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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

SALT SUBSTITUTE (INDIVIDUAL PACKET)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has authorized the use of this Commercial Item Description as a replacement for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Specification X-1640/29.

This Commercial Item Description (CID) covers salt substitute, packed in commercially acceptable individual packets, suitable for use by the Federal Government.

Salient characteristics.

The salt substitute shall have typical color, flavor, be dietetically free from sodium with a low sensitivity to moisture, and must sprinkle and season like salt to satisfy the need for salty flavor in foods. The salt substitute shall have a minimum shelflife of 12 months. The active ingredient in the salt substitute shall be potassium chloride of Food Chemicals Codex or U.S. Pharmacopoeia-National Formulary quality. Bulking agents such as monopotassium glutamate or glutamic acid hydrochloride are acceptable. The sodium content of the salt substitute (including fillers) shall not exceed 0.01 percent. Individual packets shall weigh 0.5 gram to 1.0 gram. The sodium content shall be determined to the nearest 0.001 percent.

If purchasers wish other than the individual, single-use paper shaker packet composed of a single-faced corrugated member having four flutes and sealed at both ends, with a closed-cut dispensing opening running transversely across the four flutes, they must specify so in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

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DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT A. Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited.

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Analytical requirements.

Chemical analyses shall be made in accordance with the following method in the Official Methods of Analysis of the Association of Official Analytical Chemists:

<u>Test</u>	<u>Chapter and Section</u>	<u>Paragraph Number</u>
Sodium	Chapter: Wines Section: General	963.13

Contractor's certification.

By submitting an offer, the contractor certifies that the product offered meets the specified salient characteristics and requirements of this CID; conforms to the producer's own specifications and standards, including product characteristics, manufacturing procedures, quality control procedures, and storage and handling practices; has a national or regional distribution from storage facilities located within the United States, its territories, or possessions; and is sold on the commercial market. The Government reserves the right to determine proof of such conformance prior to the first delivery from point of origin and any time thereafter, up to and including delivery at final destination, as may be necessary to determine conformance with the provisions of the contract.

Regulatory requirements.

The delivered product shall comply with all applicable Federal and State mandatory requirements and regulations relating to the preparation, packaging, labeling, storage, distribution, and sales of the product in the commercial marketplace. All deliveries shall conform in every respect to the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Quality assurance.

When the solicitation, contract, or purchase order requires that product quality or acceptability or both be determined, the Processed Products Branch (PPB), Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, shall be the certifying activity and shall make the determination in accordance with applicable PPB procedures. The product shall be examined or analyzed or both in accordance with applicable provisions in the CID, and when applicable, the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers.

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Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and marking.

The salt substitute shall be preserved, packaged, packed, labeled, and case marked in accordance with good commercial practice. Commercial labeling and packaging, as may be augmented by the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, shall be acceptable. Shipping containers shall comply with the National Motor Freight Classification or Uniform Freight Classification, as applicable.

Notes.

Sources of documents:

Sources of information for nongovernmental documents are as follows:

Copies of the National Motor Freight Classification may be obtained from:

National Motor Freight Traffic Association, Inc., Agent
National Motor Freight Classification
American Trucking Associations, Inc., Traffic Department
2200 Mill Road
Alexandria, VA 22314

Copies of the Uniform Freight Classification may be obtained from:

Uniform Classification Committee, Agent
Uniform Freight Classification
Uniform Classification Committee, Suite 1120
222 South Riverside Plaza
Chicago, IL 60606

Copies of the Official Methods of Analysis of the Association of Official Analytical Chemists may be obtained from:

Association of Official Analytical Chemists
2200 Wilson Boulevard
Suite 400-CD
Arlington, VA 22201-3301

Copies of the Food Chemicals Codex may be purchased from:

National Academy Press
2101 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20418

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Copies of the U.S. Pharmacopeia-National Formulary may be obtained from:

United States Pharmacopeial Convention
12601 Twinbrook Parkway
Rockville, MD 20852

Sources of information for governmental documents are as follows:

Applicable provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act are contained in 21 CFR Parts 1-199. This three-volume set may be purchased from:

Superintendent of Documents
U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington, DC 20402-0001

Credit card (Master Charge or Visa) purchases may be made by calling the Superintendent of Documents on (202) 783-3238.

Copies of the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers are available from:

Chairperson
Condition of Container Committee
Agricultural Marketing Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Room 2506, South Building
P.O. Box 96456
Washington, DC 20090-6456

Civil agencies and other interested parties may obtain copies of this CID from:

General Services Administration
Specifications Unit (3FB-WS)
Room 6654
7th and D Streets, SW
Washington, DC 20407

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Comments and suggestions.

Comments and suggestions regarding this CID should be submitted to:

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Food Quality Assurance Staff
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MILITARY INTERESTS:

NONE: The Department of Defense has determined that no military activity has an official interest in this Commercial Item Description.

CIVIL AGENCY COORDINATING ACTIVITIES:

DOJ - BOP
HHS - IHS, NIH
USDA - FV
VA - OSS

PREPARING ACTIVITY:

USDA - FV