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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

TAG, SHIPPING (STOCK, CIRCULAR)

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

1. SCOPE: This description covers the requirements for standard commercial metal rim tags.

2. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS:

A. Construction and materials. Materials used in the production of stock tags shall be made from tag stock, and shall be in accordance with the requirements as specified below.

TABLE I

	Requirement	Test Method
Thickness	0.360-0.508 mm (0.0142-0.0200) "	TAPPI T 411
Basis weight	311-439 g/m ² (142-200 lb _m *)	TAPPI T 410
Bursting Strength	790 kPascals (100 psi)	TAPPI T 403

* Based on (22-1/2" x 28-1/2" - 500 sheets)

The tags shall have a metal binding that will not rust. The tags shall be strung with twine passing through the tag hole and knotted at the end. The knot shall be at least 11.11 cm (4-3/8") from the tag hole, measured from the nearest points, with the twine fully extended. Sizes and colors of the tags shall be as specified. A tolerance of ± 1.59 mm ($\pm 1/16$ ") shall be permitted for size of tag.

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B. Workmanship. The tags shall be free from any holes (other than required for stringing), tears, cuts, punctures, cracks, creases, folds, delaminations, crushed edges or any other defects which may impair serviceability.

3. QUALITY ASSURANCE:

A. Responsibility for Inspection. Unless otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order, the contractor is responsible for the performance of all inspection requirements as specified herein. Except as otherwise specified in the contract, the contractor may use his own or any other facilities suitable for the performance of the inspection requirements specified herein, unless disapproved by the Government. The Government reserves the right to perform any of the inspections set forth in this Commercial Item Description, where such inspections are deemed necessary to assure that supplies and services conform to prescribed requirements.

B. 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.

C. Sampling. Samples shall be selected for inspection in accordance with MIL-STD-105. A lot shall consist of a number of sample units manufactured by the same process from the same components at the same time. Random samples shall be drawn from each lot for the end item inspection.

Component testing - The tag stock shall be tested for the characteristics listed in table I in accordance with referenced TAPPI test methods.

Visual and dimensional characteristics - Inspection Level S-2 with Acceptable Quality Level (AQL) of 4.0 percent defective. The sample unit shall be one tag.

4. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS: The contractor shall certify that the tag stock used shall include a minimum of 5% post-consumer recovered material. 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.

Post consumer recovered material is defined as paper, paperboard and fibrous wastes from factories, retail stores, office buildings, homes, etc. after they have passed through their end usage as a consumer item, including: used corrugated boxes; old newspapers; old magazine; mixed waste paper; tabulating cards; and used cordage. All paper, paperboard, and fibrous waste that enter and are collected from municipal solid waste.

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5. PACKAGING, PACKING, AND MARKING: Shall be as specified in the contract or purchase order.

6. REFERENCED DOCUMENTS: The issue of each referenced document in effect on the date of the solicitation shall be used to determine compliance with these requirements.

TAPPI test methods are available from: The Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry (TAPPI) Technology Park/Atlanta, P.O. Box 105113, Atlanta, GA. 30348

MIL-STD-105 is available from: Naval Publications and Forms Center 5801 Tabor Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19120

7. ORDERING DATA: Purchasers shall specify the following in the contract or purchase order:

- (a). Size of tags.
- (b). Color desired.
- (c). Specific packaging, packing, labeling and marking requirements.

MILITARY INTEREST:

Military custodians:

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User Activities:

Army - AT
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Reviewing activities:

Army - ME, MD
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