

**INCH-POUND**

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## **COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION**

### **BEANS, WITH JALAPEÑO PEPPERS, CANNED, INCLUDING PRODUCT FLAVORED WITH SLAB BACON**

**The U.S. Department of Agriculture has authorized  
the use of this Commercial Item Description.**

#### **1. SCOPE.**

**1.1** This Commercial Item Description (CID) covers beans with jalapeño peppers, including product flavored with slab bacon, packed in commercially acceptable containers, suitable for use by Federal, State, and local governments and other interested parties.

#### **2. CLASSIFICATION.**

**2.1** The canned beans with jalapeño peppers shall conform to the types and type of packs in the following list which shall be specified, as required, in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

##### **Types and type of packs.**

**Type I** - With sliced or diced jalapeño peppers

**Type II** - With diced jalapeño peppers and small bacon slices

**Type of pack A** - Brine

**Type of pack B** - Tomato sauce

**Beneficial comments, recommendations, additions, deletions, clarifications, etc., and any data which may improve this document should be sent to: Head, Food Quality Assurance Staff, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0243, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-0243 or telephone (202) 720-9939 or FAX (202) 690-0102.**

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### 3. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS.

#### 3.1 Finished product:

**3.1.1 Ingredients:** Each type of canned beans with jalapeño peppers shall contain appropriately seasoned beans, sliced or diced jalapeño peppers, small bacon slices as appropriate, and suitable seasonings and flavorings and may contain a blend of vegetable oils and animal fat and tomato paste as appropriate.

**3.1.2 Percent jalapeño peppers:** The canned beans with jalapeño peppers shall contain not less than 1 percent jalapeño peppers.

**3.1.3 Flavor and odor:** Each type of canned beans with jalapeño peppers shall possess characteristic flavor and odor. The canned beans with jalapeño peppers shall be free from objectionable or foreign flavors or odors; e.g., scorched, sour, bitter, etc.

**3.1.4 Color:** Each type of canned beans with jalapeño peppers shall possess a characteristic color.

**3.1.5 Texture:** The canned beans for each type shall not be hard or mushy. The jalapeño peppers shall not be tough or fibrous.

**3.1.6 Age requirement:** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, all types of canned beans with jalapeño peppers shall be prepared and processed from the current year's crop.

**3.1.7 Foreign material:** All ingredients shall be clean, sound, wholesome, and free from evidence of rodent or insect infestation.

### 4. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.

**4.1** The delivered canned beans with jalapeño peppers shall comply with all applicable Federal and State mandatory requirements and regulations relating to the preparation, packaging, labeling, storage, distribution, and sale of the canned beans with jalapeño peppers in the commercial marketplace. Delivered canned beans with jalapeño peppers shall conform in every respect to the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and regulations promulgated thereunder.

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## **5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS.**

**5.1 Product conformance.** The canned beans with jalapeño peppers provided shall meet the salient characteristics of this CID, conform to the producer's own specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices, and be the same canned beans with jalapeño peppers offered for sale in the commercial market. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance.

**5.2 Quality assurance.** When the solicitation, contract, or purchase order requires that prepared canned beans with jalapeño peppers quality or acceptability or both be determined, the Processed Products Branch (PPB), Fruit and Vegetable Programs, 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 canned beans with jalapeño peppers shall be examined or analyzed or both in accordance with applicable provisions in this CID, solicitation, contract, or purchase order, and, when applicable, the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers in effect on the date of the solicitation.

## **6. PACKAGING.**

**6.1 Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and case marking.** Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and case marking shall be as specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

## **7. NOTES.**

### **7.1 Purchasers shall specify:**

- Type of product(s) desired.
- Type of pack(s) desired.

### **7.2 Sources of documents.**

#### **7.2.1 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 to 199. This document may be purchased from: **Superintendent of Documents, ATTN: New Orders, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954.** Credit card (MasterCard or Visa) purchases may be made by calling the Superintendent of Documents on (202) 512-1800.

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Copies of the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers are available from: **Chairperson, Condition of Container Committee, STOP 0243, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0243.**

Civil agencies and other interested parties may obtain copies of this CID from: **General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service, Specifications Section, Suite 8100, 470 East L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20407.**

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