. |

1/ A line of solder along the side seam shall not be considered a defect.

Testing for salt content or sodium content.

The composite for testing for salt content or sodium content shall be a composite of 24 ounces (680.39 g) of product. The minimum number of sample units to use for deriving the composite for salt or sodium content is eight sample units. The sample units shall represent all the codes selected for product evaluation. Equal amounts of product will be taken from each selected sample unit and from each code. If the sample size is too small to provide for sampling all codes, more sample units may be selected with less product taken from each can.

At least two tests from a composite sample shall be performed and the results averaged. Results of testing shall be reported to the nearest 0.1 percent.

Failure to meet salt/sodium levels specified in the contract or CID shall be basis for rejection of the entire lot.

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Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and marking.

The canned salmon shall be preserved, packaged, packed, labeled, and cases marked in accordance with good commercial practice. Can codes shall appear on the outside of the master case. Commercial labeling and packaging, as may be augmented by the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, shall be acceptable. Shipping containers shall be a minimum of 275 pounds (124.74 kg) bursting strength. Shipping containers shall comply with the National Motor Freight Classification or Uniform Freight Classification, as applicable.

For Department of Defense procurements (Only).

The following requirements are applicable when specified by the contracting officer.

A. Commercial packing. Cans shall be packed in fiberboard boxes complying with the Uniform Freight Classification or National Motor Freight Classification.

B. Export packing. Cans shall be packed in a fiberboard box constructed, closed, and reinforced in accordance with Style RSC, Grade V3c, V3s, or V4s of PPP-B-636. Reinforcement shall be limited to nonmetallic strapping or pressure-sensitive adhesive, filament-reinforced tape in accordance with the appendix of PPP-B-636.

C. Unit loads (commercial and export). Shipping containers shall be arranged in unit loads in accordance with MIL-L-35078. When unit loads are strapped, strapping shall be limited to nonmetallic strapping, except for Type II, Class F loads.

D. Labeling (commercial and export). Commercial labeling shall be acceptable.

E. Marking (commercial and export). Marking of shipping containers and unit loads shall be in accordance with MIL-STD-129.

Notes.

Purchasers should specify:

- Species
- Style
- Salt/sodium level
- Net weight
- Can and case size
- Number of cans per case and can size
- Labeling, packaging, and casing requirements if different from commercial practice.

Sources of documents.

Sources of information for nongovernment documents are as follows:

Copies of the National Motor Freight Classification may be obtained from:

**National Motor Freight Traffic Association, Inc., Agent
National Motor Freight Classification
American Trucking Associations, Inc., Traffic Department
2200 Mill Road
Alexandria, VA 22314**

Copies of the Uniform Freight Classification may be obtained from:

**Uniform Classification Committee, Agent
Uniform Freight Classification
Uniform Classification Committee, Suite 1120
222 South Riverside Plaza
Chicago, IL 60606**

Copies of the Official Methods of Analysis of the AOAC may be obtained from:

**AOAC International
2200 Wilson Boulevard
Suite 400
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Sources of information for governmental documents are as follows:

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