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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

CEREAL, PREPARED, READY-TO-EAT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has authorized the use of this commercial item description by all federal agencies.

1. SCOPE.

1.1 This Commercial Item Description (CID) covers prepared, ready-to-eat cereals, packed in commercially acceptable containers, suitable for use by the Federal Government.

2. CLASSIFICATION.

2.1 The prepared, ready-to-eat cereal shall conform to the types, classes, and styles in the following list which shall be specified, in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

Types, classes, and styles.

Type I - Wheat products.

Class 1 - Shredded whole wheat

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- Style A** - Large shredded wheat biscuits
- Style B** - Small shredded wheat biscuits
- Style C** - Loose shredded wheat

- Style D** - Medium shredded wheat biscuits
- Style E** - Small shredded wheat biscuits, coated
- Style F** - Medium shredded wheat biscuits, coated
- Style G** - Small shredded wheat biscuits, fruit-filled

- Class 2** - Pressed-flake whole-wheat biscuits
- Class 3** - Wheat flakes
- Class 4** - Malted wheat flakes
- Class 5** - Bran flakes (25 to 40 percent)
- Class 6** - Bran flakes (25 to 40 percent) and raisins
- Class 7** - Wheat bran (prepared)
- Class 8** - Puffed wheat (gun-puffed)
- Class 9** - Puffed wheat (gun-puffed), coated
- Class 10** - Malted cereal granules
- Class 11** - Malted cereal granules and raisins
- Class 12** - Wheat bran biscuits
- Class 13** - Wheat cereal (expanded/extruded), coated
- Class 14** - Wheat flakes, dried fruit and nuts
- Class 15** - Wheat flakes with raisins
- Class 16** - Bran flakes with fruit
- Class 17** - Wheat bran with fruit and nuts
- Class 18** - Other

Type II - Corn products.

- Class 1** - Corn flakes
- Class 2** - Corn flakes, coated
- Class 3** - Corn cereal (gun-puffed)
- Class 4** - Corn cereal (gun-puffed), coated, with or without fruit or cinnamon or other flavorings, with or without dried fruit
- Class 5** - Shredded corn, small biscuits (oven-puffed)
- Class 6** - Corn cereal (oven-puffed)
- Class 7** - Corn cereal with oats, small biscuits (oven-puffed), coated or uncoated
- Class 8** - Corn cereal (expanded/extruded)
- Class 9** - Corn cereal (expanded/extruded), coated

Class 10 - Corn cereal with oats, small bisquits (oven-puffed)

Class 11 - Other

Type III - Rice products.

Class 1 - Puffed rice (gun-puffed)

Class 2 - Rice cereal (oven-puffed)

Class 3 - Rice cereal (oven-puffed), coated, with or without cocoa

Class 4 - Rice flakes

Class 5 - Rice flakes or granules, protein enriched

Style A - High rice component

Style B - Low rice component

Class 6 - Shredded rice, small biscuits (oven-puffed)

Class 7 - Puffed rice (gun-puffed), coated

Class 8 - Rice flakes with rye and raisins

Class 9 - Rice cereal (expanded/extruded)

Class 10 - Other

Type IV - Oat products.

Class 1 - Oat cereal (oven- or gun-puffed)

Class 2 - Oat cereal (oven- or gun-puffed), coated

Class 3 - Oat cereal (other than oven- or gun-puffed)

Style A - Biscuits

Style B - Flakes or granules

Class 4 - Oat flakes

Class 5 - Oat cereal (expanded/extruded), coated

Class 6 - Granola cereal (agglomerate of rolled oats with optional ingredients including coconut, brown sugar, honey, nuts, sesame seeds, etc.)

Class 7 - Granola cereal and dried fruit (agglomerate of rolled oats with optional ingredients including coconut, brown sugar, honey, nuts, sesame seeds, etc.)

Class 8 - Oat cereal with soy and corn flours, small biscuits, oven puffed, cooked

Class 9 - Oatmeal flakes with fruit and nuts

Class 10 - Oat bran flakes

Class 11 - Oat bran flakes with raisins

Class 12 - Oat bran flakes with fruit

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Class 13 - Oat bran flakes with fruit and nuts

Class 14 - Other

Type V - Rye products.

Class 1 - Rye flakes

Class 2 - Other

Type VI - Barley products.

Class 1 - Barley flakes

Class 2 - Other

Type VII - Combination grain products. Product may be a combination of two or more grains.

Class 1 - Wheat and barley flakes

Class 2 - Whole wheat and buckwheat flakes

Class 3 - Puffed oat and wheat

Class 4 - Puffed corn and oat

Class 5 - Oat and soy squares or biscuits

Class 6 - Cinnamon oat and soy squares or biscuits

Class 7 - Wheat bran and corn squares or biscuits

Class 8 - Corn, oat, wheat, and rice flakes

Class 9 - Whole wheat, corn, rice, and oat flakes

Class 10 - Whole wheat, corn, rice, and oat flakes with fruit and nuts

Class 11 - Rice and wheat flakes

Class 12 - Corn bran and oat

Class 13 - Rice and corn flakes with raisins and almonds

Class 14 - Barley, oat, wheat, corn, and rice cereal with fruit and nuts

Class 15 - Puffed corn, wheat, and oat

Class 16 - Wheat bran and oat bran nuggets

Class 17 - Corn and rice biscuits

Class 18 - Rice and rye flakes with fruit

Class 19 - Barley, oat, wheat, corn, and rice cereal

Class 20 - Corn and oat biscuit, presweetened

Class 21 - Granola cereal, low fat (agglomerate of whole grain oats and whole

grain wheat with optional ingredients including brown sugar, raisins, rice, and almonds)

Class 22 - Other

3. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS.

3.1 Taste and odor: The prepared, ready-to-eat cereal shall be of good characteristic taste and odor and shall be free from rancid, musty, sour, and other undesirable tastes and odors.

3.2 Foreign material: There shall be no evidence of foreign material in the prepared, ready-to-eat cereal.

3.3 Age requirement: Unless otherwise specified, the prepared, ready-to-eat cereal shall be processed and packaged not more than 60 days prior to shipment.

4. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.

4.1 The delivered prepared, ready-to-eat cereal shall comply with all applicable Federal and State mandatory requirements and regulations relating to the preparation, packaging, labeling, storage, distribution, and sales of the prepared, ready-to-eat cereal within the commercial marketplace. Delivered prepared, ready-to-eat cereal shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and regulations promulgated thereunder.

5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS.

5.1 Contractor's certification. The contractor shall certify and maintain substantiating evidence that the prepared, ready-to-eat cereal offered meets the salient characteristics of this CID, and the prepared, ready-to-eat cereal conforms to the producer's own drawings, specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices, and is the same prepared, ready-to-eat cereal offered for sale in the commercial marketplace. The government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance prior to first delivery and thereafter as may be otherwise provided for under the provisions of the contract.

5.2 Quality assurance. When required in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture will determine the quality assurance of the prepared, ready-to-eat cereal according to FGIS procedures. The prepared, ready-to-eat cereal shall be examined and/or analyzed in accordance with applicable provisions in the CID, and when applicable, the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers currently in effect on the date of the solicitation.

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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:

- Product types, classes, and styles, as appropriate.
- Labeling requirements, if different from normal commercial practice.

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 three-volume set 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 on (202) 512-1800.

Copies of the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers are available from: **Chairperson, Condition of Container Committee, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 2506, South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456.**

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

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

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USDA - FV