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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

TAG, CLOTH, DRY CLEANING AND LAUNDRY MARKING

The General Services Administration has authorized the use of this commercial item description.

This commercial item description covers cloth tags for identification of articles to be laundered or dry cleaned.

Salient characteristics:

The base fabric shall be white, natural, light blue, light green, or yellow in color, as specified. The cloth shall be cotton and comply with the requirements in table I.

TABLE I. Basic fabric requirements

Weight Per Square Yard Ounces (Min.)	Threads Per Inch (Minimum)		Breaking Strength, Pounds (Minimum)		Shrinkage Percent (Maximum)	
	<u>Warp</u>	<u>Filling</u>	<u>Warp</u>	<u>Filling</u>	<u>Warp</u>	<u>Filling</u>
2.6	70	70	37	27	10	10

Testing shall be as specified in Fed. Test Method Std. 191 for basic fabric weight, breaking strength, shrinkage percentage, and thread count, methods 5041, 5100, 5550, and 5050, respectively.

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

Unless otherwise specified, the base cloth shall be evenly coated on one side with a clear heat-sealable compound and formed into tags. The coated side of the cloth shall be on the inside of the tag.

When specified, staples fabricated from zinc strip (min. 98 percent zinc) shall be furnished.

Dimensions. The tags shall be 2-1/8 inches by 1/2 inch, 2-1/4 inches by 5/8 inch, or 5 inches by 3 inches  $\pm$  1/16 inch for both dimensions, as specified.

Workmanship. The tags shall be clean, with clean cut edges, free from wrinkles, tears and cuts.

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.

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

Packaging, packing and marking. The packaging and packing shall be in accordance with normal commercial practice and shall 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 the National Motor Freight Classification and Uniform Freight Classification. Marking shall be as specified in the contract or order.

Federal standardization documents are available from General Services Administration Specification and Consumer Information Distribution Branch (WFSIS), Washington Navy Yard, Bldg. 197, Washington, DC 20407.

Note: Purchasers shall specify the dimensions.