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CONTAINER EXAMINATION WORKSHEET

TABLE VIII – RIGID and SEMI-RIGID CONTAINERS (Excluding Metal, Glass, and Plastic)

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.			

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	
		Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re
<input type="checkbox"/> Normal	CODE _____						
<input type="checkbox"/> Tightened	First Sample						
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced	Second Sample						
	Total Sample						

Defect No.	Type of Defect	1 st Sample	2 nd Sample	Defect No.	Type of Defect	1 st Sample	2 nd Sample
	Type or size of container or component parts not as specified	NONE PERMITTED				MINOR	
101	Component part missing	MAJOR		108	Sealing tape or strapping (when required): (a) Missing		
1	Closure not sealed, crimped, or fitted properly: (a) Primary container	CRITICAL			Paperboard aseptic containers:		
201	(b) Other than primary container	MINOR		109	Missing re-sealable cap or tab	MAJOR	
202	Dirty, stained, or smeared container	MINOR		3	Inner or outer safety seal - missing, torn, poor seal	CRITICAL	
203	Wet or damp (excluding ice packs): (a) Materially affecting appearance but not usability	MINOR			Thermostabilized polymeric trays:		
102	(b) Materially affecting usability	MAJOR		4	Tray body: (a) Swollen container	CRITICAL	
2	Moldy are	CRITICAL		5	(b) Tear, crack, hole, abrasion through more than one layer of multi-layer laminate for the tray	CRITICAL	
204	Crushed or torn area: (a) Materially affecting appearance but not usability	MINOR		212	(c) Presence of delamination in multi-layered laminate	MINOR	
103	(b) Materially affecting usability	MAJOR		213	(d) Presence of any permanent deformation, such that deformed area is discolored or roughened in texture	MINOR	
205	Separation of lamination (corrugated fiberboard): (a) Materially affecting appearance but not usability	MINOR		6	Lid material: (a) Closure seal not continuous along tray flange surface	CRITICAL	
104	(b) Materially affecting usability	MAJOR		7	(b) Foldover wrinkle in seal area extends into the closure seal such that the closure seal is reduced to less than 1/8-inch	CRITICAL	
105	Product sifting or leaking	MAJOR		110	(c) Any impression or design on the seal surfaces which conceals or impairs visual detection of seal defects	MAJOR	
206	Nails or staples (when required): (a) Not as required, insufficient number or improperly positioned	MINOR		214	(d) Areas of "wave-like" striations or wrinkles along the seal are that spans the entire width of seal	MINOR	
106	(b) Nails or staples protruding	MAJOR		8	(e) Abrasion of lid material: 1. Within 1/16-inch of food product edge of seal such that barrier layer is exposed	CRITICAL	
107	Glue or adhesive (when required); not holding properly, not covering area specified, or not covering sufficient area to hold properly: (a) Primary container	MAJOR		215	Greater than 1/16-inch from food product edge of seal that barrier layer is exposed	MINOR	
207	(b) Other than primary container	MINOR		9	(f) Presence of entrapped matter within 1/16-inch of the food product edge of seal or entrapped moisture or vapor with 1/16-inch of the food product edge of seal that results in less than 1/16-inch of defect free seal width at the outside edge	CRITICAL	
208	Flap: (a) Projects beyond edge of container more than 1/4-inch	MINOR		111	(g) Presence of any seal defect or anomaly (for example, entrapped moisture, gases, etc.) with 1/16-inch of food product edge of seal	MAJOR	
209	(b) Does not meet properly, allowing space of more than 1/4-inch	MINOR		215	(h) Closure seal width less than 1/8-inch	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 XI – 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					

REMARKS	MINOR	MAJOR	CRITICAL	TOTAL	ACTION TAKEN BASED ON FIRST SAMPLE		
	FIRST SAMPLE					<input type="checkbox"/> LOT ACCEPTED	<input type="checkbox"/> LOT REJECTED
SECOND SAMPLE					ACTION TAKEN ON SECOND SAMPLE (If required)		
GRAND TOTAL					<input type="checkbox"/> LOT ACCEPTED	<input type="checkbox"/> LOT REJECTED	
DATE INSPECTED					SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR (<i>Print and Sign Name</i>)		

ADDITIONAL CODES

REMARKS