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JANUARY 26, 1994

TO: PRINT BUTTER MANUFACTURERS

REF: ANNOUNCEMENT PBA-1
ISSUED 12/30/93

Purpose To change the markings on the shipping containers to include storage requirements. This requirement was not included in Exhibit C of Appendix 2.

Change Exhibit C of Appendix 2 is changed to require the following additional markings on both side panels of shipping containers:

Storage Requirements:
Less Than 2 Weeks - Below 40°F;
More Than 2 Weeks - 0°F, Or Under

Attachment Exhibit C (1/31/94) of Appendix 2 to Announcement PBA-1 has been revised to include this change. Please replace the original Exhibit C with the attached.

Effective date Announcement PBA-1 (including the above change) will be effective for all contracts for print butter made on or after January 31, 1994.

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TO: PRINT BUTTER MANUAFACTURERS

REF: ANNOUNCEMENT PBA-1
ISSUED 12/30/93

Purpose — To clarify the transfer of title clause of Announcement PBA-1, issued December 30, 1993, for print butter accepted f.o.b. origin.

Changes — Section 11, SHIPMENT AND DELIVERY - TRANSFER OF TITLE - RISK OF LOSS, paragraph B.(1), is changed as follows:

(1) F.O.B. Origin Delivery

With respect to f.o.b. origin deliveries, the date of delivery is the date provided by the carrier, on the bill of lading when the carrier accepts the print butter.

Attachment — Page 11 of Announcement PBA-1 has been revised to include the changes. Please replace the original pages 11 and 12 with the attached.

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December 30, 1993

TO: PRINT BUTTER MANUFACTURERS

Enclosed is Announcement PBA-1 (which supersedes Announcement KC-B-4) for the purchase of print butter at an announced price under the Dairy Price Support Program. The effective date is January 31, 1994.

The reasons for issuing PBA-1 are to:

1. Update KC-B-4 and incorporate Amendments 1 through 9.

2. Include all certifications, representations, and warranties in Appendix 1.

3. Include applicable packaging and marking requirements in Appendix 2.

Appendix 1, (Certifications, Representations, and Warranties for Dairy Commodity Procurements) must be completed, signed and submitted annually to the Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO). Offerors are responsible for updating the Appendix 1 as may be necessary. **NOTE:** *The Appendix 1 on file with the KCCO will be applicable for all dairy announcements as indicated in paragraph 1 of Appendix 1. It is not necessary to complete a separate Appendix 1 for each announcement.*

Appendix 2, (Packaging and Marking Specifications) replaces DACO-DAIRY Handbook "Packaging of Dairy Products" for print butter.

An invitation for offers will not be issued under this Announcement. The procedures and information required to submit offers are included in the Announcement. Any changes in contractual requirements will be in the form of an amendment to the Announcement. Any changes in program requirements will be in the form of a "Notice to the Dairy Industry."

Although most of the changes are listed above, other language changes have been made. We urge you to read the Announcement and the Appendixes to the Announcement carefully.

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ANNOUNCEMENT PBA-1

PURCHASE OF SALTED PRINT BUTTER AT AN ANNOUNCED PRICE FOR USE IN DOMESTIC DONATION PROGRAMS

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(Supersedes Announcement KC-B-4)

1. GENERAL

A. Under this Announcement the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will purchase, at an announced price in accordance with the Dairy Price Support Program, salted print butter (print butter/or commodity), for use in domestic donation programs. Certain provisions of "General Terms and Conditions for the Procurement of Agricultural Commodities or Services", Revision No. 2, dated November 1984, as amended (USDA-1), are incorporated as specified in section 5 of this Announcement. Offerors are cautioned to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1 and this Announcement.

B. Offered Lots

Offers must be in multiples of approximately 38,412 pounds net weight of print butter. A "lot" as used in this Announcement consists of 38,412 pounds net weight of print butter. Each offer shall cover identifiable lots, and if the offer is accepted by CCC, the identical lots offered must be delivered.

C. Certifications, Representations, and Warranties

Appendix 1 to this Announcement contains certifications, representations, and warranties that must be certified and submitted annually to CCC prior to or with an offer. In addition to an annual submission, offerors must submit an updated Appendix 1 as changes in the certifications, representations, and warranties submitted to CCC occur throughout the year.

D. Packaging and Marking Specifications

Appendix 2 to this Announcement contains detailed packaging and marking specifications, and related requirements, applicable to the commodity delivered under this Announcement.

E. Commercial Item Description (CID)

Appendix 3 to this Announcement is the "Commercial Item Description, Butter", A-A-20044, dated November 16, 1984.

2. SUBMISSION OF OFFERS

A. How to Submit Offers

(1) Offers must be submitted by:

(a) Letter in duplicate,
(b) Mailgram,
(c) Facsimile, (816) 926-6381,
(d) Telegram, Telex, or TWX (467094-USDA CI), or
(e) Easylink, 62140250.

(2) If an offer is mailed or delivered by hand, place the notation "Offer under PBA-1" in the lower left corner of the envelope.

B. Where and When to Submit Offers

(1) Offers, modifications, or withdrawals of offers must be submitted to:

Kansas City Commodity Office
P.O. Box 419205
Kansas City, Missouri 64141-6205

(2) Express mail and hand delivered offers must be submitted to the Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO), 9200 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64114-3315. An offer may be canceled at any time by either CCC or the offeror without any obligation to offeror or to CCC if delivery has not been made as specified in section 11 of this Announcement. At delivery the parties are obligated to perform in accordance with the Announcement and other contract terms. See section 5.

C. What to Submit[1]

Each offer must include the following statement and information:

(1) Offer is subject to the terms and conditions of Announcement PBA-1.

(2) Total quantity in whole net pounds of print butter offered.

(3) The pack size of the print butter.

(4) The location of the print butter when inspected by USDA. If the print butter is stored in a CCC-approved warehouse, provide the name and location of the warehouse.

(5) Name and location of the printing plant, location of shipping point if different from the plant, railroads serving the shipping point, and the railroad switching the plant.

(6) Grading certificate number for each lot offered.

(7) The lowest grade of the print butter shown on each grading certificate.

(8) Total number of units as shown on each grading certificate.

(9) The net weight in whole pounds as shown on each grading certificate.

(10) The date through which storage has been paid by the offeror if the print butter is offered in-store in a CCC approved warehouse.

(11) The dates of manufacture for each lot.

(12) Full business name, complete address, telephone number and facsimile number of offeror. The name, address and telephone number of individual to receive "Notice to Deliver" (Form KC-269), if other than person submitting offer.

(13) Annual Representations and Certifications (see Appendix 1 and Exhibit A of Appendix 2).

(14) Signature and title of person, if mailed or hand carried, or name and title of person authorized to execute contracts on behalf of offeror, if offer is submitted by telegram, mailgram, Easylink, TWX, facsimile, or Telex. (See Article 6 of USDA-1.)

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1 Exhibit A of Appendix 2, Form KC-327-PBA, provides the format for offerors to submit the required information. Offerors are requested to reproduce and use this form to submit offers. Exhibit A-1 is an example of a completed offer form.

3. PRICE

The price, shipping point basis, to be paid for the print butter is not required to be submitted in offers since the price will be the announced price in the appropriate "Notice to the Dairy Industry" issued by the Dairy Division, ASCS-USDA, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC, 20013-2415. If offers contain prices, those that vary from the announced purchase price will be nonresponsive, and will not be considered. The purchase price may be obtained from the Director of the Dairy Division, at the above address, or the KCCO.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS

Acceptance of offers by CCC will be made by prepaid telegram, Telex, TWX, Easylink, facsimile, mail, or mailgram within two business days following receipt of offers. The date of acceptance by CCC is the contract date.

5. PROVISIONS OF CONTRACT

The contract resulting from the delivery of print butter pursuant to section 11 of the Announcement consists of the Announcement (including Appendixes 1, 2,and 3), the contractor's offer, the acceptance by CCC, and USDA-1 except Articles 7, 16, 18 (a), (b), (d), (e), and (f), 19, 25, 30, 55, 56 (a), (d), and (e), 63, 64, 65, 67, 68, 79, and all Articles of part E. If the provisions of USDA-1 and the Announcement are not consistent, those of this Announcement will prevail.

6. PROTECTING THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST WHEN SUBCONTRACTING WITH CONTRACTORS DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, OR PROPOSED FOR DEBARMENT

A. The Government suspends or debars contractors to protect the Government's interests. Contractors must not enter into any subcontract equal to or in excess of the small purchase limitation of $25,000 with a contractor that has been debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment unless the acquiring agency's head or designee determines there is a compelling reason for such action (FAR 9.405).

B. The contractor will require each proposed first-tier subcontractor, whose subcontract shall exceed the small purchase limitation of $25,000, to disclose to the contractor, in writing, whether as of the time of award of the subcontract, the subcontractor, or its principals, is or is not debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment by the federal government.

C. A corporate officer or a designee of the contractor must notify the contracting officer, in writing, before entering into a subcontract with a party that is debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment (See FAR 9.404 for information on the list of Parties Excluded from Procurement Programs). The notice must include the following:

(1) The name of the subcontractor.

(2) The contractor's knowledge of the reasons for the subcontractor being on the list of Parties Excluded from Procurement Programs;

(3) The compelling reason(s) for doing business with the subcontractor notwithstanding its inclusion on the list of Parties Excluded from Procurement Programs;

(4) The systems and procedures the contractor has established to ensure that it is fully protecting the Government's interests when dealing with such subcontractor in view of the specific basis for the party's debarment, suspension, or proposed debarment.

7. PRODUCTION REQUIREMENTS

The butter must be printed in a plant which has been inspected and approved by the Dairy Grading Branch, Dairy Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA (AMS), prior to submission of offer.

8. COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS

A. The print butter must comply with the requirements of Appendix 3 to this Announcement, except as those requirements may be augmented or revised by this Announcement. The butter must be subject to a "keeping quality" test of seven days incubation at 72 degrees F to be performed by AMS at the time of grading.

B. Print Butter Directly from Churn

The print butter must be salted and must be U.S. Grade A or higher as evidenced by the grading certificates issued by AMS. The print butter must be not more than 60 days old on the date of inspection. CCC acceptance of the print butter will be based on either in-process or end-product inspection certificates. Should the print butter fail to meet the requirements for U.S. Grade A or higher, the wrappers bearing government markings will be removed from the print butter and destroyed, and the print butter will remain the property of the contractor.

C. Print Butter Made from Bulk

The butter used must be salted and must be U.S. Grade A or higher as evidenced by the grading certificates issued by AMS dated not more than 30 days prior to printing. The butter must have been produced in the United States, and must not have been previously owned by CCC. CCC reserves the right to reinspect the butter at the time of printing. The butter must be not more than 60 days old on the date of printing, and must be printed from bulk butter packaged in containers which are acceptable to AMS.

D. Cooling

Immediately after printing and packaging, print butter shall be placed in refrigerated space to reduce the temperature of the print butter to 32 degrees F, or lower, and held at such reduced temperature until shipment. If such refrigerated space is unavailable at the packaging plant, the contractor may transport print butter to a freezer facility at another location provided that the shipment to such facility is completed within 24 hours after printing and the print butter is transported in carriers which are maintained at temperatures not higher than 35 degrees F. The one-pound prints must not be crushed or misshapen during transport from the printing plant to the freezer facility.

9. INSPECTION

A. The inspection required by Article 54 of USDA-1 will be performed by AMS. Procedures to be followed and a schedule of fees for these services may be obtained by contacting AMS. Subject to Article 54(o) of USDA-1, certificates issued by AMS is evidence of the quality, weight, and packaging of the print butter provided to CCC under the Announcement.

B. The print butter cannot be shipped until the containers, labels, and markings meet the Acceptable Quality Level (AQL) of the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers (Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Part 42). Notice by AMS that a lot scheduled for shipment does not meet the AQL constitutes rejection of such lot. Except with respect to shipments which do not meet the AQL standards, and notwithstanding Article 56(b) of USDA-1, the contractor may ship the print butter prior to receipt of the inspection results if the contractor assumes all risks and liabilities which arise with respect to the failure of the shipped print butter to meet contract specifications.

C. If the print butter fails to meet contract specifications of one or more factors on the first inspection, the contractor may arrange for an appeal inspection of the print butter at origin or a subsequent point of delivery if the provisions set forth in 7 C.F.R., Part 58, issued under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, with respect to appeal inspections can be met. At the option of the contractor, rejected lots may be reworked by correcting packaging deficiencies, removing unsatisfactory containers, and other similar actions. Reworked lots may be resubmitted for AMS reinspection. For purposes of payment under the contract, the latest inspection will prevail.

10. CONTAINER NET WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

A. The print butter must be packaged with 36/1-pound solid prints per shipping container in wrappers and shipping containers which meet the specifications set forth in Appendix 2 of this Announcement.

B. Individual shipping containers packed with 36 one-pound prints of butter must weigh not less than 35.75 pounds, net weight. The total net weight of all shipping containers test weighed by AMS within a lot must not vary more than one-tenth (.1) of one percent under the aggregate marked net weight of all shipping containers within the lot.

C. Discounts For Test Weight Shortage

(1) Any lot of print butter with test weight shortage in excess of one-tenth (.1) of one percent, but not more than one (1.0) percent, under the marked net weight of all shipping containers within the lot, will be accepted by CCC at the following specified discounts below the contract price:

DISCOUNTS FOR TEST WEIGHT SHORTAGE	
PERCENTAGE OF TEST WEIGHT SHORTAGE	DISCOUNT PER LOT
GREATER THAN .1% UP TO AND INCLUDING .2%	$25.00
GREATER THAN .2% UP TO AND INCLUDING .3%	$50.00
GREATER THAN .3% UP TO AND INCLUDING .4%	$75.00
GREATER THAN .4% UP TO AND INCLUDING .5%	$110.00
GREATER THAN .5% UP TO AND INCLUDING .6%	$145.00
GREATER THAN .6% UP TO AND INCLUDING .7%	$180.00
GREATER THAN .7% UP TO AND INCLUDING .8%	$230.00
GREATER THAN .8% UP TO AND INCLUDING .9%	$280.00
GREATER THAN .9% UP TO AND INCLUDING 1.0%	$330.00

(2) Any lot with weight shortages in excess of one (1.0) percent of the aggregate marked net weight of all shipping containers within the lot will be rejected or, at the discretion of the contracting officer, accepted at discounts set forth in an amendment to the contract.

(3) In addition to the discounts specified above, individual shipping containers of print butter included in the sample test weighed in a lot which do not meet the minimum net weight requirements as specified in paragraph B. of this section will result in discounts by CCC of $10 for the first shipping container and $5 for each additional shipping container. No amendment will be required to reduce the contract quantity to reflect the aggregate of test weight shortages.

11. SHIPMENT AND DELIVERY - TRANSFER OF TITLE - RISK OF LOSS

A. Shipment and Delivery

Shipment and delivery must be made in accordance with this Announcement, and Article 56(b) and 56(c) of USDA-1. KCCO will issue a Notice to Deliver within seven business days after date of acceptance of an offer. The contractor will deliver, as directed by KCCO, the identical print butter offered within seven business days after receipt of instructions. If delivery is not made within seven business days, the contractor must notify CCC and advise CCC of contractor's intentions for delivery. Delivery will be directed by KCCO in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) CCC-Approved Warehouse

(a) If print butter, at the time it is offered for sale to CCC, is in a CCC-approved warehouse, delivery will be made at CCC's option: 1) in-store in freezer space in such warehouse with storage charges through date of delivery to CCC and in-and-out handling charges prepaid by contractor; or 2) f.o.b. with the mode of conveyance, railcars or trucks, at CCC's option.

(b) When CCC exercises its option to require delivery in-store, the contractor must promptly arrange for the warehouseman to execute Section II, "Warehouse or Consignee Receipt" on Form KC-269-A covering the commodity. Storage and in-and-out handling charges prepaid by the contractor shall accrue to the benefit of CCC.

(2) Manufacturer's Plant or Non-CCC-Approved Warehouse

If the print butter is in the offeror's plant or in a non-CCC-approved warehouse, delivery must be made f.o.b. with the mode of conveyance, railcars or trucks, at CCC's option.

(3) CCC's Option, F.O.B. Railcars or Trucks

(a) When delivery f.o.b. railcars or trucks is required, contractor must pay all necessary dunnage and bracing charges. Sample and reserve sample containers must be loaded in the doorway of the railcar or truck. The sample containers must be clearly identified to each lot when shipping more than one lot per railcar. When delivery by rail is requested and contractor's plant is not serviced by a railroad, transportation and other charges necessary to place the commodity f.o.b. railcars will be for the account of contractor.

(b) Print butter delivered f.o.b. trucks must be loaded and braced in accordance with good commercial practices. Commodity delivered f.o.b. railcars must be loaded and braced in accordance with the provisions of the American Association of Railroads Loading Pamphlets applicable to such commodity. The quantity on the bill of lading must be the same as the total net weight on the grading certificates, except when the number of containers shipped is less than the number of containers on such certificates.

(c) Railcars and trucks must be clean and in serviceable condition to adequately protect the print butter while in transit.

(d) The consignee's receipt is evidence of the conditions of loading, bracing, and the quantity of the print butter loaded and shipped.

(e) If CCC orders the print butter shipped by rail and rail transportation is not available due to causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the contractor, including freight embargoes, strikes, floods, and acts of god, but excluding the fact that the plant or warehouse is not serviced by a

railroad, the contractor must so notify CCC and may request authorization to ship the print butter by truck, (either the contractor's own or contract carrier), to a destination specified by CCC. Contractor must pay trucking charges if the shipment is by contract carrier and CCC will reimburse the contractor for the cost incurred for such transportation. In no event will reimbursement exceed the published common carrier truck rate applicable to the contract carlot quantity for such services by the most economical route. If contractor uses his own truck, CCC will pay contractor for such transportation services at rates not in excess of the lower of the published common carrier truck rates applicable to the contract carlot quantity for such services by the most economical route, or the rates customarily charged by the contractor for similar services.

(f) Protective Service - The contractor will specify on the bill of lading or other shipper/carrier documentation the following as applicable to truck or rail:

If truck: "Frozen Commodity, load only in mechanically refrigerated truck. Optimum temperature inside truck, 20 degrees F before loading, while enroute and until unloading begins."

If rail: "Mechanical Protective Service - frozen commodity - Rule 705."

B. Transfer of Title and Risk of Loss

Subject to the rights of rejection as provided in Article 60 of USDA-1 and paragraphs 9.B. and 10.C. of this Announcement, transfer of title and risk of loss to any print butter offered under this Announcement will pass to CCC on the date of delivery.

(1) F.O.B. Origin Delivery

With respect to f.o.b. origin deliveries, the date of delivery is the date provided by the carrier, on the bill of lading when the carrier accepts the print butter.

(2) In-store Delivery

With respect to instore deliveries, the date of delivery is the date the warehouseman signs Section II, "Warehouse or Consignee Receipt" on form KC-269-A. Forward or postdating the delivery date is a serious contract violation that may also result in criminal prosecution.

12. INVOICES AND PAYMENT

Invoicing and payment are handled in accordance with Article 70, USDA-1. Invoices are to be mailed to:

Kansas City Financial Management Office
Fiscal Operations Division
Processed Commodity Branch
P.O. Box 419205
Kansas City, Missouri 64141-6205

Telephone: (816) 926-6205

13. INQUIRIES

Inquiries pertaining to USDA-1 and this Announcement are to be directed to:

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Dairy Division
P.O. Box 419205
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APPENDIX 1

Certifications, Representations, and Warranties

For Dairy Commodity Procurements

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APPENDIX 2
Packaging and Marking Specifications

ANNOUNCEMENT PBA-1
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Packaging and Marking Specifications

PART 1. BASIC PROVISIONS

1.1 PURPOSE

A. This Appendix outlines the packaging and marking requirements, container specifications, and procedures for the approval of containers and packaging materials used to package salted print butter under the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) domestic donation programs.

B. This Appendix supersedes all previous packaging requirements and specifications, outlined in handbooks, announcements, or notices, for use in shipments of salted print butter.

C. Changes to this Appendix will be issued periodically in the form of amendments to the Announcement. Contractors are advised to ensure that all subcontractors, e.g., container and packaging material manufacturers, are familiar with the requirements on a contract-by-contract basis.

1.2 USDA RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The Deputy Administrator, Commodity Operations (DACO), USDA-ASCS, Washington, D.C., is responsible for approving the use of all containers and packaging materials.

B. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is responsible for examining the containers and packaging materials according to the:

(1) Specifications in this Appendix.

(2) U.S. Standards for Condition of Food Containers.

(3) AMS Handbook for Inspection of the Condition of Food Containers.

C. The Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) is responsible for accepting or rejecting commodities, containers, and packaging materials on a contract-by-contract basis.

1.3 APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE PACKAGING

A. To request approval of alternative containers or packaging materials, commodity suppliers or package manufacturers must submit a written request to DACO, including the package construction specification and any supporting evidence of performance such as:

(1) Laboratory test data.

(2) Reports of field testing.

(3) History of successful use in commercial channels.

B. The supporting evidence must show that the proposed alternative container or packaging material will perform as well as the container(s) or packaging material(s) currently authorized for use.

C. In response to requests, DACO will do one or more of the following:

(1) Request that samples of the container or packaging material be sent for evaluation to a package testing laboratory designated by DACO.

(2) Require test shipments of filled containers.

(3) Authorize the use of the container or packaging material, in writing, based on the information submitted and/or completion of successful testing.

1.4 INQUIRIES

Inquiries concerning these specifications or the approval of alternative containers should be directed to:

USDA/ASCS/DACO
Contract Management Branch
P.O. Box 2415
Washington, D.C. 20013-2415
ATTN: Packaging

1.5 QUALITY CONTROL

To verify that containers or packaging materials continue to meet the applicable construction and performance specifications approved by DACO, the following steps are in effect under the authority of Article 54 of USDA-1.

A. At the contractor's plant, AMS will select random samples of the containers or packaging materials intended for use in shipment of the product.

B. AMS will send the samples to a package testing laboratory designated by DACO.

C. The number of samples selected and the frequency of laboratory testing will be determined by DACO.

D. Samples may or may not be evaluated at the laboratory prior to the packaging and shipment of the product.

E. Containers or packaging materials found to be in noncompliance may be rejected to CCC's contractor.

F. All samples will be held at the laboratory for future reference and will be examined, as deemed necessary, to determine compliance.

1.6 LIABILITY

In accordance with Article 60 of USDA-1, CCC's contractor will be liable if containers or packaging materials do not meet contract requirements.

1.7 GSA REGIONAL BUSINESS SERVICE CENTERS

Exhibit F is a list of General Services Administration (GSA) Regional Business Service Centers that supply copies of referenced Federal specifications and standards.

PART 2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

2.1 CONTAINERS AND MATERIALS

A. Unless otherwise specified, all containers and packaging materials must be:

(1) Constructed as specified in this Appendix and any referenced specifications, or as authorized in writing by DACO.

(2) New and made of components and by processes which will not impart an odor, flavor, color, or other objectionable characteristic to the product being packaged.

(3) Constructed to meet the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for safe contact with the packaged product.

(4) Of a type normally used in commercial channels and constructed and closed in compliance with the applicable carrier rules and regulations.

(5) Constructed from the maximum amount of recycled materials practicable without jeopardizing performance or food safety.

B. All containers and packaging materials must be manufactured and assembled in the United States. The components that make up the fabricating materials of the containers and packaging materials must be of U.S. origin to the extent that they are commercially available. Questions concerning the availability of a material should be directed to:

USDA/ASCS/DACO
Contract Management Branch
P.O. Box 2415
Washington, D.C. 20013-2415
ATTN: Packaging

C. The contractor must maintain records to verify that during the contract shipping period, at the point of packaging, the containers and packaging materials were in compliance with paragraph 2.1,B. See Article 76 of USDA-1.

D. Filled containers must be safe for individuals coming in contact with them during handling, stacking, and storage operations.

E. The weight capacity of a container, e.g., 36/1-pound, is defined as a container designed to hold 36 pounds of product.

2.2 CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

A. A Certification of Compliance (C.O.C.) must be provided by the container or packaging material manufacturer for each contract.

B. The C.O.C. must state that all containers or packaging materials meet the requirements of this Appendix.

C. AMS will determine whether the contractor has obtained a C.O.C. from the appropriate container or packaging material manufacturer.

D. The C.O.C. must be either printed on each individual container or provided in writing for review by AMS. When printed on the container, the C.O.C. must be as small as possible, yet legible.

E. The C.O.C. must read:

"THIS CONTAINER IS CONSTRUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH DACO PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS"

or

"THIS PACKAGING MATERIAL IS CONSTRUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH DACO PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS"

F. The C.O.C. may be printed in either upper or lower case lettering.

PART 3. CONTAINER AND PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS

3.1 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A. Butter packages must provide a minimum two-year shelf life when stored under frozen conditions.

B. Butter wrappers must prevent the butter from leaking during storage and distribution.

3.2 WRAPPERS

One-pound prints must be properly wrapped with either a single sheet of 30-pound basis weight dry waxed vegetable parchment paper or wet strength paper, or a 20 to 30-pound wet strength paper waxed with a blend of polyethylene and microcrystalline or paraffin wax.

3.3 SHIPPING CONTAINERS

A. Shipping containers must be packed with 36/1-pound prints.

B. Shipping containers must conform to Rule 41, as amended, of the Uniform Freight Classification (UFC) Rules and Regulations and be constructed of a minimum 32-pound edge crush test (ECT) corrugated fiberboard. The shipping containers must be single wall, regular slotted containers, however, Bliss-style, die-cut containers with 32-pound ECT bodies and 40-pound ECT ends, may be used.

C. The closure and sealing of outer flaps with tape or adhesive must be in accordance with UFC Rule 41, section 9, as amended.

(1) Staples or wire stitching is not permitted.

(2) Ends must be attached to the body by means of hot melt adhesive and body joints must be on the outside.

(3) The inner and outer flaps must be drawn together as closely as possible to ensure a compact and tight pack.

(4) The inside surfaces of the shipping container must be coated scoreline to scoreline with either: (1) paraffin of not lower than 128 degrees F melting point, (2) polyethylene paraffin combination, (3) polyethylene, or (4) similar materials to prevent absorption of moisture or butter oil by the fiberboard. The container flaps need not be coated. All coating must meet FDA requirements for safe contact with butter.

(5) Snug fitting pads constructed of a minimum 0.020-inch dry chipboard must be inserted inside the shipping containers on the top and bottom.

PART 4. MARKING REQUIREMENTS

4.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The wrappers and shipping containers must be clearly marked in WATERPROOF, PERMANENT, BLACK OR BLUE INK, in accordance with Exhibits B, C, D, and E. No markings other than those required shall appear unless approved by CCC.

4.2 STATE AND PLANT NUMBER

The State and plant number must be printed on each shipping container. The State and plant number is assigned by the State and reported by AMS in "Dairy Plants Surveyed and Approved for USDA Grading Service."

4.3 MONTH/YEAR OF PACK

The month/year of pack must appear on all shipping containers.

4.4 LOT CODE

A lot code must appear on all shipping containers. Lot codes relate to the day of production. Contractors may use any type of lot coding system, provided, it can identify the day of production in the contractor's records.

4.5 SAFE STACKING INSTRUCTIONS

Corrugated fiberboard shipping containers must be marked to show the maximum safe stacking height. This should be expressed as follows: "Do not stack above _____ tiers per pallet, _____ pallets high." It is the responsibility of the contractor in cooperation with the shipping container manufacturers to determine the safe stacking height.

4.6 UNIVERSAL PRODUCT CODE

A. A Universal Product Code (UPC) and symbol must appear on each primary package, and a UPC shipping container code called Interleaved 2 of 5 (I 2/5) must appear on each shipping container as specified below. In accordance with the UPC guidelines published by the Uniform Code Council, Incorporated, a 12-digit UPC (code and symbol) must appear on each primary package and a 14-digit I 2/5 bar code must appear on each shipping container. For contrast in scanning, a white patch or block must be used as background for bar codes applied directly to metal containers. A high degree of contrast is required for bar codes applied directly to plastic containers. The UPC guidelines describe the requirements for the proper placement, printing, readability, and scanability for bar coding.

B. The format and code to be used is as follows:

COMMODITY	PACK SIZE	PRIMARY CONTAINER CODE	SHIPPING CONTAINER CODE
Print Butter	1 pound	7 15001 02050 5	1 07 15001 02050 2

C. The complete code including the check digit (the last digit of the applicable UPC code) must be printed in machine-readable and human-readable form. The start and stop indicators must be included in the bar code symbols. The UPC system is a commonly used method of bar coding merchandise in commercial channels. Package manufacturers, printers, and film master suppliers are familiar with this symbology. USDA has acquired a unique manufacturer's identification number for this application.

D. Further information concerning UPC codes and symbols may be obtained be contacting the:

Uniform Code Council, Inc. (UCC)
8163 Old Yankee Road, Suite J
Dayton, Ohio 45458
Phone (513) 435-3870

Contractors need not join the UCC.

4.7 KOSHER CERTIFICATION

When specified in the invitation, vendors under rabbinical supervision must either:

A. Place a Kosher certification symbol on individual packages and shipping containers. (The symbol shall attest to compliance with applicable dietary (Kosher) laws.)

B. Provide a letter to the consignee certifying compliance with applicable dietary (Kosher) laws.

4.8 RECYCLE SYMBOLS

A. The contractor must place the recycle symbol and the words "PLEASE RECYCLE" somewhere on the surface of each primary and shipping container which is widely recycled. By "widely recycled," it is meant recycled in most communities. The words "PLEASE RECYCLE" are to be placed under the recycle symbol. The following USDA packaging materials are widely recycled and should be marked with the symbol and statement in accordance with Exhibit D:

(1) Corrugated fiberboard (cardboard) boxes
(2) Steel (tin) cans
(3) High density polyethylene (e.g., vegetable oil and liquid shortening bottles)

B. Packaging materials which are not required under the contract to be printed (e.g., certain plastic pouches, bags, and stretch films) need not be marked even though they can be recycled in many communities.

C. In addition to the recycle symbol and "PLEASE RECYCLE" statement, plastic containers must also be marked in accordance with the appropriate plastic material codes shown in Exhibit D. Reusable plastic overcaps must be marked with the appropriate plastic materials code only. The recycle symbol and "PLEASE RECYCLE" statement must be of sufficient size to be legible.

4.9 CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

A C.O.C. may be printed on each individual container. When printed on the container, the C.O.C. must be applied in accordance with Paragraph 2.2 of this Appendix.

4.10 CONTAINERS WITH INCORRECT MARKINGS

A. Containers displaying incorrect markings may be used provided that the incorrect markings are obliterated and correct markings are applied in a permanent manner.

B. The contractor must take necessary action, in accordance with USDA-1, Article 62, to prevent the appearance in commercial or other channels of containers and container materials bearing markings required under the contract, including those held by the contractor or others, e.g., overruns.

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Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service

PBA-1 (PRINT BUTTER) OFFER FORM

EXHIBIT A
January 31, 1994

FAX No. 816-926-6381
Contracting Officer
Kansas City Commodity Office
USDA, ASCS, Dairy Division, Procurement & Warehouse Branch
P.O. Box 419205
Kansas City, Missouri 64141-6205

FOR KCCO USE ONLY

VDR/PL _____
COM/PK _____
PRICE _____
WHSE _____

1. Offer is subject to the terms and conditions of Announcement PBA-1.

2. Total net quantity offered: _____ pounds.

3. The applicable pack type/size: 36/1-pound prints.

4. Location of print butter when inspected by USDA: _____
(Show warehouse name if the commodity is stored in a CCC-approved warehouse.)

5. Truck shipping point: _____
(Name) (Address) (City/State/ZIP)

Rail shipping point: _____
(If different than truck) (Name) (Address) (City/State/ZIP)

Serving Railroad(s): _____ Switching Railroad: _____

6. CERTIFICATE NUMBER	7. GRADE	8. UNITS	9. NET WEIGHT	10. STORAGE PAID THROUGH DATE	11. MANUFACTURE DATE(S)

12. Full business name of offeror, complete address, telephone number and FAX number:

_____
_____
_____

Name, address, telephone number and FAX number of person to receive the "Notice to Deliver", if different:

_____
_____
_____

13. Representations and Certifications

a. By signing the offer, the offeror certifies that annual representations and certifications *(check one)*:

☐ Dated _____ *(insert date of signature of submission)*, which are incorporated herein by reference, have been submitted to the KCCO and that submittal is current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer, except as follows *(insert changes that affect only this offer; if "none", so state)*:

_____

☐ Are enclosed.

b. By signing the offer, the offeror understands that any fraudulent certification or misrepresentation in this offer will render offeror subject to criminal prosecution and civil frauds liability.

14.

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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PBA-1 (PRINT BUTTER) OFFER FORM

EXHIBIT A-1
January 31, 1994

FAX No. 816-926-6381
Contracting Officer
Kansas City Commodity Office
USDA, ASCS, Dairy Division, Procurement & Warehouse Branch
P.O. Box 419205
Kansas City, Missouri 64141-6205

FOR KCCO USE ONLY

VDR/PL _____
COM/PK _____
PRICE _____
WHSE _____

1. **Offer is subject to the terms and conditions of Announcement PBA-1.**

2. **Total net quantity offered:** 76,824 **pounds.**

3. **The applicable pack type/size:** **36/1-pound prints.**

4. **Location of print butter when inspected by USDA:** Issaquah, Washington
(Show warehouse name if the commodity is stored in a CCC-approved warehouse.)

5. **Truck shipping point:** Dairy, Inc. (Name) 700 N. 10 Street (Address) Issaquah, WA 98110 (City/State/ZIP)

Rail shipping point: (If different than truck) Dairy, Inc. (Name) 705 N. 9 Street (Address) Issaquah, WA 98110 (City/State/ZIP)

Serving Railroad(s): BN **Switching Railroad:** CNW

6. CERTIFICATE NUMBER	7. GRADE	8. UNITS	9. NET WEIGHT	10. STORAGE PAID THROUGH DATE	11. MANUFACTURE DATE(S)
9898	AA	1067	38,412		7/16/93
10202	AA	1067	38,412		7/20/93

12. **Full business name of offeror, complete address, telephone number and FAX number:**

Dairy, Inc.
635 N. 10 Street
Seattle, WA 98112

Name, address, telephone number and FAX number of person to receive the "Notice to Deliver", if different:

Dairy, Inc.
700 N. 10 Street
Issaquah, WA 98110

13. **Representations and Certifications**

a. **By signing the offer, the offeror certifies that annual representations and certifications** *(check one)*:

☒ **Dated** 12/10/93 *(insert date of signature of submission)*, **which are incorporated herein by reference, have been submitted to the KCCO and that submittal is current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer, except as follows** *(insert changes that affect only this offer; if "none", so state)*:

_____

☐ **Are enclosed.**

b. **By signing the offer, the offeror understands that any fraudulent certification or misrepresentation in this offer will render offeror subject to criminal prosecution and civil frauds liability.**

14.

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
John L. Lawson	President	12/10/93

MARKINGS FOR BUTTER WRAPPERS

ONE POUND PRINTS

	Note:
BUTTER	30 point type
DONATED BY	12 " "
THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S.A.	12 " "
FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	10 " "
NOT TO BE SOLD OR EXCHANGED	18 " "
NET WEIGHT ONE POUND	12 " "
STORE BUTTER IN REFRIGERATOR AWAY FROM	12 " "
FOODS WITH STRONG ODOR	12 " "

Note: All letters must appear in the point type as noted above.

SHIPPING CONTAINER MARKINGS FOR PRINT BUTTER

BOTH SIDE PANELS	ONE END PANEL	OTHER END PANEL
BUTTER	BUTTER	USDA SYMBOL 3/
DONATED BY	NET WT. 36 LBS. GROSS WT.___LBS.	
THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S.A.		
FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	PLANT NO. _____ 1/	DO NOT STACK ABOVE ____ TIERS
NOT TO BE SOLD OR EXCHANGED		PER PALLET, ____ PALLETS HIGH 4/
Storage Requirements: Less Than 2 Weeks - Below 40°F More Than 2 Weeks - 0°F, or Under	MONTH AND YEAR PACKED 2/	

1/ Insert the applicable State and Plant number as listed in "Dairy Plants Surveyed and Approved for USDA Grading Service."

2/ Insert the month and year packed on one side panel or on one end panel.

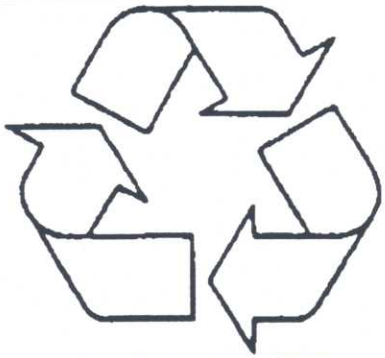
3/ Insert the USDA Symbol shown in Exhibit E. The symbol must be centered and be as large as possible in direct proportion to the available printing surface.

4/ Insert the safe stacking height.

EXHIBIT C
(1/31/94)

EXHIBIT D

RECYCLE SYMBOL FOR PAPER PRODUCTS AND CANS



PLEASE RECYCLE

PLASTIC MATERIALS CODE SYSTEM

CODE	MATERIAL
1 PETE	Poly-Ethylene Terephthalate (PET)
2 HDPE	High Density Polyethylene
3 V	Vinyl/Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)
4 LDPE	Low Density Polyethylene
5 PP	Polypropylene
6 PS	Polystyrene
7 OTHER	All Other Resins

USDA SYMBOL

GSA REGIONAL BUSINESS SERVICE CENTERS [1]

GSA Business Service Center Areas of Service, Addresses, and Phone Numbers:

National Capital Region

District of Columbia, nearby Maryland and Virginia:

7th and D Sts., SW
Room 1050
Washington, D.C. 20407
(202) 472-1804

Region 1

Connecticut, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island:

Boston Federal Office Building
10 Causeway St.
Boston, MA 02222
(617) 565-8100

Region 2

New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands:

Jacob K. Javits Building
26 Federal Plaza
New York, NY 10278
(212) 264-1234

Region 3

Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland except the District of Columbia metro area:

9th and Market Streets
Room 5151
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 597-9613

Region 4

Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee:

75 Spring Street SW
Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 331-5103-3032

Region 5

Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin:

230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60604
(312) 353-5383

Region 6

Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska:

1500 East Bannister Road
Kansas City, MO 64131-3088
(816) 926-7203

Region 7

Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma:

819 Taylor Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102
(817) 334-3284

Region 8

Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Montana and Wyoming:

Denver Federal Center
P.O. Box 25006
Room 145
Denver, CO 80225-0006
(303) 236-7408

Region 9

Northern California, Hawaii, all of Nevada except Clark County:

525 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 974-0523

Los Angeles, Southern California, Arizona and Clark County, Nevada:

300 North Los Angeles Street
Room 3259
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2000
(213) 894-3210

Region 10

Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington:

Room 2413
15th and C Streets, SW
Auburn, WA 98001
(206) 931-7956

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[1] If copies of specifications and/or standards are not available from the above-listed centers, write to the following:

General Services Administration
Specifications Section
Room 6654
7th and D Sts., SW
Washington, DC 20407

A-A-20044
November 16, 1984

COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

BUTTER

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has authorized the use of this Commercial Item Description by all Federal agencies in preference to Federal Specification C-B-801.

This Commercial Item Description (CID) covers butter suitable for use by the Federal Government.

Salient characteristics.

A. Types, grades, and styles.

The product shall be packed and packaged in commercially acceptable containers except when specified by the contract or purchase order. The contract or purchase order shall specify the type, grade, and style of product desired.

Types.

Type I - Salted
Type II - Unsalted

Grades.

U.S. Grade AA
U.S. Grade A

Styles.

Style 1 - Bulk
Style 2 - One-pound print solids
Style 3 - One-quarter pound prints, four prints per carton
Style 4 - Individual servings (90 servings per pound unless otherwise specified)

a - Prescored slabs
b - Free standing serving
c - Wrapped
d - Sealed container

B. Finished product description.

Types I and II.

Style 1 - Butter which is commercially packed in bulk is available in a variety of sizes. These sizes range from 10 to 68 pounds per container with 68 pounds per box being predominant.

Style 2 - Butter which is produced in one-pound prints is packaged in several commercially-available case sizes which range from 12 to 36 pounds per case.

Style 3 - Butter which is produced in 1/4-pound prints is usually packaged in four 1/4-pound prints per carton. The case sizes range from 12 to 36 pounds per case.

Style 4 - Butter which is produced in individual size servings is available in a variety of packaging styles and serving sizes. The serving size, depending on the style requested, may be 47, 60, 72, 90, or 108 servings per pound. The packaging styles fall into four general areas.

a. Prescored slabs - Butter which is packaged in this style is simply a narrow slab of butter which has been prescored to facilitate portion control. The individual servings are broken off from the slab and served.

b. Free standing serving - Butter which is packaged as free standing servings is separated within the carton by a light weight cardboard on one side and a piece of parchment on the other side of the butter serving.

c. Wrapped - Butter is also available in individually wrapped servings. These wrappers completely enclose the butter and may be made of foil, foil-laminate, or paper.

d. Sealed container - Individual servings of butter are also available in sealed containers. These containers are usually a plastic cup which contains a portion of butter. The top of the cup is sealed to the container.

Contractor's certification.

By submitting an offer, the contractor certifies that the product offered meets the specific salient characteristics 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 the Federal Definition of Butter, Public Law 519 of the 67th Congress as well as 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. The delivered product shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Quality assurance.

The butter shall be manufactured in a plant approved by the Dairy Grading Section, Dairy Grading and Standardization Branch, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), prior to submission of offer. Approved plants must satisfactorily meet the requirements contained in the General Specifications for Approved Dairy Plants and Standards for Grades of Dairy Products. The product shall be examined and tested in accordance with the applicable United States Standards for Grades of Butter. When requested in the contract or purchase order, the containers shall be examined in accordance with the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers currently in effect on the date of solicitation, and in accordance with the requirements in the applicable regulations.

Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and marking.

The butter 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.

Notes.

Purchasers shall specify:

- The type, grade, and style of product desired.

- The pack and packaging size.

Purchasers may specify:

- Labeling requirements if different from normal commercial practice.

- Container sizes and requirements if butter is to be packaged in metal containers.

- If USDA is to perform a Condition of Food Containers inspection.

- Product characteristics which may differ from commercial characteristics but do not affect U.S. Grade (such as percent fat and moisture).

- If the butter is to be delivered frozen.

- Age of the product upon shipment.

- If butter shall be subject to a seven-day, 72°F (22°C), keeping quality test.

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
1616 P Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Copies of the Uniform Freight Classification may be obtained from:

Uniform Classification Committee, Agent
Uniform Freight Classification
Uniform Classification Committee, Room 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 Parts 1-199. This three-volume set may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

Civil agencies and others may obtain copies of this CID from:

General Services Administration
Specification Unit (WFSIS)
Room 6039
7th and D Streets, SW
Washington, DC 20407
Telephone: (202) 472-2205

Copies of the General Specifications for Approved Dairy Plants and Standards for Grades of Dairy Products and the U.S. Standards for Grades of Butter may be obtained from:

Dairy Standardization Section
Dairy Division, Room 2750-S
Agricultural Marketing Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, DC 20250

Copies of the U.S. Standards for Condition of Food Containers may be obtained from:

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

Comments and suggestions.

Comments and suggestions regarding this CID may be submitted to:

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

MILITARY INTERESTS:

Military Coordinating Activity

Army - GL

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:

USDA - DA