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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

CEREAL FOR BABIES, INSTANT

**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 instant cereal for babies, packed in commercially acceptable containers, suitable for use by the Federal Government.

2. CLASSIFICATION.

2.1 The instant cereal for babies shall conform to the types in the following list which shall be specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

Types.

- Type I** - Rice
- Type II** - Wheat
- Type III** - Oat
- Type IV** - Barley
- Type V** - Corn
- Type VI** - High Protein (with soya powder)
- Type VII** - Mixed

Beneficial comments, recommendations, additions, deletions, clarifications, etc., and any data which may improve this document should be sent to: Head, Food Quality Assurance Staff, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0243, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-0243 or telephone (202) 720-9939 or FAX (202) 690-0102.

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

3. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS.

3.1 Raw ingredients: The instant cereal for babies shall be prepared from clean, sound grains free from evidence of rodent or insect infestation.

3.2 Finished product: The instant cereal for babies shall be completely cooked and flaked. It shall be of suitable size such that it is readily mixable in milk or water and is usable as a food supplement for infants.

3.2.1 Appearance and color: When prepared as directed on the package, the instant cereal for babies shall possess a characteristic appearance and color of the type of instant cereal for babies used.

3.2.2 Odor and flavor: When prepared as directed on the package, the instant cereal for babies shall possess a characteristic odor and flavor characteristic of the type of instant cereal for babies used. There shall be no foreign odors or flavors such as, but not limited to, rancid, bitter, raw, starchy, sour, or other undesirable odors and flavors.

3.2.3 Texture: When prepared as directed on the package, the instant cereal for babies shall possess a characteristic texture.

3.2.4 Fortification: Unless otherwise specified, the product shall be fortified at a level not to exceed 50 percent of the USRDA for infants per ½ ounce serving.

3.3 Foreign material: There shall be no foreign material such as, but not limited to, dirt, insect parts, hair, wood, glass, or metal.

3.4 Age requirement: Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the instant cereal for babies shall be manufactured not more than 45 days prior to delivery.

4. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.

4.1 The delivered instant cereal for babies shall comply with all applicable Federal and State mandatory requirements and regulations relating to the preparation, packaging, labeling, storage, distribution, and sales of the instant cereal for babies within the commercial marketplace. Delivered instant cereal for babies 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 instant cereal for babies 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 instant cereal for babies 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, will determine the quality assurance of the instant cereal for babies according to FGIS procedures. The instant cereal for babies shall be examined or analyzed as applicable in accordance with provisions in the CID, solicitation, contract, or purchase order, and, when applicable, the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers currently in effect on the date of the solicitation.

6. PACKAGING.

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

7. NOTES.

7.1 Purchasers shall specify:

- Product types, as appropriate.
- Size of container required.
- Labeling requirements, if different from normal commercial practices.
- Special vitamin or mineral fortification requirements.

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, 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.

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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 Bureau, Specifications Section, Suite 8100, 470
L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20407.**

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