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Part 1 COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS

Section 1.1 COMMODITIES

The commodity delivered shall meet the requirements as specified in the Commercial Item Descriptions (CID) as follows:

- A. Cereals, Rolled Oats, Type II, Quick cooking, unflavored – [CID A-A-20090J \(June 5, 2024\)](#) or latest version. Oats must conform to Section 6.1.2 of CID A-A-20090J (or latest version).
- B. Cereals, Wheat, Quick-Cooking and Instant, Type I (enriched farina) and Type III (rolled wheat) – [CID A-A-20108C \(April 16, 2008\)](#) or latest version, except as may be augmented as indicated below:

Farina – Iron Enrichment Standards

Item	Minimum Per 100g Dry Farina
Iron: in form of Ferric Phosphate, mg	28mg*
*Plus or minus two percent (+/- 2%)	

- C. Bulgur may be of any of the classes of wheat as defined in the “Official United States Standards for Grain,” except mixtures of wheat of contrasting classes. The standard is available at: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/WheatStandards.pdf>. The wheat shall not contain more than 4.0 percent damaged kernels and shall meet the requirements as set forth below:

Chemical and Physical Requirements

Item	Requirements ¹	
	Minimum	Maximum
Moisture	--	11.5%
Protein (N x 5.7) ²	9.3%	--
Crude Fiber ²	--	2.3%
Ash ²	--	1.8%
Foreign Material: Total ³	--	0.2%
Material Except Other Grains ⁴	--	0.05%
Scorched particles (whole or pieces of kernels)	--	0.2%
Ungelatinized particles (whole or pieces of kernels)	--	1.0%
Whole processed kernels remaining on U.S. Standard No. 8 Woven-Wire-Cloth Sieve	--	4.0
Material that will pass through U.S. Standard No. 8 Woven-Wire-Cloth Sieve	80.0	--
Material that will pass through U.S. Standard No. 14 Woven-Wire-Cloth Sieve	--	18.0

¹ All percentages are on the basis of weight.

² These limiting values are on a moisture-free basis.

³ All material other than wheat.

⁴ Including grain hulls either attached or detached. Any hulls attached to product should be detached before inclusion in the hull fraction.

Material that will pass through U.S. Standard No. 30 Woven-Wire-Cloth Sieve	--	0.9
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- D. **No Added Sodium permitted.**
- E. All wheat shall be tested for vomitoxin in accordance with procedures approved by the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS). Any wheat testing higher than 2 parts per million (p.p.m.) shall not be used in production of the commodity. The final product shall not contain more than 1 p.p.m. of vomitoxin.

Section 1.2 WARRANTY

The product shall have a shelf life of at least one year from date of manufacture. Product shall not be manufactured more than 30 days prior to shipping.

Section 1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. The contractor shall perform the product testing and quality analysis to ensure that the product meets the commodity specifications on a quarterly basis. Testing must follow the requirements listed in Section 7.1 of [CID A-A-20090J](#), with the following exception:

- Analytical testing of sodium is not required. **However, Added Sodium is prohibited for all materials governed by this commodity requirements document.**

The results shall be evidenced by a Certificate of Analysis (COA). The COA shall be maintained by the contractor. USDA requires the contractor to retain the COA for a minimum of seven years from the date of issuance. If quality discounts are provided in the contract, and the product to be delivered by the contractor falls within the quality discount table, those factors shall be identified by an asterisk on the copies of the COA.

- B. Contractors shall notify the Government immediately of lots that fail to meet contract requirements.

Part 2 CONTAINER AND PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS

Section 2.1 GENERAL

This part provides the container specifications and packaging materials requirements used under this contract.

Section 2.2 COMMERCIAL PACKAGING

- A. Contractors shall supply commercial brand products only and shall certify at the time of submission of an offer that the commercial product being delivered has a history of successful distribution and use in domestic commercial channels and is sold on the commercial market with an established level of consumer acceptance.
- B. Container and packaging requirements are those used in the current commercial shipping practices and shall comply with:
 - (1) At contractor’s option, a statement such as “Not for Retail Sale” may be printed on the principal display panel of the food label.
 - (2) The manufacturer’s lot code/lot identification number shall be shown on the commercial bill of lading.

- (3) Shipping containers shall be marked to show the maximum safe stacking height. It is the responsibility of the contractor in cooperation with the shipping container manufacturers to determine the safe stacking height.
- (4) For identification upon receipt at delivery warehouses, all commercial labeled product shipping documents shall specify “FOR USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS.”

C. **Container, packaging, and unitization requirements shall comply with Sections 4A52.211-76, 4A52.211-77, and 4A52.211-79 in the Master Invitation for Bids – Domestic Commodity Procurement (MIFB-D) <https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food/solicitations>.**

Section 2.3 MATERIALS

Material Code	Product Description	Cases Per Truck	Net Weight Per Truck
110880	Cereal, Wheat Farina, Enriched- 10/18 oz pkg	3,400 cases/truck	38,250 lbs.
111074	Oats, Rolled, Quick Cooking- 12/18 oz pkg	2,240 cases/truck	30,240 lbs.
100465	Oats, Rolled, Quick Cooking- 12/42 oz pkg	1,040 cases/truck	32,760 lbs.