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## COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

### BEANS, WESTERN STYLE, CANNED

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has authorized the use of this Commercial Item Description (CID).

**1. SCOPE.** This CID covers canned western style beans, packed in commercially acceptable containers, suitable for use by Federal, State, local governments, and other interested parties; and as a component of operational rations.

#### **2. PURCHASER NOTES.**

##### **2.1 Purchasers shall specify the following:**

- Type(s) of beans required.
- Manufacturer's/distributor's certification (Sec. 8.2) or USDA certification (Sec. 8.3).

##### **2.2 Purchasers may specify the following:**

- Manufacturer's quality assurance (Sec. 8.1 with 8.1.1) or (Sec. 8.1 with 8.1.2).
- Packaging requirements other than commercial (Sec. 9).

**3. CLASSIFICATION.** The western style beans shall conform to the following list, which shall be specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

#### **Types.**

- Type I** - Pinto
- Type II** - Pink
- Type III** - Red
- Type IV** - Black
- Type V** - Lentil
- Type VI** - Combination of two or more types of beans (purchaser specification)
- Type VII** - Other

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**4. MANUFACTURER'S/DISTRIBUTOR'S NOTES. Manufacturer's/distributor's products *shall meet the requirements of the:***

- Salient characteristics (Sec. 5).
- Manufacturer's/distributor's product assurance (Sec. 6).
- Regulatory requirements (Sec. 7).
- Quality assurance provisions: *as specified by the purchaser* (Sec. 8).
- Packaging requirements other than commercial: *as specified by the purchaser* (Sec. 9).

**5. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS.**

**5.1 Processing.** The canned western style beans shall be processed in accordance with good manufacturing practices (21 CFR Part 110).

**5.2 Finished product.** The finished product shall contain beans, water, tomato paste, spices, other suitable seasonings and flavorings, and may contain a blend of vegetable oils, animal fat, and vegetables such as chili peppers, peppers, tomatoes, onions, and corn, etc.

**5.2.1 Flavor and odor.** The canned western style beans shall possess characteristic flavor and odor. The canned western style beans shall be free from objectionable or foreign flavors or odors; e.g., scorched, sour, bitter, etc.

**5.2.2 Color.** The color of the canned western style beans shall be typical of the type of seasoning and type of bean used.

**5.2.3 Texture.** The canned western style beans shall be soft, not hard or mushy.

**5.2.4 Defects.** The canned western style beans shall be practically free from loose skins, mashed, broken, or blemished beans.

**5.2.5 Age requirement.** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the canned western style beans shall be prepared and processed from the latest season's crop.

**5.2.6 Foreign material.** All ingredients shall be clean, sound, wholesome, and free from glass, dirt, insect parts, burnt, scorched, stale, sour, rancid, musty, and evidence of rodent or insect infestation.

**6. MANUFACTURER'S/DISTRIBUTOR'S PRODUCT ASSURANCE.** The manufacturer/distributor shall certify that the canned western style beans provided shall meet the salient characteristics of this CID, conform to their own specifications, standards, and quality assurance

practices, and be the same canned western style beans offered for sale in the commercial market. The purchaser reserves the right to require proof of conformance.

**7. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.** The delivered canned western style beans shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local mandatory requirements and regulations relating to the preparation, packaging, labeling, storage, distribution, and sale of canned western style beans within the commercial marketplace. Delivered canned western style beans shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

**8. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS.** *Purchaser shall specify 8.2 or 8.3; purchaser may specify 8.1 with 8.1.1 or 8.1 with 8.1.2.*

**8.1 Manufacturer's quality assurance.** When required in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the product manufacturer shall be required to provide evidence, by certificate, that the manufacturing plant has undertaken one of the following quality assurance measures within 12 months prior to providing a bid, or no later than 10 business days from the date of awarding of the contract. Failure to provide this documentation within the proper time frame may result in the contract being terminated for cause.

**8.1.1 Plant systems audit.** A plant systems audit (PSA) shall be conducted by USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), or another third party auditing service and is required within 12 months prior to the date of the awarding of the contract. *(An AMS PSA verifies the manufacturer's capability to produce products in a clean, sanitary environment in accordance with Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations Part 110 - Current Good Manufacturing Practice in Manufacturing, Packing, or Holding Human Food; and have in place an internal quality assurance program. The AMS PSA determines the manufacturer's ability to produce under this CID, if the products of interest are identified at the time of the PSA.)*

**8.1.2 Plant survey.** A plant survey shall be conducted by USDA, AMS, or other third party auditing service and is required within 12 months prior to the date of the awarding of the contract. *(An AMS plant survey audit verifies that, at the time of the survey, the manufacturer produces products in a clean, sanitary environment in accordance with Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations Part 110 - Current Good Manufacturing Practice in Manufacturing, Packing, or Holding Human Food.)*

**8.2 Manufacturer's/distributor's certification.** When required in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the manufacturer/distributor will certify that the finished canned western style beans distributed meets or exceeds the requirements of this CID.

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**8.3 USDA certification.** When required in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order that product quality and acceptability or both be determined, the Processed Products Branch (PPB), Fruit and Vegetable Programs (FVP), AMS, USDA, shall be the certifying program. PPB inspectors shall certify the quality and acceptability of the canned western style beans in accordance with PPB procedures which include selecting random samples of the canned western style beans, evaluating the samples for conformance with the salient characteristics of this CID and other contractual requirements, and documenting the findings on official PPB score sheets and/or certificates. In addition, when required in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, PPB inspectors will examine the canned western style beans for conformance to the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers in effect on the date of the solicitation.

**9. PACKAGING.** Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and case marking shall be commercial unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

**10. USDA INSPECTION NOTES.** When Section 8.3 is specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, USDA certification shall include evaluation of the quality and condition of samples of packaged canned western style beans, and compliance with requirements in the following areas:

- Salient characteristics (Sec. 5).
- Packaging requirements (Sec. 9 or as specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order).

## **11. REFERENCE NOTES.**

**11.1 USDA certification contact.** For USDA certification, contact the **Branch Chief, PPB, FVP, AMS, USDA, STOP 0247, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0247** telephone (202) 720-4693, Fax (202) 690-1527, or via E-mail: [terry.bane@usda.gov](mailto:terry.bane@usda.gov).

### **11.2 Sources of documents.**

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

Applicable provisions of: the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act are contained in 16 CFR Parts 500 to 503, and 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, 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 (202) 512-1800 or on the Internet at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/nara/index.html>.**

Copies of this CID and the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers are available from: **Branch Chief, PPB, FVP, AMS, USDA, STOP 0247, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-0247, telephone (202) 720-9939, Fax (202) 690-0102, via E-mail: [FQAStaff@usda.gov](mailto:FQAStaff@usda.gov) or on the Internet at: [www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fvqual.htm](http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fvqual.htm).**

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**CIVIL AGENCY COORDINATING ACTIVITIES:**

**Custodians**

Army - GL  
Navy - SA  
Air Force - 35

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

**Review Activities**

Army - MD, QM  
Navy - MC

**PREPARING ACTIVITY:**

DLA - SS  
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