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## **Subpart 846.4 - Government Contract Quality Assurance**

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### **846.408-70 Inspection of subsistence.**

- (a) The contracting officer shall indicate the time and place of inspection in the solicitation.
- (b) The contracting officer shall also provide in the solicitation that the contractor is responsible for all of the following:
  - (1) Arranging and paying for inspection services.
  - (2) Obtaining from the inspectors a certificate indicating that the product complies with specifications.
  - (3) Assuring that the certificate, or copy, accompanies the shipment.
  - (4) Furnishing samples for inspection at the contractor's expense.
  - (5) Indicating the address where inspection will occur.
- (c) The contracting officer must furnish a copy of the purchase document to the inspecting activity.

### **846.470 Use of commercial organizations for inspections and grading services.**

The contracting officer may use a commercial organization for inspection and grading services when the contracting officer determines that all of the following exist:

- (a) The results of a technical inspection or grading are dependent upon the application of scientific principles or specialized techniques.
- (b) VA is unable to employ the personnel qualified to properly perform the services and is unable to locate another Federal agency capable of providing the service.
- (c) The inspection or grading results issued by a private organization are essential to verify the acceptance or rejection of a special commodity.
- (d) The services may be performed without direct Government supervision.

## **846.471 Food service equipment.**

(a) All new food service equipment purchased for Dietetic Service through other than the Defense General Supply Center sources must meet requirements set forth by NSF International (NSF) at <http://www.nsf.org>.

(b) The contracting officer will ensure that the following language is placed in the solicitation to assert that the equipment meets NSF standards:

The Government will accept an affixed NSF label and/or documentation of the NSF Certification from the contractor as evidence that the subject equipment meets NSF Sanitation standards.