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Part 1 COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS

Section 1.1 COMMODITIES

I. Product Requirements

A. Quality of Product

The ultra-high temperature milk shall be Group III, aseptically processed and packaged; type(s) shall be as stated in the Invitation for Bid (IFB), and meet the specifications of the Commercial Item Description (CID) A-A-20338A, in effect on the date of the solicitation, which is available at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/CIDMilkFluid.pdf>

B. Production Requirements

- (1) The product delivered to the Government shall have been processed in the United States from fluid milk which was produced in the United States, meeting the following analytical requirements:
 - (a) Reduced fat milk – milkfat content – not less than 1.90 percent but not more than 2.10 percent.
 - (b) Reduced fat milk – milk solids-not-fat – not less than 8.25 percent.
 - (c) Low fat milk – milkfat content – not less than 0.95 percent but not more than 1.05 percent.
- (2) The plants in which the product is to be processed shall be in compliance with the requirements of the latest revision of the United States Public Health Service / Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) and listed in the current [Interstate Milk Shippers Domestic Firm List](#).
- (3) Additionally, the plants in which the product is to be processed and filled shall be registered as a Food Canning Establishment (FCE) and have a valid FCE number. All produced product shall comply with regulations put forth in 21 CFR 108, 110, 113, 117, and other federal and state regulations applicable to the aseptic manufacturing of low-acid canned foods.

Section 1.2 WARRANTY

I. Shelf-life Requirements

The product shall have a shelf-life of at least 9 months from the date of delivery to the Government. When the product is marked with a shelf-life indicative date such as, “Best if

used by”, the date on the product shall match this shelf-life requirement, i.e., be at least 9 months from date of delivery to the Government. Product shall not be manufactured more than 60 days prior to delivery.

Section 1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

I. Certification

- A. The contractor shall perform the product testing and quality analysis to ensure that the product meets the contract requirements. The quality, date(s) of manufacture, and weight shall be evidenced by a Certificate of Analysis (COA).
- B. The contractor shall comply with all applicable testing requirements of the latest revision of the United States Public Health Service / Food and Drug Administration Grade "A" PMO.
- C. 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 AND LABELING

I. Packaging and Labeling Requirements

- 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) At contractor’s option, a statement such as “Not for Retail Sale” may be printed on the principal display panel of the food label.
 - (2) The manufacturer’s lot code/lot identification number shall be shown on the commercial bill of lading.
 - (3) 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.
 - (4) For identification upon receipt at delivery warehouses, all commercial-labeled product shipping documents shall specify “FOR USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS.”
- C. Container, packaging, and unitization requirements shall comply with

Section 4A52.211-3, 4A52.211-4, and 4A52.211-6 in the Master Invitation for Bids which is available at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food/solicitations>.

Section 2.2 MONTH/YEAR OF PACK

I. Marking Requirements

- A. The month/year of pack shall be shown on all shipping containers.
- B. A date fill code may be applied in addition to, but not in lieu of, the month/year of pack.

Section 2.3 LOT CODE/CERTIFICATE NUMBER

I. Lot Coding

A lot code or official inspection certificate number shall be legibly marked on all primary shipping materials. Contractors may use any type of lot coding system provided a unique code is used to identify each lot under a contract. When requested, contractors shall provide to the Government an explanation of the lot coding system utilized.

Section 2.4 MATERIALS

I. Material Codes

Material Code	Product Description	Cases Per Truck	Net Weight Per Truck
100050	MILK 1% MILKFAT UHT 1500 BOX-12/32 FL OZ	1,500 cases	38,700 lbs.
100875	MILK 1% MILKFAT UHT 2640 BOX-27/8 FL OZ	2,640 cases	38,143 lbs.
110690	MILK 1% MILKFAT UHT 2816 BOX-24/8 FL OZ	2,816 cases	36,428 lbs.
100048	MILK 2% MILKFAT UHT 2640 BOX-27/8 FL OZ	2,640 cases	38,143 lbs.
100053	MILK 2% MILKFAT UHT 2400 BOX-27/8 FL OZ	2,400 cases	32,400 lbs.