

ITEMS SOLD INTO COMMERCIAL CHANNELS BY DEFENSE SUPPLY AGENCY

EXAMPLE 1

1. Item : Roasted and ground coffee.
2. Quantity : 626,371 pounds.
3. Contractor : H. H. Hixson & Co., Chicago, Ill.
4. Nature of product when sold into commercial channels : This commodity had a harsh, bitter taste due to presence of a cheap coffee bean. Upon inspection, dust and particles were found to be present in the coffee. The coffee was also stale and cans were short weight. Five years elapsed between date of purchase (1962-63) and date of sale (1967).

EXAMPLE 2

1. Item : Aerosol insecticide.
2. Quantity : Unknown.
3. Contractor : Pennsylvania Engineering Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
4. Nature of product when sold into commercial channels : Container pressure ranged from 61 to 76 pounds per square inch gage. Such variations would not be deemed acceptable under current filling practices. At dosage indicated on the label the product was effective against mosquitoes only. This bug bomb would be of little, if any, practicable use to the general public. Last inspected in 1945.

EXAMPLE 3

1. Item : Emergency drinking water in sealed cans.
2. Quantity : Unknown.
3. Contractor : MacDonald-Vernier Co., Boston, Mass.
4. Nature of product when sold into commercial channels : Iron concentrations in samples exceeded U.S. Public Health Service Standard. Samples were rust colored. The quality of the water was sub-standard as noted in a letter from the District of Columbia Department of Public Health. "There are no benefits to be derived from the consumption of this water as a substitute for the safe and palatable water available from the spigot." This product was canned in October 1953.

REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLES OF ITEMS REJECTED BY FEDERAL AGENCIES AND SOLD INTO COMMERCIAL CHANNELS

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1. Item : Precooked frozen meals (Swiss steak with gravy, beef pot roast with gravy, waffles, pork and beef sausages).
2. Quantity : 18,563 meals.
3. Rejecting agency : Defense Supply Agency (DSA).
4. Contractor : Continental Baking Co.; Morton Frozen Food Division.
5. Reason for rejection : Standard plate counts, coliform counts in excess of military specifications. Some lots contained prohibited bacteria (*Faecal Coliform*).

EXAMPLE 2

1. Item : Ham, canned, chilled.
2. Quantity : 14,013 pounds.
3. Rejecting agency : Defense Supply Agency.
4. Contractor : Agar Packing Co., Chicago, Ill.
5. Reason for rejection : Statistical sample inspection of end product exceeded specification requirement pertaining to drained weight (not to exceed 14 percent). Half of the cans examined contained 15-20 percent liquid, gelatine and rendered fat. Commercial standard for drained weight is generally between 8-10 percent.

EXAMPLE 3

1. Item : Salad dressing.
2. Quantity : 1,152 cases.
3. Rejecting agency : Defense Supply Agency.
4. Contractor : C. H. B. Foods, Pico Rivera, Calif.
5. Reason for rejection : Product failed the laboratory test pertaining to the "cold test." The cold test measures the degree of refinement applied to the vegetable oil component. The military requirement is quite restrictive in order to satisfy special military needs.