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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

VERMICULITE, ABSORBENT  
(FOR PACKAGING LIQUID HAZARDOUS MATERIALS)

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

Abstract. This CID covers expanded or exfoliated vermiculite intended to be used for the absorbent packaging of liquid hazardous materials (HAZMAT)

Salient characteristics.

1. The vermiculite shall conform to the density and grading of ASTM C 516, type I, grade 3.

2. The vermiculite shall be dry, nonwetted, untreated, nonabrasive, and free from any additives or surfactants..

Workmanship. Expanded or exfoliated vermiculite shall be clean and free from extraneous particles per the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Occupational Safety and Health administration (OSHA) regulations.

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Beneficial comments, recommendations, additions, deletions, clarifications, and any data which may improve this document should be sent to: Director, AMC Packaging, Storage, and Containerization Center, ATTN: SDSTO-TE-S, Tobyhanna, PA 18466-5097.  
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DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT A. Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited.

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Quality assurance provisions. The contractor shall certify that the product offered meets the salient characteristics of this description; that the product conforms to the producer's own drawings, specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices; and is the same product as the product offered for sale in the commercial marketplace. 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.

Metric products. Products manufactured to metric dimensions will be considered on an equal basis with those manufactured using inch/pound units, provided they fall within specified tolerances using conversion tables contained in the latest revision of Federal Standard No. 376 and all other requirements of this CID 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.

The contracting officer has the option of accepting or rejecting the product

Regulatory requirements. A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), shall be provided per Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 1910 1200 (Hazard Communication).

The offerer/contractor is encouraged to use recovered materials per Public Law 94-580 to the maximum extent practical

Packaging and marking The packaging and packing shall be in accordance with normal commercial practice; shall assure acceptance by common carrier; shall provide product protection against loss and damage during multiple shipments, handling, and storage. The shipping container shall be in compliance with the National Motor Freight Classification or Uniform Freight Classification. Marking shall be as specified in the contract or order and shall include the applicable precautionary warning statements concerning nuisance dust hazards and the use of personal protection equipment.

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Notes. Reference ASTM document is available from ASTM, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

FED-STD-376, Preferred Metric Units For General Use By The Federal Government, is available from the Standardization Documents Order Desk, 700 Robbins Avenue, Building 4D, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094

Use NSN 5640-01-324-2664 when ordering absorbent vermiculite for packaging liquid HAZMAT.

For assistance with acquisition, a current list of suppliers whose product is known to meet CID requirements may be obtained by writing, Director, AMC Packaging, Storage, and Containerization Center, SDSTO-TE-E, Tobyhanna, PA 18466-5097 or by calling DSN 795-7160 or commercial (717) 894-7160.

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