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Part 1 COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS

Section 1.1 COMMODITIES

The commodity delivered shall meet the requirements as specified in the Commercial Item Descriptions (CID) as follows:

- A. Salad Oils, Vegetable, CID A-A-20091E (April 14, 2021) at:

https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/AA20091E_Salad_Oils%2C_Vegetable.pdf

Types I and IV, Style A or B, except those requirements of Sections 9, 10, 11, and 12.1

- (1) Peanut oil is excluded from the list of oils allowed under Section 3 of the CID.
- (2) Salad oils (vegetable) shall meet the following net weight requirements:

Vegetable Oil Net Weight			
Pack Size	Unit Net Weight	Allowable Unit Variation	Under-Fill Limit
48 fluid ounces	2.9 pounds	0.1 pounds	2.8 pounds
1 gallon	7.7 pounds	0.2 pounds	7.5 pounds

- (3) Low saturated fat vegetable oil cannot exceed one (1) gram of saturated fat per one (1) tablespoon serving as defined by the Food and Drug Administration in 21 CFR 101.62. The vegetable oil shall be manufactured and labeled “low saturated fat” in accordance with National Labeling and Education Act (NLEA) guidelines cited in 21 CFR 101.9.
- (4) Bulk oils are limited to Type 1 soybean oil only.

- B. Mayonnaise, Salad Dressing, and Tartar Sauce, CID A-A-20140E (May 3, 2017) at:

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/CID%20Mayonnaise%2C%20Salad%20Dressing%2C%20and%20Tartar%20Sauce.pdf>

- (1) Salad dressings, reduced calorie salad dressings and fat free salad dressings (mayonnaise type), except those requirements for packaging, labeling, and markings.
- (2) Reduced calorie and fat free salad dressings (mayonnaise type) shall also meet the following microbiological requirements:

Aerobic Plate Count	Less than 1,000/gram
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Acid Tolerant Micro-organisms	Less than 10/gram
Yeast and Molds	Less than 10/gram

- C. Buttery Spreads, CID A-A-20357 (November 6, 2008), at:
<http://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/CID%20Buttery%20Spreads.pdf> Type II (Light), Style A (Tub) Size (Retail).

- D. Bulk Oil Shipments
For bulk shipments by railroad car or truck, the weight of the quantity shipped shall be evidenced by an official weight certificate and included with the invoice. If official weights are not available at the plant location, the contractor shall obtain the official weight certificates at an intermediate point or at destination.
Bladder containers are not acceptable.

Section 1.2 WARRANTY

The product shall have a shelf life of at least one year from date of manufacturer. Product shall not be manufactured more than 30 days prior to shipping.

Section 1.3 “KOSHER ONLY” PRODUCTS

Occasionally, USDA solicits offers to sell Kosher products that comply with applicable dietary (kosher) laws as established by the “**613 Vaad**”. Such products are identified on the solicitation with the letter “K” incorporated into the WBSCM material descriptions. Manufacturing plants shall be certified for compliance with the requirement by contacting the Rabbinical Committee at the phone number listed in the **New York State (NYS) Commodities Co-op Resource linked below**. **Additional information regarding practices and protocols required for kosher certified production for NYS Commodities Co-op can be found at the following link: [NYS Kosher Commodities Co-op Resource \(usda.gov\)](http://www.usda.gov/nyskosher).**

At no cost to the vendor, a rabbinic supervisor will be sent to certify compliance of the manufacturing plant with the dietary (kosher) laws. Vendors must not bid on these purchase units unless they can be properly certified. Kosher products purchased solely for the “**613 Vaad**” do not require a symbol on the primary or secondary container.

Section 1.4 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).
- 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 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:
- C.
 - (1) Unitization requirements in Section 2.4.
 - (2) At contractor's option, a statement such as "Not for Retail Sale" may be printed on the principal display panel of the food label.
 - (3) The manufacturer's lot code/lot identification number shall be shown on the commercial bill of lading.
 - (4) 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.
 - (5) 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 MATERIALS

- A. All containers and packaging shall be constructed to meet the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for safe contact with the packaged product. The contractor shall obtain and maintain documentation from the container or packaging material manufacturer to verify that the containers and packaging materials used in this contract were in compliance with the Government's regulatory requirements for safe contact with food products as required in the Master Invitation for Bids, Part 3, Section A, Number 3.
- B. If the contractor purchases packaging and container ingredients from a foreign country and/or the package and container is manufactured in a foreign country, the package and container SHALL NOT display country of origin labeling. Phrases including, but not limited to, "Made in [Name of Foreign Country.]" or "Product of [Name of Foreign Country.]" are strictly prohibited.

Section 2.4 UNITIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Shipments shall comply with the following unitization requirements:

- A. Unless otherwise specified by the Government, all shipments of packaged products shall be unitized (palletized and stretch wrapped).
- B. Pallets shall be:
 - (1) Constructed to facilitate the safe handling and transportation of the packaged product, as a unit, without loss or damage.
 - (2) A Number 2, four-way, reversible flush stringer with no broken runners or slats.
 - (3) Suitable for use in the shipment of food products.
- C. Plastic stretch wrap shall be:
 - (1) Constructed of a plastic film which is to be stretched a minimum of 50 percent beyond its original length when stretched around the pallet load.
 - (2) Applied as tightly as possible around all tiers of the palletized shipping containers. The shipping containers shall be held firmly in place by the stretch wrap.
- D. Pallet loads shall be:
 - (1) Stacked in such a way as to minimize the amount that shipping containers overhang the edges of pallets.
 - (2) Blocked and braced or otherwise loaded into the conveyance in a manner that prevents shifting during transit.
- E. USDA does not participate in a pallet exchange program.