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Part 1 COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS

Section 1.1 DEHYDRATED SOUP MIX REQUIREMENTS

A. Quality of Dehydrated Soup Mix

- (1) The dehydrated soup mix shall meet the salient characteristics in Commercial Item Description (CID) for dehydrated soup mixes, A-A-20329A, dated August 24, 2000, for Type I, Type II or Type III, Style B, Flavor 1, Flavor Profile a; Plain (no flavoring) dehydrated soup mix, and be the same product offered for sale in the commercial marketplace. The Commercial Item Description is available at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fqa/aa20329a.htm>.
 - a. If a flavor such as spicy, chicken, beef, etc., is being purchased the flavor profile will be stated in the solicitation.
 - b. Flavor shall meet the flavor profile characteristics as specified in Commercial Item Description A-A-20329A, dated August 24, 2000.
- (2) The invitation will specify if the product is, or is not, to be nutritionally fortified.
- (3) The product shall be prepared from properly matured, wholesome, clean vegetables. The vegetables used in the preparation of this product shall be prepared from the latest season's crops.
- (4) The finished product shall not contain foreign material, shall not have a foreign odor or flavor, shall not have a foreign color, and shall be uniformly blended, and be a free flowing mixture.

B. Testing and Analysis

- (1) Contractors are authorized to utilize the services of a private, independently owned and operated laboratory capable of performing the analysis of the dehydrated soup mix.
- (2) The Government reserves the right to ensure the validity of the independent laboratory's results through random and unannounced comparison tests.
- (3) Analytical results obtained by the designated laboratory shall be submitted to the contracting officer on stationery bearing the laboratory's letterhead.
- (4) The Government may randomly select, control, and submit laboratory samples to an independent laboratory designated by the contractor for analysis.

(5) Analytical requirements shall meet those specified in Commercial Item Description A-A-20329A, dated August 24, 2000.

C. Rehydrated Product

The rehydrated product shall have the color, odor, flavor, and appearance typical of vegetable soup, and be free from objectionable odors.

Section 1.2 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. The contractor shall perform the product testing and quality analysis to ensure that the product meets the commodity specifications. The results shall be evidenced by a Certificate of Analysis (COA). Copies of the original COA must be submitted as part of the invoice package. The COA shall provide the results of all tests specified.
- B. Contractors shall notify the Government immediately of lots that fail to meet contract requirements.

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

Part 3 MARKING REQUIREMENTS

Section 3.1 COMMERCIAL MARKINGS

- A. The marking and labeling for commercial products shall be in accordance with good commercial practices.
- B. At contractor's option, a statement such as "NOT FOR RETAIL SALE" may be printed on the principal display panel of the food label.
- C. The manufacturer's lot code/lot identification shall be shown on the commercial bill of lading.