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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

SHELLAC VARNISH

The General Services Administration has authorized the use of this commercial item description in lieu of Federal Specification TT-S-300.

This commercial item description covers shellac varnishes for use as protective coatings. Two grades, A and B, of orange shellac varnish and two grades, regular and refined, of bleached lac varnish are included.

Salient characteristics:

The shellac varnishes shall conform to the applicable requirements of ASTM D 360 - Shellac Varnishes, except as modified below:

Modifications to ASTM D 360:

- (a) Color of shellac varnish. The color of the orange shellac varnish shall not be darker than color standard D, and the color of the bleached shellac varnish shall not be darker than color standard N of the Lovibond Rosin Standard.
- (b) Properties of dry lac.
Orange, grade B only.
Matter insoluble in specified hot solvents, maximum percent - 0.2.
Wax, maximum percent - 0.2.

The issue of the ASTM specification in effect on date of the solicitation shall be used to determine compliance with stated requirements.

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.

Recovered materials. The manufacturer shall utilize recovered materials to the maximum extent practicable.

Packaging, packing, and marking. The varnish shall be packaged in metal cans 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.

ASTM standards are available from the American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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