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## COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

### CARTON, EGG

The General Services Administration has authorized the use of this commercial item description by all Federal Agencies.

#### 1. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS.

1.1 The cartons shall be molded pulp or foam plastic with 12 cells. Each cell shall accommodate a medium, large or extra large chicken shell egg. The cover of the carton shall be hinged to the bottom and shall have a locking device when cover is folded down.

1.2 Workmanship. The egg cartons shall be clean and free from thin spots. The egg cartons shall show no evidence of warpage, distortion, delamination, or any other defect which would affect the appearance or serviceability.

#### 2. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.

The offeror/contractor is encouraged to use recovered materials to the maximum extent practicable, in accordance with paragraph 23.4303 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

#### 3. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS.

3.1 Contractor Certification - The contractor shall certify and maintain substantiating evidence that the product offered meets the salient characteristics of this Commercial Item Description, and that the product conforms to the producer's own drawings, specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices. 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.

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3.2 Suppliers are encouraged to use quality control (QC) techniques that exhibit control over their processes (e.g. (Statistical Process Control) SPC techniques) as defined in American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Z1.1, Z1.2 and Z1.3/ American Society for Quality Control (ASQC) B.1, B.2 and B.3 that systematically reduce excess variations. Objective evidence shall be available that demonstrates overall measurement-adequacy techniques and controls. These techniques shall ensure quality levels equal to, or greater than, those cited in applicable technical document or, herein.

3.3 End item inspection/testing may be used by the offeror or the Government representative, as a means to determine the effectiveness of the in process quality controls. In process controls shall not be substituted for end item performance testing.

3.4 For those characteristics for which there are no such controls, or for end item performance test, lot by lot sampling for inspection/test shall be required. Sampling shall be in accordance with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/ American Society for Quality Control (ASQC) Z1.4, Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes.

3.5 An inspection lot shall consist of all like items submitted for inspection at one time. The inspection level shall be S-2 with an AQL of 2.5 percent defective. The supplier must provide objective evidence (tests and inspection records) that the presented material meets the requirements of the sampling plan as indicated above.

#### 4. PACKAGING.

Packaging, packing, labeling and marking shall be as specified in the contract or purchase order.

#### 5. NOTES

##### 5.1 ADDRESSES FOR OBTAINING COPIES OF REFERENCED DOCUMENTS.

5.1.1 The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is available from the Government Printing Office, Washington, DC. Phone (202)512-1800.

5.1.2 Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes can be obtained from American Society for Quality Control, P.O. Box 3005, 611 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53201-4606.

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**5.2 ORDERING DATA.**

Purchasers should reference this commercial item description when ordering and state the quantity needed.

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