

PEANUT BUTTER

The following change shall be made in Quartermaster Corps Tentative Specification C.Q.D. No. 81, dated September 29, 1942.

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Change Paragraph F-4 to read as follows:

F-4. "Reasonably free from defects" means that the water-insoluble inorganic residue due to extraneous material shall not exceed 20 milligrams in 100 grams of a well-mixed sample and black to yellow-brown seed coat and scorched or discolored peanut tissue shall not exceed 300 particles in 1 gram of a well mixed sample.

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A. APPLICABLE SPECIFICATIONS.

A-1. The following specifications, of the issue in effect on date of invitation for bids, shall form a part of this specification:

Tentative U. S. Army Specification No. 22-42, "Supplies, Subsistence, for the United States Army, Conditions Governing the Purchase of."

U. S. Army Specification No. 100-2, "Standard Specifications for Marking Shipments."

Quartermaster Corps Tentative Specification, OQMG No. 12-A, "Packing for Overseas Shipments."

B. TYPES, COLORS, AND GRADES.

B-1. Types. Shall be such of the following types as may be specified in the invitation for bids:

- Type I. Fine grind.
- Type II. Medium grind.
- Type III. Coarse or chunky grind.

B-2. Colors. Shall be such of the following colors (degree of roast) as may be specified in the invitation for bids:

- (a) Light roast. The color of the butter shall be not darker than Plate 11, G-6, Maerz & Paul's Dictionary of Color.
- (b) Heavy roast. The color of the butter shall be not lighter than Plate 11, G-7, nor darker than Plate 12, K-7, Maerz & Paul's Dictionary of Color.

B-3. Grades. Shall be such of the following grades as may be specified in the invitation for bids:

- Grade A.
- Grade C.

C. MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP.

C-1. Peanut butter shall be prepared from sound peanuts and shall be packed under sanitary conditions in accordance with best commercial practice.

C-2. Suitable stabilizing ingredients may be added to the product.

D. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

D-1. All deliveries shall conform, in every respect, to the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

E. DETAIL REQUIREMENTS.

E-1. Grade A peanut butter shall possess a good, bright color, typical for the roast; shall be practically free from defects; and shall possess a very good flavor and aroma typical of freshly roasted peanuts, free from staleness, rancidity, or objectionable flavor or odor of any kind; and shall be practically uniform in finish. Unless otherwise specified, peanut butter of this grade shall be manufactured from No. 1 grade (or better grade) shelled peanuts. Finished product shall not show appreciable separation of oil during period of 90 days.

E-2. Grade C peanut butter shall possess a fairly good color; shall be reasonably uniform in finish; shall be reasonably free from defects; and shall have a fairly good flavor and aroma. Finished product shall not show appreciable separation of oil during period of 90 days.

F. METHODS OF INSPECTION AND TESTS.

F-1. Inspection shall be made at point of origin, unless otherwise specified.

F-2. Chemical analyses, if required by the purchaser in the examination or testing of samples and deliveries under this specification, shall be made in accordance with methods of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists in effect on date of invitation for bids, or in accordance with methods of analyses employed by the Food and Drug Administration.

F-3. "Practically free from defects" means that the water-insoluble inorganic residue due to extraneous material shall not exceed 10 milligrams in 100 grams of a well-mixed sample and black to yellow-brown seed coat and scorched or discolored peanut tissue shall not exceed 100 particles in 1 gram of a well mixed sample.

F-4. "Reasonably free from defects" means that the water-insoluble inorganic residue due to extraneous material shall not exceed 25 milligrams in 100 grams of a well-mixed sample and black to yellow-brown seed coat and scorched or discolored peanut tissue shall not exceed 300 particles in 1 gram of a well mixed sample.

F-5. "Water-insoluble inorganic residue" is determined in accordance with "A Method for the Examination of Peanut Butter for Adulteration." A copy of this method may be obtained without charge upon application to the Food and Drug Administration, Washington, D. C.

F-6. "Particles of brown to black seed coat and scorched or discolored peanut tissue" is determined in accordance with the method prescribed by the United States Department of Agriculture.

G. PACKAGING, LABELING, PACKING, AND MARKING FOR SHIPMENT.

G-1. Packaging. The peanut butter under this specification shall be packed in sound, clean containers which will insure proper protection and freshness of the product during a reasonable period of time, the containers to be so packed that when closed there is practically no headspace.

G-2. Labeling. Unless additional labeling is specified, any labeling that complies with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and regulations promulgated thereunder, will be acceptable under this specification.

G-3. Packing.

a. Domestic. Unless otherwise specified, the product shall be delivered in standard commercial containers, so constructed as to insure acceptance by common or other carriers, for safe transportation, at the lowest rate, to the point of delivery.

b. Export. Unless otherwise specified, the product shall be packed in nailed wooden, weatherproof solid fibre, or wire-bound wood boxes, complying with Quartermaster Corps Tentative Specification, OQMG No. 12-A. All strap iron and wire bands shall be securely fastened and the ends cut off or secured to prevent injury to clothing or hands.

G-4. Marking. Unless otherwise specified, shipping containers shall be marked with the name of the product, the type of package in which peanut butter is packed, number of units and size of the packages in the container, name of the contractor, number of the contract or order, the date of packing, and dimensions, cubage, and gross weight of package. The ink used shall take on wood or fiber and shall be water-fast and sunfast.