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SUPERSEDING

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## COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

## DINING PACKETS

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

## 1. SCOPE.

1.1 Scope. This commercial item description (CID) covers four types of accessory inflight dining packets.

## 2. CLASSIFICATION.

2.1 Classification. The dining packets shall be of the following types, as specified:

Type I - Dining packet, inflight

Type II - Dining packet, food container

Type III - Dining packet, inflight, modified

Type IV - Dining packet, food container, modified

## 3. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS.

3.1 Sanitary packaging. All components shall be packed and assembled under strictly sanitary conditions, by methods that will produce the best possible finished product, consistent with the material requirements specified in the following paragraphs.

3.2 Components.

3.2.1 Type I. The type I dining packet shall consist of twelve components as specified in Table I and assembled into a packet as specified.

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3.2.2 Type II. The type II dining packet shall consist of the following seven components as specified in Table I: 3a, fork (green) or 3b, fork (tan/sand); 4a, knife (green) or 4b, knife (tan/sand); 5a, napkin (green) or 5b, napkin (tan/sand); 6, pepper packet; 7, salt packet; 8a, spoon (green) or 8b, spoon (tan/sand); and 9, sugar packets. Components shall be assembled into a packet as specified.

3.2.3 Type III. The type III dining packet shall consist of the following nine components as specified in Table I: item 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12, (items 1, 2, and 9 are omitted) and assembled into a packet as specified.

3.2.4 Type IV. The type IV dining packet shall consist of the following seven components as specified in Table I: item 3c, fork, (tan/sand/beige); 4c, knife (tan/sand/beige); 5c, napkin (tan/sand/beige); 6a, pepper packet; 7a, salt packet; 8c, spoon (tan/sand/beige); and 9a, sugar packets. Sugar, salt, and pepper packets shall be packaged in tan kraft paper. Components shall be assembled into a packet as specified.

Table I. Components and unit packaging of dining packet

Item	Quantity	Component	Details (Conformance)
1	one	Can opener	See paragraph 3.2.5
2	one	Chewing gum	A-A-20175, type I, unit packaged with 2 tablets per package.
3	one	Fork, picnic (white)	A-A-3109, type III, item 5, or
3a	one	Fork, picnic (green)	A-A-3109, type III, item 5a, or
3b	one	Fork, picnic (tan/sand)	A-A-3109, type III, item 5b.
3c	one	Fork, picnic (tan/sand/beige), 2.3 g min.	A-A-3109, type VI, item 18
4	one	Knife, picnic (white)	A-A-3109, type III, item 6, or
4a	one	Knife, picnic (green)	A-A-3109, type III, item 6a, or
4b	one	Knife, picnic (tan/sand)	A-A-3109, type III, item 6b.
4c	one	Knife, picnic (tan/sand/beige), 2.5 g min.	A-A-3109, type VI, item 19
5	one	Napkin (white)	Size A, B, or C of 3.2.6
5a	one	Napkin (green)	Size A or C of 3.2.6
5b	one	Napkin (tan/sand)	Size A or C of 3.2.6
5c	one	Napkin (tan/sand/beige)	Size D of 3.2.6

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Table I. Components and unit packaging of dining packet (continued)

Item	Quantity	Component	Details (Conformance)
6	.15 gram min.	Pepper packet	Pepper, Black, Ground, A-A-20001, (sealed).
6a	.15 gram ( $\pm 5\%$ )	Pepper packet	Pepper, Black, Ground, A-A-20001, unit package of 0.15 gram ( $\pm 5\%$ ) (sealed).
7	1.0 gram min.	Salt packet	Salt, U.S. Food Chemicals Codex Sodium Chloride Monograph, unit package 1.0 gram min. (sealed).
7a	0.67 gram ( $\pm 5\%$ )	Salt packet	Salt, U.S. Food Chemicals Codex Sodium Chloride Monograph, unit package 0.67 g ( $\pm 5\%$ ) (sealed).
8	one	Spoon, tea, picnic (white)	A-A-3109, type III, item 7, or
8a	one	Spoon, tea, picnic (green)	A-A-3109, type III, item 7a, or
8b	one	Spoon, tea, picnic (tan/sand)	A-A-3109, type III, item 7b.
8c	one	Spoon, tea, picnic (tan/sand/beige), 2.3 g min.	A-A-3109, type VI, item 20
9	6.0 gram min.	Sugar packet	A-A-20135, type I, Style A or B, one unit package 6.0 gram min. or two unit packages 3.0 gram min. (sealed).
9a	12.0 gram ( $\pm 5\%$ )	Sugar packet	A-A-20135, type I, Style A or B, two unit packages 6.0 g ( $\pm 5\%$ ) or four unit packages 3.0 g ( $\pm 5\%$ ), (sealed).
10	two	Toothpick	See paragraph 3.2.7
11	one	Towel packet	A-A-461, type I or II, unit packaged.
12	one	Drinking tube	See paragraph 3.2.8

3.2.5 Can opener. The can opener shall be constructed from nickel-plated carbon steel. One end of the opener shall have a bottle opener capable of opening a compression type bottle cap.

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The other end of the opener shall be of a triangular punch design capable of punching a V-shaped opening  $1\frac{1}{16}$  inch (17.5 mm) in width in the tops of steel cans. The end with the bottle opener shall have a  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch (4.8 mm) minimum hole for hanging purposes. The can opener shall have an overall length of  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches ( $+ \frac{3}{8}$  inch;  $- \frac{1}{4}$  inch) and a width of  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch  $\pm \frac{1}{64}$  inch. The can opener shall have a bright nickel-plated finish. The opener shall be free from sharp edges (except for the punch opener end), slivers, burrs, deep scratches, pits, and tool marks. The opener shall not be bent, damaged, or distorted. Surfaces shall be free of loose or flaked plating. There shall be no defects which impair the durability, appearance, or serviceability of the item.

3.2.6 Napkins. Napkins shall be single-ply, creped or embossed, and the color shall approximate that of the flatware. The napkins shall be clean and free of holes, tears, wrinkles, dirt or foreign particles that adversely affect appearance or serviceability. There shall be no visible clumps of undispersed fibers or thin looking areas. The napkins shall be square cut with clean, smooth edges without raggedness. The napkins shall have no disagreeable odor, either wet or dry. The napkins shall contain not less than 30 percent postconsumer recovered materials.

3.2.6.1 Napkins shall conform to the following dimensions and physical requirements listed in Table II and Table III:

Table II - Dimensions 1/

Size	Area	Length	Width
A	149 sq in	11 $\frac{1}{4}$ in	11 $\frac{1}{4}$ in
B	94 $\frac{1}{2}$ sq in	13 $\frac{3}{8}$ in	7 in
C	130 sq in	9 $\frac{7}{8}$ in	9 $\frac{7}{8}$ in
D	133 sq in	9 $\frac{7}{8}$ in	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in

1/ Minimum values

Table III - Physical requirements

Characteristic	Requirement	Test Method
Basis Weight, min. g/m <sup>2</sup> (lbs 24 X 36-500)	20.3 g/m <sup>2</sup> (12.5)	TAPPI T 410 or ASTM D 646 <u>2/</u>
Dry Tensile Strength, MD, kg/15 mm (oz/inch) min. CD, kg/15 mm (oz/inch) min.	0.268 (16) 0.10 (5.9)	TAPPI T 494 or ASTM D 828 <u>2/</u>
Absorption Time, sec., max.	100	TAPPI T 432 or ASTM D 824 <u>2/</u>

2/ Prior to physical testing, samples shall be conditioned in accordance with ASTM D 685 or TAPPI T 402.

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3.2.7 Toothpicks. The toothpicks shall be of the following types: Type I - flat, and Type II - round or square-centered round. The toothpicks shall be made from white birch conforming to the applicable requirements of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), 21 CFR, Subchapter B. The toothpicks shall be made with the grain of the wood running in the same direction as the long axis and shall be uniform in color. The toothpicks shall have no objectionable odor or taste. Type I toothpicks shall be of smooth, natural flat veneer finish. Type II toothpicks shall be of smooth, natural, straight, grain dowel or veneer. The finished toothpicks shall be clean, free from surface checks, rough edges, splinters and any other defects which may affect appearance or serviceability. The dimensions of the toothpicks shall be as listed in Table IV.

Table IV - Dimensions <sup>3/</sup>

	Type I (Flat)	Type II (Round)
Length	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> to 2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> to 2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Width, Narrow End	0.03 to 0.05	
Width, Wide End	0.07 to 0.10	
Center Thickness	0.035 to 0.065	0.07 to 0.11
End Thickness	0.01 to 0.03	0.04 maximum

<sup>3/</sup> All dimensions are in inches.

3.2.8 Drinking tube. The plastic shall be clean, sanitary, and free from toxic ingredients. The raw materials and finished drinking tube shall conform to the applicable requirements of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act as amended: Title 21, CFR Subchapter B, Parts 170 to 199. The color of the tube shall be either white or clear. The length of the tube shall be 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches (+<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; -<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>), the inside diameter shall be 0.245 inch (±0.01), and the wall thickness shall be 0.007 inch (±0.0002). The tube shall be suitable for use with hot liquids up to 180°F, without distortion or impairment due to softening of the plastic. The drinking tube shall be individually wrapped or unwrapped, as specified. The tube shall be straight, clean, free from rough and uneven edges, circular in cross-sections, and free from defects which may impair appearance and serviceability.

3.3 Workmanship. The dining packet shall be clean, well made, and free from any defects which may affect appearance or serviceability.

3.4 Metric products. Products manufactured to metric dimensions will be considered on an equal basis with those manufactured using inch-pound units, providing they fall within tolerances specified and all other requirements of this document are met. If a product is manufactured to metric dimensions and those dimensions exceed the tolerances specified in the inch-pound units, a request should be made to the contracting officer to determine if the product is acceptable.

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#### 4. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.

4.1 FDA requirements. All deliveries shall conform in every respect to the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and regulations promulgated thereunder.

4.2 Recovered materials. The offeror/contractor is encouraged to use recovered materials to the maximum extent practicable, in accordance with paragraph 23.403 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

#### 5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS.

5.1 Product conformance. The products provided shall meet the salient characteristics of this commercial item description, shall conform to the producer's own drawings, specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices and be the same product that has been sold in the commercial marketplace for over two years, or is the same product that has successfully been supplied to the government on a previous contract or purchase order. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance prior to the first delivery and thereafter as may be otherwise provided for under the provisions of the contract.

5.1.1 Market acceptability criteria. The following market acceptability criteria is necessary to document the quality of the product to be provided under this CID: The company must have sold 10,000 items meeting the requirements of this CID, except for the Government unique requirements, in the commercial or government marketplace over the past two years.

#### 6. PACKAGING.

6.1 Preservation, packing, and marking. Preservation, packing, and marking shall be as specified in the contract or purchase order.

#### 7. NOTES.

7.1 Part Numbering. The following part identification number procedure is for government purposes and does not constitute a requirement for the contractor.

Part Numbering System for Commercial Item Description A-A-3012

Example: AA3012-1 (AA3012-1) Example - Type I

		--- Type (1 - I, 2 - II, or 3 - III)
		--- CID number

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### 7.3 Document sources.

#### 7.3.1 Government documents.

Copies of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) are available from the Superintendent of Documents, US Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. Internet address: <http://access.gpo.gov>.

Commercial Item Descriptions are available from the General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service, Specification Section, Suite 8100, 470 East L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20407; telephone (202) 619-8925, 26 or 27; Fax (202) 619-8978 or 85.

#### 7.3.2 Non-Government documents.

Copies of the U.S. Food Chemicals Codex are available from: The National Academies Press, 500 Fifth Street, NW, Lockbox 285, Washington, DC 20055; telephone (888) 624-8373 or (202) 334-3313, Fax (202) 334-1891. Internet address: <http://www.nap.edu>.

TAPPI test methods may be obtained from: Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry, 15 Technology Parkway South, Norcross, GA 30092.

ASTM methods may be obtained from: American Society for Testing and Materials, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959.

7.4 Ordering data. Purchaser should select the preferred options permitted herein and include the following information in procurement documents (if applicable).

- a. Title, number, and date of this commercial item description.
- b. Type required (see 2.1).
- c. The color required for items 3, 4, 5, and 8 (Types I and II, see Table I).
- d. Preservation, packing, and marking requirements.

7.5 National Stock Numbers (NSN's). The following is a list of NSN's assigned which correspond to this CID. The list may not be indicative of all possible NSN's associated with the CID.

<u>NSN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
7360-01-167-2610	III
7360-01-509-3586	IV

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MILITARY INTERESTS:

Custodians

Army - GL  
Navy - SA  
Air Force - 35

Review activities

Army - MD, QM  
Air Force- 99, 84

CIVIL AGENCY COORDINATING ACTIVITY:

HHS - NIH  
GSA - FSS

PREPARING ACTIVITY:

DLA - SS

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Document Changes to Commercial Item Description A-A-3012A, Dining Packets

The following changes are made to subject document for all current, pending, and future procurements until the document is formally revised or amended:

Table I - Add "Size E" in the column titled "Details (Conformance)" for Items 5, 5a, 5b, and 5c.

Table II - Add dimensions for Size E:

E	125 ½ sq in	9 ¾ in	12 7/8 in
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Ms. Sally Gallagher, telephone number (215) 737-2961 or DSN 444-2961 may be contacted if additional information is required.

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