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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

FRUITCAKE, FRESH

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has authorized the use of this Commercial Item Description in preference to Military Specification MIL-F-3232.

Salient characteristics.

Shape - Rectangular with slightly arched top  
 Weight - 1, 2, 3, or 5 pounds, as specified

Fruitcake shall be made from:

- Fruit and nut mixture

Parts by weight

Raisins, golden, seedless	12
Candied cherries (non-running dye)	12
Candied pineapple, natural	25
Candied pineapple, green	20
Candied orange peel, lemon peel and citron cubes	6
Nutmeats (small pieces of pecans, walnuts, and almonds)	25

- Shortening - Partially hydrogenated, deodorized shortening shall be free from objectionable odors and flavors. The shortening may contain antioxidants. Butter or margarine may be added for flavor.
- Mold inhibitors of proper levels and any other necessary ingredients as allowed by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

Finished fruitcake:

- Shall not fall apart when sliced.
- Shall not be soft or gummy in center.
- Shall be free from undesirable odors and flavors such as scorched, caramelized, metallic, rancid, or musty.
- Fruits and nuts shall be uniformly distributed throughout.
- Grain shall be uniform.
- Ratio of fruit and nut mixture to cake shall be 70/30.

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

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**Contractor's certification.**

By submitting an offer, the contractor certifies that the product offered meets the specified salient characteristics and requirements of this Commercial Item Description (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 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 required in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, will determine the quality assurance of the fruitcake according to FGIS procedures. The product shall be examined and/or analyzed in accordance with applicable provisions in the CID, and when applicable, the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers currently in effect on the date of the solicitation.

**Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and marking.**

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

**For Department of Defense procurements.**

The following requirements are applicable when specified by the contracting officer:

A. **Commercial packaging.** One, two, three, or five pounds of product shall be packaged in accordance with commercial practice.

B. **Commercial packing.** Not more than 30 pounds, net weight of packaged product shall be packed in a shipping container in accordance with Uniform Freight Classification or National Motor Freight Classification, as applicable.

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C. Export packaging. One, two, three, or five pounds of product shall be tightly wrapped and sealed in cellophane or plastic suitable for product. The product shall then be packaged in a paper board or fiberboard box.

D. Export packing: Not more than 30 pounds, net weight of packaged product shall be packed in a fiberboard box. The box shall be constructed, closed, and reinforced in accordance with PPP-B-636, Grade V3c, V3s, or V4s, Style RSC. Reinforcement shall be limited to nonmetallic strapping or pressure-sensitive adhesive, filament-reinforced tape.

E. Unit loads. Shipping containers shall be arranged in unit loads in accordance with MIL-L-35078.

F. Labeling. Commercial labeling shall be acceptable.

G. Marking. Marking of unit pack, shipping container, and unit load shall be in accordance with MIL-STD-129.

#### Notes.

Purchasers shall specify:

- Fruitcake weight(s) required
- Type of packaging and packing (for Department of Defense Procurement)

#### Sources of documents:

##### Sources of nongovernmental documents are as follows:

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

Uniform Classification Committee, Agent  
Uniform Freight Classification  
Uniform Classification Committee, Suite 1106  
222 South Riverside Plaza  
Chicago, IL 60606

##### Sources of governmental documents are as follows:

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

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

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Civil agencies may obtain copies of this Commercial Item Description from:

General Services Administration  
Specifications Unit (WFCIS)  
Room 6039  
7th and D Streets, SW  
Washington, DC 20407

Military activities should submit request for copies of this Commercial Item Description to:

Naval Publications and Forms Center  
5801 Tabor Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19120

Comments and suggestions.

Comments and suggestions regarding this Commercial Item Description should be submitted to:

U.S. Army Natick Research,  
Development and Engineering Center  
ATTN: STRNC-ESS  
Natick, MA 01760-5014

**MILITARY INTERESTS:**

Custodians

Army - GL  
Navy - SA  
Air Force - 50

**CIVIL AGENCY COORDINATING ACTIVITIES:**

DOJ - BOP  
HHS - FDA, NIH  
USDA - MRD  
VA - OSS

Review activities

Army - MD, TS  
Navy - MC, MS  
DP - SS

**PREPARING ACTIVITY:**

Army - GL

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