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Part 1 COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS

Section 1.1 COMMODITIES

A. Quality of Commodity

- (1) All wheat shall be tested for **Deoxynivalenol (DON) (a.k.a. vomitoxin)** in accordance with procedures approved by the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS). Any wheat testing higher than 2 parts per million (p.p.m.) shall not be used in production of the commodity. The final product shall not contain more than 1 p.p.m. of vomitoxin.
- (2) The commodities delivered shall meet the requirements as specified in the following Commercial Item Descriptions (CID):
 - a) **Pasta Products, (CID) A-A- 20062F (August 11, 2015)**, except only semolina flour shall be used. **For 100% whole grain pasta, the commodity must meet the following additional requirements:**
 1. First and primary ingredient must consist of whole durum wheat, and the remaining **grain** ingredients **must** be other whole grains.
 2. The quality of the whole durum wheat ingredient must be U.S. No. 1.
 3. After the whole grain pasta is cooked, it must maintain texture, shape, and taste in accordance with the requirements of the **CID**.
 4. **100%** whole grain pasta must have a tan to light brown distinction in color.
 5. Maximum ash: 2.0 percent, moisture free basis.
 - b) **Pasta Products, (CID) A-A- 20062F (August 11, 2015)**. Whole Grain Enriched Blend Pasta must meet the following additional requirements:
 1. Pasta must contain 51-65% Whole Durum Wheat Flour, and the remaining grains must be enriched.
 2. The quality of the whole durum wheat ingredient must be U.S. No. 1.
 3. After the whole grain **enriched blend** pasta is cooked, it must maintain texture, shape, and taste in accordance with the requirements of the **CID**.
 4. Whole grain **enriched blend** pasta must have a tan to light brown distinction in color.
 5. Maximum ash: 2.0 percent, moisture free basis.

- c) Noodles, Egg, Enriched, Shelf Stable (CID) A-A-20063D (September 17, 2019), except that enriched egg noodles shall be 1/2 inch wide.

Section 1.2 WARRANTY

The product shall have a shelf life of at least one year from the date of manufacture. Product shall not be manufactured more than **60** days prior to shipping.

Section 1.3 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) maintained by the contractor. **USDA requires the contractor to retain the COA for a minimum of seven years from the date of issuance.**
- B. Contractors shall notify the Government immediately of lots that fail to meet contract requirements.

Part 2 CONTAINER AND PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS

Section 2.1 GENERAL

This part provides the container specifications and packaging materials requirements used under this contract.

Section 2.2 COMMERCIAL PACKAGING AND LABELING

A. Contractors shall supply commercial brand products only and shall certify at the time of submission of an offer that the commercial product being delivered has a history of successful distribution and use in domestic commercial channels and is sold on the commercial market with an established level of consumer acceptance.

B. Container and packaging requirements are those used in the current commercial shipping practices and shall comply with:

(1) Container, Packaging, and Unitization requirements in the AMS Master Invitation for Bids (MIFB-D).

(2) All pasta products destined for schools AND 100433 - Pasta, Egg Noodles 12/1 lb. bag, must be packaged in plastic primary containers.

(3) All pasta products destined for households (except for 100433, above) must be packaged in CARTONS/BOXES. No plastic packaging is allowed for either primary or secondary containers, with the exception of a clear viewing window on the primary container.

(4) For materials destined for household programs, all individual primary containers' labels must also meet the following criteria:

- **Must include, at a minimum, two (2) colors, in addition to black and white.**
- **Must incorporate a graphic (photo or illustration) depicting the product/contents on the principal display panel OR contain a clear viewing window so product/contents are visible.**

(5) At contractor's option, a statement such as "Not for Retail Sale" may be printed on the principal display panel of the food label.

(6) The manufacturer's lot code/lot identification number shall be shown on the commercial bill of lading.

(7) Shipping containers shall be marked to show the maximum safe stacking height. It is the responsibility of the contractor in cooperation with the shipping container manufacturers to determine the safe stacking height.

(8) For identification upon receipt at delivery warehouses, all commercial-labeled product shipping documents shall specify "FOR USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS."

Section 2.3 CONTAINERS AND PACKAGING MATERIALS

- A. Please see MIFB-D 4A52.211-71(b) Regulatory Requirements for Commodities and Packaging (June 2021) (b) and (c).**

Section 2.4 MATERIAL CODES

Material	Product Description	Cases Per Truck	Net Weight Per Truck
110501 (S)	Pasta, Macaroni, Whole Grain-Rich Blend 2/10 lb. bag	2,000	40,000 lbs.
110520 (S)	Pasta, Penne, Whole Grain-Rich Blend 2/10 lb. bag	1,890	37,800 lbs.
110504 (S)	Pasta, Rotini, Whole Grain-Rich Blend 2/10 lb. bag	1,400	28,000 lbs.
110506 (S)	Pasta, Spaghetti, Whole Grain-Rich Blend 2/10 lb. bag	2,000	40,000 lbs.
100425 (S)	Pasta, Spaghetti, Enriched 20-pound case	2,000	40,000 lbs.
110511 (H)	Pasta, Macaroni, Enriched 20/1 lb. box	1,776	35,520 lbs.
101023 (H)	Pasta, Macaroni, Whole Grain 24/1 lb. box	1,700	40,800 lbs.

110777 (H)	Pasta, Rotini, Whole Grain 12/1 lb. box	2,700	32,400 lbs.
110450 (H)	Pasta, Spaghetti, Enriched 20/1 lb. box	1,840	36,800 lbs.
101035 (H)	Pasta, Spaghetti, Whole Grain 12/2 lb. box	1,700	40,800 lbs.
100433 (H)	Pasta, Egg Noodles 12/1 lb. bag	1,920	23,040 lbs.

(S) – Materials destined for schools

(H) – Materials destined for households