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AMENDMENT NO. 5

COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS CANNED VEGETABLES

1. The purpose of this amendment is to revise the commodity specification of Canned Salsa, 6/10 size can, Section II.J, FV302-CS1, Commodity Specifications, in relation to Quality, Appearance, and Brix, as follows:

“J. Salsa – 6/10 size can:

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1. Quality – The quality of the tomatoes used to make the product shall be that of peeled tomatoes, tomato puree, fresh or dried onions, fresh green chile peppers, and fresh jalapenos properly ripened and wholesome. Spices and condiments added shall include: no more than 1.5% salt, vinegar or citric acid added to **adjust pH between 3.8 - 4.3**, and any mixture of green peppers, cilantro, cumin, coriander, xanthum gum, flavoring or modified starch.
2. Appearance – The salsa shall have the appearance of a uniform diced texture with dices of no less than 3/8 inch cube and no more than 1/2 inch cube for the tomatoes; 1/4 to one inch dice for onions; no excess liquid media or weeping; and shall meet a 30 second time **Bostwick of between 3.0 to 5.5** for consistency with no chunks blocking the gates. The spices and condiments added shall be evenly comminuted and free from lumps.
3. Brix - The brix level of the finished product media shall be **8 to 11.5 degrees** with a one - percent adjustment for salt content.
4. No change”

2. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sincerely,


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