

October 4, 2018

## **AMENDMENT NO. 1**

### **COMMODITY SPECIFICATION SHELLED NUTS – August 2014**

The purpose of this amendment is to make the following changes in the Commodity Specification for Shelled Nuts August 2014:

- Adding order of precedence to General section
- Adding/clarifying packaging and labeling requirements
- Adding sizes: pieces, or pieces and halves, or halves to shelled walnuts
- Adding a new color walnut, Red
- Adding new required chemical analysis for shelled walnuts
- Modifying fumigation requirements for shelled walnuts
- Modifying shipping and case marking/storage requirements for shelled walnuts

Additions/changes to this Commodity Specification are shown in **blue** below.

#### **General**

#### **B. Exceptions to the U.S. Standards**

##### **1. Order of Precedence**

**If the contract documents are inconsistent or contradictory, the following order of precedence will prevail: IFB, Master Solicitation, Amendments to the Commodity Specifications, and Commodity Specifications and/or Supplement(s).**

#### **Packing, Labels and Packaging**

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##### **1. Primary Containers**

**All products must be packed in new, commercially acceptable primary containers which meet all applicable FDA requirements (link to: [FDA Food Labeling Regulations](#)). Retail labels must meet minimum requirements as specified in the Master Solicitation.**

**For containers with net weight of 3 pounds or less.**

- **Must meet the minimum FDA labeling requirements (shown below)**

- **Product labeling/packaging shall also have at least 2 additional colors other than black and/or white and a visual representation of the product if the container is not clear.**

**Minimum FDA labeling requirements are:**

- **Statement of identity, or name of the food**
- **Net quantity statement**
- **Ingredient statement**
- **Manufacturer or distributor location statement**
- **Allergen declaration (if product contains a major allergen)**
- **Suitably code marked so that the product can be identified with related inspection certificates or in the event of a recall**

The nuts must be packed to an average net weight of 25 pounds for almonds (shelled whole/slivered) and **1 or 30 pounds (as Specified in the solicitation/IFB)** for walnuts in bags made of polyethylene or similar material approved by the Food and Drug Administration for contact with nuts.

**Individual Commodity Specifications**

**Additions, deletions, or changes of the existing requirements for:**

**Shelled Walnuts**

Variety: English or Persian **varieties of** (*Juglans regia*).

Size: Must be - **Pieces, or Pieces and halves, or Halves.** (No mixing of size designations)

Color:

- a. Light amber or lighter **or**
- b. **Red (no color requirements).** “Red” color shall not be mixed with “light amber,” or lighter colors.

**Flavor/odor: Must have good flavor and odor and be free of any off or objectional flavors and odors**

Chemical: **Peroxide value (PV): less than 2.8 meq/kg or less**

**Free fatty acid (FFA): 1.25% or less**

**Aflatoxin: 20 ppb or less**

Microbiological:

- c. Shelled walnuts shall be treated with Propylene Oxide (PPO) or other **validated** methods **such as steam treatment that** achieves a minimum of 4 log reduction of *Salmonella*

bacteria. Verification that such treatment has been performed must be provided to the USDA inspector.

**Samples for chemical, biological and moisture specifications will be drawn by the Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service and certified by the Dried Fruit Association of California (CDFA). DFA has labs throughout California, you may choose any one of them.**

- 12. For loads shipping between April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>, the packaged walnuts must be loaded into a refrigerated trailer capable of holding air temperature not to exceed 40° F.**
- 13. Case markings for shelled walnuts shall include the statement: “STORE UNDER REFRIGERATION 35 TO 40 DEGREES F.”**

**Exhibit 4  
Universal Product Codes**

<b>Shelled Nuts</b>	<b>WBSC Material</b>	<b>Primary Container</b>	<b>Secondary Container</b>
<b>Walnut Eng PCS (24/1 lb)</b>	<b>100908</b>	<b>7 15001 00908 1</b>	<b>1 07 15001 00908 8</b>

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.