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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

SALT SUBSTITUTE

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 salt substitute, packed in commercially acceptable containers, suitable for use by the Federal Government.

2. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS.

2.1 Active ingredient: The active ingredient in the salt substitute shall be potassium chloride of Food Chemicals Codex or U.S. Pharmacopeia-National Formulary quality.

2.2 Additional ingredients: Bulking agents such as monopotassium glutamate or glutamic acid hydrochloride are acceptable.

2.3 Finished product:

2.3.1 Color and flavor: The salt substitute shall have a typical color and flavor. The salt substitute shall season like salt to satisfy the need for salty flavor in foods.

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,

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2.3.2 Consistency: The salt substitute must sprinkle like salt.

2.3.3 Shelf life: The salt substitute shall have a minimum shelf life of 12 months.

2.4 Analytical requirements:

2.4.1 Sodium content: The salt substitute shall be dietetically free from sodium with a low sensitivity to moisture. The sodium content of the salt substitute (including fillers) shall not exceed 0.01 percent.

2.4.2 Analytical testing: Analyses shall be made in accordance with the Official Methods of Analysis of the AOAC International as follows:

<u>Test</u>	<u>Method</u>
Sodium	963.13

2.4.3 Test results: The sodium content shall be determined to the nearest 0.001 percent. Any result not conforming to the analytical requirements shall be cause for rejection of the lot.

3. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.

3.1 The delivered salt substitute shall comply with all applicable Federal and State mandatory requirements and regulations relating to the preparation, packaging, labeling, storage, distribution, and sales of the mixed vegetables in the commercial marketplace. Delivered salt substitute shall conform in every respect to the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and regulations promulgated thereunder.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS.

4.1 Product conformance. The salt substitute 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 salt substitute offered for sale in the commercial market. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance.

4.2 Quality assurance. When the solicitation, contract, or purchase order requires that salt substitute quality or acceptability or both be determined, the Processed Products Branch (PPB), Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture shall be the certifying activity and shall make the determination in accordance with applicable

PPB procedures. The salt substitute shall be examined or analyzed or both in accordance with applicable provisions in the CID, and when applicable, the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers.

5. PACKAGING.

5.1 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.

6. NOTES.

6.1 Sources of documents.

6.1.1 Sources of information for nongovernmental documents are as follows:

Copies of the Official Methods of Analysis of the AOAC International may be obtained from: **AOAC International, 481 North Frederick Avenue, Suite 500, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.**

Copies of the Food Chemicals Codex may be purchased from: **National Academy Press, 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20418.**

Copies of the U.S. Pharmacopeia-National Formulary may be obtained from: **United States Pharmacopeial Convention, 12601 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville, MD 20852.**

6.1.2 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.

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.**

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