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 pieces and small pieces 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

Deletions are strikethroughs and 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

Shelled Walnuts

Variety: English or Persian varieties of (Juglans regia)

Size: Pieces and small pieces

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 1.5 meq/kg
Free fatty acid (FFA): 1.25% maximum
Aflatoxin: 20 ppb or less

Microbiological:

c. Shelled walnuts shall be treated with Propylene Oxide (PPO) or other FDA industry approved method such as steam blanch 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.
12. For loads originating in California or Arizona to be shipped between April 1\textsuperscript{st} through October 1\textsuperscript{st} 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.”

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\textbf{Exhibit 4}
\textbf{Universal Product Codes}
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\textbf{Shelled Nuts} & \textbf{WBSC Material} & \textbf{Primary Container} & \textbf{Secondary Container} \\
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Walnut Eng PCS (24/1 lb) & 100908 & 7 15001 00908 1 & 1 07 15001 00908 8 \\
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All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.