

**INCH-POUND**

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## **COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION**

### **BREAD, PITA, FRESH OR FROZEN**

**The U.S. Department of Agriculture has authorized  
the use of this Commercial Item Description.**

#### **1. SCOPE.**

**1.1** This Commercial Item Description (CID) covers fresh or frozen pita bread, packed in commercially acceptable containers, suitable for use by Federal, State, and local governments and other interested parties.

#### **2. CLASSIFICATION.**

**2.1** The fresh and frozen pita bread shall conform to the type(s), style(s), size(s), variety(ies), and enrichment type(s) in the following list which shall be specified, in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

##### **Types, styles, sizes, varieties, and enrichment types.**

**Type I** - Fresh

**Type II** - Frozen

**Style A** - Pocket

**Style B** - Without pocket (flat or foldover)

**Size 1** - 8 inch

**Size 2** - 6 inch

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

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**Variety a** - White

**Variety b** - Wheat

**Enrichment type (i)** - Enriched

**Enrichment type (ii)** - Unenriched

### 3. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS.

**3.1 Processing:** The fresh or frozen pita bread shall be prepared in accordance with good manufacturing practice.

**3.2 Ingredients:** The fresh or frozen pita bread shall consist of flour, water, salt, yeast, emulsifiers or other stabilizers. The pita bread shall contain little or no sugar, milk, or shortening. The fresh or frozen pita bread shall include mold inhibitors of proper levels as allowed by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

**3.2.1 Enriched flour:** When the pita bread is enriched, the wheat flour used for the bread shall conform to the U.S. Standards of Identity for Enriched Flour (21 CFR 137.165) and shall be milled from a variety of hard wheat.

### **3.3 Finished product:**

**3.3.1 Appearance and color:** The fresh or frozen pita bread shall have a uniformly brown crust characteristic of the product. The fresh or frozen pita bread shall have a typical volume, characteristic grain, and be evenly baked without evidence of scorching or burning. There shall be no foreign color to the product. The delivered fresh or frozen pita bread shall not be damaged.

**3.3.2 Odor and flavor:** The fresh or frozen pita bread shall have a flavor and aroma characteristic of the particular variety of pita bread. There shall be no foreign odors or flavors such as, but not limited to, burnt, scorched, stale, rancid, or moldy.

**3.3.3 Texture:** The texture of the fresh or frozen pita bread shall have a characteristic texture for pita bread. The fresh or frozen pita bread shall be firm, tender, uniformly brown crust characteristic of pita bread. The baked product shall not contain specks of flour on the bottom of the bread.

**3.3.4 Total solids content:** The fresh and frozen pita bread shall have total solids content that is in accordance with the Standards of Identity for baked products.

**3.3.5 Enrichment:** The fresh and frozen pita bread shall have the enrichment ingredients evenly

distributed in the finished product.

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**3.3.6 Foreign material:** All ingredients shall be clean, sound, wholesome, and free from evidence of rodent or insect infestation.

**3.4 Age requirement:** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the fresh pita bread shall be delivered within 48 hours after baking. When frozen pita bread is specified, the fresh product shall be in a freezer within 6 hours after baking and frozen to a maximum temperature of 0°F (-17.8°C) ± 5°F and shall be at a temperature not higher than 10°F (-12.2°C) within 6 hours after being placed in the freezer. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the frozen pita bread shall be manufactured not more than 90 days prior to delivery and shall not have exceeded 10°F (-12.2°C) at any time during storage and delivery.

#### **4. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.**

**4.1** The delivered fresh or frozen pita bread shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local mandatory requirements and regulations relating to the preparation, packaging, labeling, storage, distribution, and sale of the fresh or frozen pita bread within the commercial marketplace. Delivered fresh or frozen pita bread shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and regulations promulgated thereunder.

#### **5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS.**

**5.1 Product conformance.** The fresh or frozen pita bread provided shall meet the salient characteristics of this CID, conform to the producer's own specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices, and be the same fresh or frozen pita bread offered for sale in the commercial market. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance.

**5.2 Quality assurance.** When required in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, shall determine the quality assurance of the fresh or frozen pita bread according to FGIS procedures. The fresh or frozen pita bread shall be examined or analyzed as applicable in accordance with applicable provisions in this CID, solicitation, contract, or purchase order, and, when applicable, the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers in effect on the date of the solicitation.

#### **6. PACKAGING.**

**6.1 Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and case marking.** Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and case marking shall be as specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

#### **7. NOTES.**

**7.1 Purchasers shall specify:**

- Type(s), style(s), size(s), variety(ies), and enrichment(s) of pita bread required.

**7.2 Sources of documents.**

**7.2.1 Sources of information for governmental documents are as follows:**

Applicable provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act are contained in 21 CFR Parts 1 to 199. This document may be purchased from: **Superintendent of Documents, New Orders, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954.** Credit card (MasterCard or Visa) purchases may be made by calling the Superintendent of Documents on (202) 512-1800.

Copies of the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers are available from: **Chairperson, Condition of Container Committee, STOP 0243, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0243.**

Civil agencies and other interested parties may obtain copies of this CID from: **General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service, Specifications Section, Suite 8100, 470 East L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20407.**

Military activities should submit requests for copies of this CID to: **Standardization Documents Order Desk, Defense Automation Printing Service, 700 Robbins Avenue, Building 4D, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094.**

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**Custodians**

Army - GL

Navy - SA

Air Force - 50

**Review Activities**

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