

COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

MAYONNAISE AND SALAD DRESSING

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has authorized the use of this Commercial Item Description in preference to Type I and Type II of Federal Specification, EE-M-131.

Salient characteristics.

Mayonnaise and salad dressing shall comply with the Requirements for Specific Standardized Food Dressings and Flavorings (21 CFR 169.140 and 21 CFR 169.150). Mayonnaise and salad dressing shall be a uniform off-white to light-cream color, have a sharp, clean vinegar flavor with spice note, and clean oil background flavor. There shall not be a reverted (beany or painty) vegetable oil flavor. The products shall have a semisolid consistency [no flow from the inverted container at temperature below 90°F (32°C)]. The texture shall be uniformly creamy smooth, free of lumps, and grittiness. The products shall not exhibit separation of the oil and water phases after being held at 100°F (38°C) for 56 hours.

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 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.

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

Quality assurance.

When required in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the Processed Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture will determine the quality assurance of the mayonnaise and salad dressing according to Processed Products Branch 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 mayonnaise and salad dressing 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 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. Products shall be packaged in accordance with good commercial practice and as specified in Table I.

TABLE I. Commercial packaging requirements for salad dressing

<u>Unit pack</u>	<u>Net weight</u>	<u>Number per shipping container</u>
Pouch	1/2 oz.	1000
Cup or boat	1/2 oz.	200
1-quart jar	2 lbs. 1 oz.	12
1-gallon jar	8 lbs. 3.5 oz.	4

B. Commercial packing. The product shall be packed in a manner to ensure carrier acceptance and safe delivery at destination at the lowest transportation rate for such supplies. The shipping container shall be in accordance with the Uniform Freight Classification or National Motor Freight Classification, as applicable. The number of packages per shipping container shall be as specified in Table I.

C. Commercial unit loads. Shipping containers shall be arranged in unit loads in accordance with Type III, Class G of MIL-L-35078. When unit loads are strapped, strapping shall be limited to nonmetallic strapping.

D. Export packaging. The product shall be packaged in accordance with (1) or (2), as applicable. Container net weight shall be as specified in Table I.

(1) Glass containers. Glass containers shall be in accordance with good commercial practice. The closure may be continuous thread, milled screw cap with curled edge made from 0.25-pound per base box electrolytic tinplate or a hermetic friction type side seal closure with pry-off feature made from 0.25-pound per base box electrolytic tinplate. The closures shall be coated outside with a corrosion-resistant coating and inside with a coating suitable for the product. Closures shall be lined. Screw cap closures shall be secured in place with a shrink-on cellulose band or pressure-sensitive, plastic-film adhesive tape 3/4-inch wide, applied around the circumference at the juncture of the cap and container. The tape shall overlap itself a minimum of 1 inch.

(2) Cups, boats, or pouches. Individual serving size containers shall be packaged in accordance with Level B of PPP-I-350.

E. Export packing. The product shall be packed in accordance with (1) or (2), as applicable. Number of packages per shipping container shall be as specified in Table I.

(1) Glass containers. Product shall be packed in a fiberboard box constructed, closed, and reinforced in accordance with Style RSC, Type CF or SF, Class weather-resistant, of PPP-B-636. Fiberboard pads shall be placed on the top and on the bottom of jars. Fiberboard partitions shall provide a cell for each jar. Reinforcement shall be limited to nonmetallic strapping or pressure-sensitive adhesive filament-reinforced tape.

(2) Cups, boats, or pouches. Product shall be packed in accordance with Level B of PPP-I-350.

F. Export unit loads. Shipping containers shall be arranged in unit loads in accordance with Type I, Class A of MIL-L-35078. When unit loads are strapped, strapping shall be limited to nonmetallic strapping.

G. Labeling. Commercial labeling shall be acceptable.

H. Marking (commercial and export). Marking of unit pack, shipping container, and unit load shall be in accordance with MIL-STD-129.

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Shipping containers packed with glass containers shall be imprinted on top in bold face type as follows:

**STORE IN COOL PLACE - DO NOT FREEZE**

**FRAGILE - HANDLE WITH CARE (or similar marking)**

**THIS SIDE UP**

Shipping containers packed with cups, boats, or pouches shall be imprinted on top in bold face type as follows:

**KEEP REFRIGERATED  
(40°F OR BELOW)  
DO NOT FREEZE**

Notes.

Sources of documents:

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

Director  
Market Research and Development Division  
Agricultural Marketing Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Washington, DC 20250

Sources of 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

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 may 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

Review activities

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

**CIVIL AGENCY COORDINATING ACTIVITIES:**

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

**PREPARING ACTIVITY:**

Army - GL

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