

**INCH-POUND**

**A-A-20273**

**September 24, 1997**

## **COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION**

### **CHILI WITH BEANS, CANNED**

**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 chili with beans, packed in commercially acceptable containers, suitable for use by Federal, State, and local governments and other interested parties.

#### **2. CLASSIFICATION.**

**2.1** The canned chili with beans shall conform to the types in the following list which shall be specified, as required, in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

##### **Types.**

**Type I** - Regular

**Type II** - Western style - With sweet green peppers and sweet onions

#### **3. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS.**

**3.1 Processing:** Each type of canned chili with beans shall be prepared in accordance with good commercial practice.

**3.2 Ingredients:** Each type of canned chili with beans shall contain water, beef, and pinto, kidney, black, and/or red beans. Each type of canned chili with beans may contain tomatoes,

**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 Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0243, 1400 Independence Ave., SW,**

**FSC 8940**

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

## **A-A-20273**

food starches, flavorings, flour, salt, sugar, rolled oats, and other suitable seasonings. Western style chili shall also contain sweet green peppers and sweet onions.

**3.2.1 Meat:** The meat shall be ground beef that meets the requirements found in 9 CFR 319.15(a) and conforms to the applicable provisions of the Meat and Poultry Inspection Regulations (9 CFR Parts 301 to 350) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Noncarcass components (e.g., cheek meat, head meat, ox tails, esophagus, hearts, and by-products) shall not be used.

**3.2.2 Beans:** The quality of the pinto, kidney, black, and red beans used with the chili shall be of not less than U.S. No. 2 Grade.

### **3.3 Finished product:**

**3.3.1 Appearance:** Each type of canned chili with beans shall be practically free from product defects such as discolored beans, loose skins, and any other defects that materially detract from the appearance of the product. Each type of canned chili with beans shall show no evidence of excessive heating (materially scorched).

**3.3.2 Flavor and odor:** Each type of canned chili with beans shall possess characteristic flavor and odor, and shall be free from objectionable flavors or foreign odors.

**3.3.3 Color:** Each type of canned chili with beans shall possess a characteristic color.

**3.3.4 Texture:** The beans for each type of canned chili with beans shall not be hard or mushy.

**3.3.5 Age requirement:** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, all types of canned chili with beans shall be prepared and processed from the current year's crop.

**3.3.6 Foreign material:** All ingredients shall be clean, sound, wholesome, and free from evidence of rodent or insect infestation.

## **4. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.**

**4.1** The meat component and the finished product shall originate and be produced, processed, and stored in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Meat and Poultry Inspection Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder. The delivered canned chili with beans shall comply with all applicable Federal and State mandatory requirements and regulations relating to the preparation, packaging, labeling, storage, distribution, and sale of the canned chili with

beans in the commercial marketplace. Delivered canned chili with beans shall conform in every respect to the provisions of the Meat and Poultry Inspection Act and regulations promulgated thereunder.

## **5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS.**

**5.1 Product conformance.** The canned chili with beans 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 canned chili with beans offered for sale in the commercial market. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance.

**5.2 Quality assurance.** When the solicitation, contract, or purchase order requires that prepared canned chili with beans quality or acceptability or both be determined, the Processed Products Branch (PPB), Fruit and Vegetable Programs, 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 canned chili with beans shall be examined or analyzed or both in accordance with applicable provisions in this CID, solicitation, contract, or purchase order, and, when applicable, the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers in effect on the date of the solicitation.

## **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:**

- Type of product(s) desired.

### **7.2 Sources of documents.**

#### **7.2.1 Sources of information for governmental documents are as follows:**

Applicable provisions of the Meat and Poultry Inspection Regulations are contained in 9 CFR Parts 200 to end. Applicable provisions of 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, New Orders, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954.** Credit card

**A-A-20273**

(MasterCard or Visa) purchases may be made by calling the Superintendent of Documents on (202) 512-1800.

Copies of the United States Standards for Beans are available from: **Federal Grain Inspection Service, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, MSD-HSB, PDMS, Room 1A28, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737 or on the internet at: <http://www.usda./gipsa>.**

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.**

**CIVIL AGENCY COORDINATING ACTIVITIES:**

DOJ - BOP  
HHS - NIH, IHS  
USDA - FV  
VA - OSS

**PREPARING ACTIVITY:**

USDA - FV