

## **Attachment 5 - BULK PACKED COMPONENT ITEM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Component item characteristics required to be met by a bulk food supplier to qualify for the E-1-A, Higher Level Contract Quality Requirements (HLCQR) exemptions, which would not qualify for either the “Accessory package components” or the “Condiments (even if packaged in laminated barrier pouches)” HLCQR exemptions are specified as:

a. Component items packed for shipment to a packager, prior to the finished product packaging of the item(s), and -

b. Any specific item (distinguishable by its unique NSN) purchased for use in Operational Rations by under a specific NSN, other than real property, that is identical in its product composition with that item as is customarily used by the general public, or by non-governmental entities for purpose other than governmental purposes, shall have been –

(i) Sold, leased, or licensed to the general public; in quantities exceeding those quantities sold and/or contracted to be sold to the combined operational rations programs, the quantities measured in terms of the number of units sold, leased, licensed, or contracted for identical purpose, to operational rations; or sold, leased, licensed to the general public or short term used government customers. The time period to be used to measure operational rations quantities versus general public, etc., shall be the period of one year prior to the solicitation’s issue date or the commencement of a new operational rations contract cycle, as applicable.

(ii) Sold in substantial quantities in the commercial marketplace; (sold in substantial quantities is sold in quantities exceeding those quantities sold or contracted to be sold to the combined operational rations programs, the quantities measured in terms of the number of units sold, leased, licensed, or contracted for identical purpose, to operational rations; or sold, leased, licensed to the general public or short term used government customers. The time period to be used to measure operational rations quantities versus general public, etc., shall be the period of one year prior to the date solicitation or the commencement of a new operational rations contract cycle, as applicable. Component items sold to government or private agencies for inclusion in rations that are not consumed within 180 days of the component item’s manufacture , such as component items destined for FEMA stock , are not to be included toward establishing the comparative quantities sold or contracted to be sold to the combined operational rations programs, the general public, or short term use government customers, and “

(iii) In the event that a component manufacturer extends to the general public a shelf-life which is in excess of the warranty period of the contract by which DLA would procure the component as a stand-alone finished-product or as a component of a finished-ration, origin inspection shall be continuous government origin inspection.”

c. Bulk packed items do not include component items which include critical defects are included in the items technical requirements documents or included elsewhere in this solicitation/ contract (ex. PCR, MIL-DTL, MIL-PRF, PKG&QAP, CID, etc.)

d. Approval by DLA for the offer of a specific bulk packed component item is required of any item that includes microbiological testing as a part of its technical requirements document.