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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**CONTAINER EXAMINATION WORKSHEET**

TABLE IX – FLEXIBLE CONTAINERS

PRODUCT		TYPE AND SIZE OF CONTAINER	
LOT NO	LOT SIZE*	CONTRACT NO.	
INSPECTION STATUS OF LOT*		INSPECTION POINT	
<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL <input type="checkbox"/> RESUBMITTED *As stated by applicant.			

Name and Address of Applicant

CODES AND APPROXIMATE NO. OF CONTAINERS PER CODE\* ADDITIONAL CODES SEE REVERSE

SAMPLING PLAN USED	No. of Sample Units	CRITICAL		MAJOR		TOTAL (Minor, Critical, and Major Defects)	
		AQL: 0.25		AQL: 1.5		AQL: 6.5	
		<i>If other specify</i>		<i>If other specify</i>		<i>If other specify</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Normal	CODE _____	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re
<input type="checkbox"/> Tightened	First Sample						
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced	Second Sample						
	Total Sample						

Defect No.	Type of Defect	1 <sup>st</sup> Sample	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sample	Defect No.	Type of Defect	1 <sup>st</sup> Sample	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sample
	Type or size of container or component parts not as specified	NONE PERMITTED		111	(d) NOT ADHERING TO BAG: 1. Exposing stitching	MAJOR	
1	CLOSURE NOT SEALED, CRIMPED, STITCHED, OR FITTED PROPERLY: (a) Heat processed primary container	CRITICAL		209	2. Not exposing stitching	Minor	
101	(b) Non-Heat processed primary container	MAJOR		210	(e) Improper placement	Minor	
201	(c) Other than primary container	Minor		112	PRODUCT SIFTING OR LEAKING: (a) Non-heat processed	MAJOR	
202	Dirty, stained, or smeared container	Minor		3	(b) Heat processed	CRITICAL	
203	Unmelted gels in plastic	Minor		4	FLEXIBLE POP-TOP: (a) Poor seal (wrinkle, entrapped matter, etc.) reducing intact seal to less than 1/16-inch	CRITICAL	
204	TORN OR CUT CONTAINER OR ABRASION (NON-LEAKER): (a) Materially affecting appearance but not usability	Minor		212	(b) Short pull tab (materially affecting usability)	Minor	
				113	(c) Missing pull tab	MAJOR	
102	(b) Materially affecting usability	MAJOR		213	(d) Materially affecting usability	Minor	
2	Moldy area	CRITICAL		214	Missing component (straw, etc.)	Minor	
103	Individual packages sticking together or to shipping case (tear when separated)	MAJOR			TWO PART CONTAINER (POLY LINED BOX OR BAG IN BOX):		
104	Not fully covering product	MAJOR		215	(a) Outer case torn	Minor	
205	WET OR DAMP (EXCLUDING ICE PACKS): (a) Materially affecting appearance but not usability	Minor		5	(b) POLY LINER: 1. Missing	CRITICAL	
						MAJOR	
105	(b) Materially affecting usability	MAJOR		114	2. Improper closure	MAJOR	
106	OVER WRAP (WHEN REQUIRED) (a) Missing	MAJOR		216	Missing "zip lock" (re-sealable containers)	Minor	
206	(b) Loose, not sealed, or closed	Minor		115	Loss of vacuum (in vacuum-packed)	MAJOR	
206	(c) Improperly applied	Minor		217	PRE-FORMED CONTAINERS: (a) Dented or crushed area	Minor	
107	SEALING TAPE, STRAPPING, OR ADHESIVES (WHEN REQUIRED): (a) Missing	MAJOR		218	(b) Deformed container	Minor	
208	(b) Improperly placed, applied, torn, or wrinkled	Minor		116	Missing re-sealable cap	MAJOR	
108	TAPE OVER BOTTTOM AND TOP CLOSURES (WHEN REQUIRED); (a) Not covering stitching	MAJOR		6	Inner or outer safety seal - missing, torn, poor seal	CRITICAL	
109	(b) Torn (exposing stitching)	MAJOR		116	(b) Bulging ends more than 1/4" beyond lip	MAJOR	
110	(c) Wrinkled (exposing stitching)	MAJOR		117	Air bubble in plastic	MAJOR	

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**THERMOSTABLIZED PRODUCTS (INCLUDES BUT NOT LIMITED TO TUBES, POUCHES, ETC.):**

Defect No.	Type of Defect	1 <sup>st</sup> Sample	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sample	Defect No.	Type of Defect	1 <sup>st</sup> Sample	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sample
7	<b>FOLDOVER WRINKLE IN SEAL AREA (THERMOSTABLIZED POUCHES):</b> (a) Extends through all plies across seal area or reduces seal less than 1/16-inch	CRITICAL		12	Blister (in seal) reducing intact seal to less than 1/16-inch	CRITICAL	
219	(b) Does not extend through all plies and effective seal is 1/16-inch or greater	Minor		13	Compressed seal (overheated to bubble or expose inner layer) reducing intact seal to less than 1/16-inch	CRITICAL	
8	Incomplete seal (thermostabilized pouches)	CRITICAL		222	Stringy seal (excessive plastic threads showing at edge of seal area)	Minor	
9	Non-bonding seal (thermostabilized pouches)	CRITICAL		14	Contaminated seal (entrapped matter) reducing intact seal to less than 1/16-inch	CRITICAL	
10	<b>LAMINATE SEPERATION IN BODY OF POUCH OR IN SEAL WITHIN 1/16-INCH OF FOOD PRODUCT EDGE:</b> (a) If food contact layer is exposed	CRITICAL		15	Seal creep (product in pouch "creeping into seal) reducing intact seal to less than 1/16-inch	CRITICAL	
118	(b) If food contact surface is exposed after manipulation or laminate separation expands after manipulation	MAJOR		16	Misaligned or crooked seal reducing intact seal to less than 1/16-inch	CRITICAL	
220	(c) If lamination separation is limited to isolated spots that do not propagate with manipulation or is outer ply separation in seal within 1/16-inch of food product edge of seals.	Minor		223	Seal formed greater than 1-inch from edge of pouch (unclosed edge flaps)	Minor	
221	Flex cracks (cracks in foil layer only)	Minor		224	Waffling (embossing on surface from retort rack; not scorable unless severe)	Minor	
11	Swollen container	CRITICAL		225	Poor or missing tear notch ( <i>when required</i> )	Minor	

**TABLE X – UNITIZING (PLASTIC OR OTHER TYPE OF CASING/UNITIZING)**

101	Not specified method	MAJOR		202	Torn or mutilated	Minor	
102	Missing tray ( <i>when required</i> )	MAJOR		203	Off-center wrap (does not overlap both ends)	Minor	
103	Missing shrink wrap ( <i>when required</i> )	MAJOR		OTHER (Specify)			
201	Loose or improperly applied wrap	Minor					

**TABLE XII – LABEL, MARKING, OR CODE**

101	Not specified method	MAJOR		202	Torn or mutilated	Minor	
102	Missing ( <i>when required</i> )	MAJOR		203	Text illegible or incomplete	Minor	
103	Text illegible or incomplete (military purchases)	MAJOR		204	In wrong location	Minor	
104	Incorrect	MAJOR		OTHER (Specify)			
201	Loose or improperly applied	Minor					

	Minor	Major	Critical	Total	ACTION TAKEN BASED ON FIRST SAMPLE
First sample					<input type="checkbox"/> LOT ACCEPTED <input type="checkbox"/> LOT REJECTED <input type="checkbox"/> SECOND SAMPLE
Second sample					ACTION TAKEN ON SECOND SAMPLE (If required) <input type="checkbox"/> LOT ACCEPTED <input type="checkbox"/> LOT REJECTED
Grand total					

DATE INSPECTED

SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR (*Print and Sign Name*)

**ADDITIONAL CODES**

**REMARKS**