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SUPERSEDING

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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

VEGETABLES, MIXED, CANNED

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has authorized the use of this Commercial Item Description (CID).

1. SCOPE. This CID covers canned mixed vegetables, packed in commercially acceptable containers, suitable for use by Federal, State, local governments, and other interested parties; and as a component of operational rations.

2. PURCHASER NOTES.

2.1 Purchasers shall specify the following:

- Type(s) of mixed vegetables required.
- Manufacturer's/distributor's certification (Sec. 8.2) or USDA certification (Sec. 8.3).

2.2 Purchasers may specify the following:

- Manufacturer's quality assurance (Sec. 8.1 with 8.1.1) or (Sec. 8.1 with 8.1.2).
- Packaging requirements other than commercial (Sec. 9).

3. CLASSIFICATION. The mixed vegetables shall conform to the following list which shall be specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

Types.

- Type I** - 241 grams (8.5 ounces) 8Z Tall can
- Type II** - 425 grams (15.0 ounces) No. 300 can
- Type III** - 822 grams (29.0 ounces) No. 2½ can
- Type IV** - 3.0 kg (106.0 ounces) No. 10 can
- Type V** - Other

4. MANUFACTURER'S/DISTRIBUTOR'S NOTES. Manufacturer's/distributor's products *shall meet* the requirements of the:

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- Salient characteristics (Sec. 5).
- Manufacturer's/distributor's product assurance (Sec. 6).
- Regulatory requirements (Sec. 7).
- Quality assurance provisions: *as specified by the purchaser* (Sec. 8).
- Packaging requirements other than commercial: *as specified by the purchaser* (Sec. 9).

5. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS.

5.1 Processing. The mixed vegetables shall be processed in accordance with good manufacturing practices (21 CFR Part 110).

5.2 In-process ingredients. The mixed vegetables shall be prepared from clean, sound, properly-matured vegetables, which are fresh, fresh-brined, or frozen prior to processing. The quality for each individual vegetable shall be equivalent to U.S. Grade A, if frozen, or U.S. No. 1 or better, if fresh, except that sweet peas and yellow corn, if frozen, shall be equivalent to U.S. Grade B or better for maturity.

5.3 Additional ingredients. In addition to the ingredients specified in paragraph 5.6.1 of this CID, the mixed vegetables may contain added ingredient(s) as a garnish (such as small pieces of onion, sweet red peppers, or green peppers) in an amount less than two percent of the total drained weight.

5.4 Liquid packing media. Liquid packing media shall be clear and free from sediment and may contain additives such as onion powder or calcium salts permitted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

5.5 Finished product.

5.5.1 Color. Each type of vegetable shall have good color, characteristic of that vegetable.

5.5.2 Flavor and odor. The mixed vegetables shall have a characteristic good/normal flavor and odor.

5.5.3 Texture/Maturity. Each type of vegetable shall have good texture/maturity, except peas and corn shall be reasonably tender in maturity, or better.

5.5.4 Defects. Each type of vegetable shall be reasonably free from, but not limited to peels, stems, pods, eyes, discoloration, fibrous, woody, and cob material.

5.5.5 Foreign material. The mixed vegetables shall be free from foreign material such as, but not limited to, dirt, insect parts, hair, wood, glass, or metal.

5.6 Drained weight. The average drained weight shall not be less than 141 g (5.0 oz) for 8Z Tall cans; 258 g (9.1 oz) for No. 300 cans; 510 g (18.0 oz) for No. 2½ cans and 1.84 kg (65.0 oz) for No. 10 cans.

5.6.1 The mixed vegetables shall consist of the following types and percentages of the total drained weight of the vegetables:

<u>Type of vegetable</u> ^{1/}	Total average drained weight	
	(Minimum percent)	(Maximum percent)
Carrots (Peeled & diced) ^{2/}	33	52
Potatoes (Peeled & diced)	17	35
Lima beans, thin seeded	1	12
Peas, sweet	3	12
Beans, green (Short cut, cut, or mixed)	3	12
Corn, yellow (Whole kernel)	4	8
Celery (Cut, ½ inch maximum in length)	2	9

^{1/} The combined weight of the carrots and potatoes shall not be more than 72 percent of the average net drained weight.

^{2/} Not larger than 0.95 x 0.95 x 1.91 cm (³/₈ x ³/₈ x ³/₄ inches) or smaller than 0.95 x 0.95 x 0.95 cm (³/₈ x ³/₈ x ³/₈ inches).

6. MANUFACTURER’S/DISTRIBUTOR’S PRODUCT ASSURANCE. The manufacturer/distributor shall certify that the mixed vegetables provided shall meet the salient characteristics of this CID, conform to their own specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices, and be the same mixed vegetables offered for sale in the commercial market. The purchaser reserves the right to require proof of conformance.

7. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS. The delivered mixed vegetables shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local mandatory requirements and regulations relating to the preparation, packaging, labeling, storage, distribution, and sale of mixed vegetables within the commercial marketplace. Delivered mixed vegetables shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

8. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS. *Purchaser shall specify 8.2 or 8.3; purchaser may specify 8.1 with 8.1.1 or 8.1 with 8.1.2.*

8.1 Manufacturer’s quality assurance. When required in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the product manufacturer shall be required to provide evidence, by certificate, that the manufacturing plant has undertaken one of the following quality assurance measures

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within 12 months prior to providing a bid, or no later than 10 business days from the date of awarding of the contract. Failure to provide this documentation within the proper time frame may result in the contract being terminated for cause.

8.1.1 Plant systems audit. A plant systems audit (PSA) conducted by USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), or another audit performed by a third party auditing service and is required within 12 months prior to the date of the awarding of the contract. *(An AMS PSA verifies the manufacturer's capability to produce products in a clean, sanitary environment in accordance with Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations Part 110 - Current Good Manufacturing Practice in Manufacturing, Packing, or Holding Human Food, and verifies that the manufacturer has in place an internal quality assurance program. The AMS PSA determines the manufacturer's ability to produce under this CID, if the products of interest are identified at the time of the PSA.)*

8.1.2 Plant survey. A plant survey conducted by USDA, AMS, or another survey performed by a third party auditing service and is required within 12 months prior to the date of the awarding of the contract. *(An AMS plant survey audit verifies that, at the time of the survey, the manufacturer produces products in a clean, sanitary environment in accordance with Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations Part 110 - Current Good Manufacturing Practice in Manufacturing, Packing, or Holding Human Food.)*

8.2 Manufacturer's/distributor's certification. When required in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the manufacturer/distributor will certify that the finished mixed vegetables distributed meets or exceeds the requirements of this CID.

8.3 USDA certification. When required in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order that product quality and acceptability or both be determined, the Processed Products Branch (PPB), Fruit and Vegetable Programs (FVP), AMS, USDA, shall be the certifying program. PPB inspectors shall certify the quality and acceptability of the mixed vegetables in accordance with PPB procedures which include selecting random samples of the mixed vegetables, evaluating the samples for conformance with the salient characteristics of this CID and other contractual requirements, and documenting the findings on official PPB score sheets and/or certificates. In addition, when required in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, PPB inspectors will examine the mixed vegetables for conformance to the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers in effect on the date of the solicitation.

9. PACKAGING. Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and case marking shall be commercial unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

10. USDA INSPECTION NOTES. When Section 8.3 is specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, USDA certification shall include evaluation of the quality and condition of samples of packaged mixed vegetables, and compliance with requirements in the following areas:

- Salient characteristics (Sec. 5).
- Packaging requirements (Sec. 9 or as specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order).

11. REFERENCE NOTES.

11.1 USDA certification contact. For USDA certification, contact the **Branch Chief, PPB, FVP, AMS, USDA, STOP 0247, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0247** telephone (202) 720-4693, Fax (202) 690-1527, or via E-mail: terry.bane@usda.gov.

11.2 Sources of documents.

11.2.1 Sources of information for governmental documents are as follows:

Applicable provisions of: the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act are contained in 16 CFR Parts 500 to 503, and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act are contained in 21 CFR Parts 1 to 199. These documents may be purchased from: **Superintendent of Documents, ATTN: 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 (202) 512-1800 or on the Internet at: <http://gpoaccess.gov/nara/index.html>.

Copies of this CID and the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers are available from: **Head, Food Quality Assurance Staff, FVP, AMS, USDA, STOP 0243, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-0243,** telephone (202) 720- 9939, Fax (202) 690-0102, via E-mail: FQAStaff@usda.gov or on the Internet at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fvqual.htm>.

Copies of the United States Standards for Grades of fresh vegetables are available from: **Branch Chief, FPB, FVP, AMS, USDA, STOP 0240, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0247,** telephone (202) 720-2185, Fax (202) 720-0393, or on the Internet at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/standards/stanfrfv.htm>.

Copies of the United States Standards for Grades of processed vegetables are available from: **Branch Chief, PPB, FVP, AMS, USDA, STOP 0247, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0247,** telephone (202) 720-4693, Fax (202) 690-1087, or on the Internet at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/ppb.html>.

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CIVIL AGENCY COORDINATING ACTIVITIES:

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