

“Attachment 6 – REQUEST FOR EARLY GOVERNMENT INSPECTION

It is the intent of the Contracting Officer, when and if deemed appropriate by the Contracting Officer, to issue written authorization to Government inspection activities for the purpose of performing early Government inspection when requested by the contractor. This request guide identifies information required from the contractor and concurrences by contractor to conditions by which the Contracting Officer shall render his decision. It is the intent of the Contracting Officer to receive petitions for written authorization and to issue written authorization for early Government inspection to Government inspection activities on a product by product basis, not on a lot by lot approach. However, point (B,2), below, is to be applied on a lot by lot basis.

A. List the products and inspections for which Contracting Officer authorized early Government inspection is being requested:

(1) The contractor shall list by individual product (i.e., by name and NSN) those products for which the contractor is requesting early GQAR/Lab inspection performance.

(2) The contractor shall identify those inspections (exams and/or tests) for which the contractor is requesting early Government inspection performance and shall indicate which inspections are requested for which products.

B. Conditions of early Government inspection requiring contractor concurrence:

(1) All lots for which the Contracting Officer authorizes early Government inspection shall be sampled by the GQAR. The contractor shall be responsible for communicating to the GQAR when each early Government inspection lot is available to the GQAR for sampling, using a system comprehended by all involved parties.

(2) For each lot that the contractor wants forwarded by the GQAR to be early Government inspected, the contractor shall submit to the GQAR, in writing, a signed and dated document, requesting that the GQAR commence shipment of each lot's test samples to the contractually designated laboratory. The request must identify by lot number(s) the specific lot(s) to be shipped by the GQAR.

(3) The contractor concurs that once laboratory samples are shipped to the USDA National Science Laboratory (NSL), or other contractually designated laboratory, the lot shall be considered as having been offered to the Government, the performance of all applicable tests shall not be interrupted, and the lot inspection results cannot be expunged from the inspection record of lots offered for government inspection.

(4) The contractor concurs that once requested of the Contracting Officer and sanctioned by the Contracting Officer, the inspection results are final and conclusive.

(5) The contractor concurs that GQAR/Lab inspection results are not to be shared with the contractor until such time as the contractor presents, to the GQAR, documentation of conforming product. However, DLA does require that the GQAR, upon the GQAR's receipt of any positive food-borne pathogen test result, as soon as possible, and regardless of the presentation status of the contractor's lot submittal package, notify the contractor of said results. Food-borne pathogen results include but not limited to test results for *Listeria Monocytogenes*, *Salmonella*, and *E. coli*.

(6) By submitting this request for Government verification inspection to be performed prior to the contractor's submission of a "lot submittal package" indicating conformance to ALL applicable contractual requirements, the contractor acknowledges the contractor's concurrence with the preceding conditions specified in this request template, unless otherwise exempted in writing by the contracting officer.

NOTE: The following tests are currently being performed in-plant at one or more Operational Rations production locations: Brix, pH, Oxygen Content, Moisture, and Water Activity. As

applicable, any early government testing conducted by USDA for brix, pH, oxygen content, moisture, and/or water activity at a Contractor's facility using Contractor provided test equipment shall be, first and foremost, subject to the provisions cited in USDA *Operational Rations USDA/AMS In-Plant Analytical Testing Protocol with Checkboxes – Version 3., Requirements for Establishing USDA/AMS Verification Testing of Operational Rations Components for Analytical Requirements at a Contractor's Facility Using Contractor-provided Test Equipment.*

(7) Name(s) and title(s) of authorized contractor representatives.”