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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION
PAPER, WRAPPING, WET-WAXED

The General Services Administration has authorized the use of this commercial item description in lieu of Federal Specification UU-P-134.

This description covers two types of wet-waxed wrapping paper suitable for use in food packaging: Type I waxed paper is intended for use in bread wrapping or similar applications requiring self-sealing; and type II waxed paper is intended for general use in galleys, bakeries, commissaries, and for overwrapping wax dipped packages.

Salient characteristics:

All material used in the manufacture of wet-waxed wrapping paper shall conform to the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

Paper shall be 100 percent bleached chemical wood pulp with a basis weight of 25 pounds (24x36-500) \pm 5 percent.

Wax shall be fully refined paraffin wax having a melting point of not less than 132° F.

Type I paper shall contain not less than 10 nor more than 15 pounds (24x36-500) of wax, with not less than 2.5 pounds of surface wax on each side.

Type II paper shall contain 9 pounds \pm 1 pound (24x36-500) of wax.

Waxed paper shall be smoothly and tightly wound on nonreturnable cores having an inside diameter of 3 inches.

Minimum tearing strength of the waxed paper shall be 17 grams by TAPPI Method T-414.

Tensile strength shall be not less than 5 pounds per inch by TAPPI Method T-404.

The issue of each TAPPI test method in effect on the date of the solicitation shall be used to determine compliance with these requirements.

Workmanship. The wet-waxed paper shall be clean, continuously coated with wax, and free from any holes, tears, cuts, creases, chafed spots, scuff marks, blisters, flaking, streaked wax, or objectionable odor.

Certification. The contractor shall certify that the product offered meets the salient characteristics of this description and that the product conforms to the producer's own drawings, specifications, standards and quality assurance practices and is the same product offered for sale in the commercial marketplace. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance prior to first delivery and thereafter as may be otherwise provided for under the provisions of the contract.

Packaging, packing, and marking. The waxed paper shall be packaged in accordance with normal commercial practice and packed in fiberboard boxes that will assure acceptance by common carrier and provide product protection against loss and damage during multiple shipments, handling, and storage. The shipping container shall be in compliance with National Motor Freight Classification and Uniform Freight Classification. Shipping containers shall be marked as specified in the contract or order.

NOTE: Purchasers should specify type and dimensions required.

TAPPI test methods are available from the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry, One Dunwoody Park, Atlanta, GA 30341.

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