

**Requirements**

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The requirements of this document must be a part of the contractual agreement with the supplier. This document outlines the manufacturing requirements for production of pre-packs to ensure the quality and food safety of materials supplied to The Coca-Cola system (TCCS).

This document applies to suppliers of pre-packed ingredients for TCCS. The Supplier Quality Team will assess the capability of the supplier to meet this requirement during the on-site supplier assessment.

**Requirements**

- 1** Meet all requirements in this document along with current The Coca-Cola Company (TCCC) supplier requirements, agreed specifications, and other agreed TCCC processes.
  - 1.1** Demonstrate that current TCCC specifications and requirements are adhered to and accessible when needed.

**Fill Control**

- 2** Verify that ingredients maintain uniformity/homogeneity during packaging.
- 3** Calibrate scale(s) according to local regulatory requirements.
  - 3.1** Demonstrate calibration is:
    - traceable to national standards.
    - verified on a regular basis.
  - 3.2** Maintain calibration records.
- 4** Perform a scale validation check prior to use using either
  - a standard weight within  $\pm 0.5\%$  (calibration tolerance) of target weight to be filled, or
  - cover the range of usage in the validation.
    - 4.1.1** Record weight and reading.
- 5** Verify standard weights annually by an external certification body and maintain records.
- 6** Use a scale that can increase in increments to cover the weight being filled (See Table 1 for Fill Tolerances).

**Table 1. Fill Tolerances for Pre-packs**

Powder Prepacks		Liquid Prepacks	
Net Weight	Tolerance % target weight	Net Weight	Tolerance % target weight
<0.050 kg	$\pm 5.0\%$	0 to 1.00 kg	$\pm 1.00 \%$
0.051 to 0.250 kg	$\pm 4.0\%$	1.01 to 100 kg	$\pm 0.50 \%$
0.251 to 1.000 kg	$\pm 1.5\%$	110 to 250 kg	$\pm 0.40 \%$
1.001 to 50.00	$\pm 1\%$	251 to 750 kg	$\pm 0.30 \%$
>50.00 kg	$\pm 0.5\%$	751 to 2000 kg	$\pm 0.20 \%$

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- 7 Verify the filling weight of containers as follows:
  - Use a checkweigher (second balance) on automatic lines.
    - The checkweigher must detect underfill or overfill on the primary package filled.
    - Calibrate the checkweigher according to local regulatory requirements.
  - Use manual weight checks (on second balance) in the absence of a checkweigher on automatic lines.
    - Use at least the sample number equivalent to the square root of the number of containers being filled and covering the beginning, middle and end of the batch.
    - Verify the weight of containers filled manually a second time.
- 8 Submit a weight manifest for pre-pack ingredients with each batch shipment in one of the following formats – this document must be approved by TCCC prior to the first pre-pack shipment:
  - All weights of filled containers (automatic filling line print out) or
  - Weight of square of filled containers (manual line) or
  - Weight of another statistically relevant sampling system (manual). or
  - Average weight + the standard deviation for weights filled, + max and min weights filled.
- 9 Verify and monitor the accuracy of the filling device when using volumetric filling.
  - 9.1 The fill control should be based on weight.
- 10 Control the net weight of products filled per container.
  - 10.1 This should not vary by more than the fill tolerances outlined in Appendix 1.
- 11 CPS, in consultation with the Supplier Quality Team, R&D and BU (as needed), shall approve/accept weight requirement of the pre-pack.
  - 11.1 Approval/acceptance must be based on the risk assessment.

### ***Filling and Sealing Process***

- 12 Verify that the equipment is clean and free from foreign odor prior to filling.
- 13 Maintain records of cleaning and sanitizing sessions.
- 14 Maintain records of the bag and container seal integrity check.

### ***Foreign Body Control at the final filling step***

- 15 Complete a risk assessment for foreign body control, which includes sieves, magnets, metal rejection and/or metal detection capability on dry filling lines.
  - 15.1 The risk assessment will be assessed by the Supplier Quality Team during the on-site audit.
- 16 If magnets or sieves are used, ensure they are appropriate for the material being processed, validated, and monitored.
  - 16.1 Set a frequency for validating, verifying, and monitoring the operation of sieves and magnets.

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**16.2** If a nonconformance is detected during in-process and finished product monitoring, assess all product from the point the nonconformance is detected back to the last acceptable quality check.

**17** If metal rejection and/or metal detection are used, follow the guidelines below.

**17.1** Verify the performance of the metal detector

- at the beginning and end of each shift,
- at the beginning and end of the batch (if it takes more than one shift) or
- at a frequency otherwise validated and approved by TCCC, should the two options above are not feasible.

**17.2** Maintain the validation and verification records for metal detection.

**17.3** Set performance standards by validating the foreign body control equipment for the package and product combinations in use.

**17.4** If a different process other than the one outlined above is followed, the facility must be able to demonstrate that it is effective and suitable for their process.

**NOTE:** Recommended metal detector performance standards: ferrous 2.0 mm, non-ferrous 2.5 mm, and stainless steel 3.0 mm.

## Labeling

**18** Apply labels as per the agreement with TCCC.

**19** Crosscheck labels with appropriate documentation.

**20** Develop a process that allows the labels to be reconciled at the completion of filling.

**20.1** Where possible, retain one label from each filling run and attach it to the manufacturing records for traceability.

**21** Store all labels in a secure area.

**22** Destroy or return any excess labels as per agreement with TCCC.

## Climate Control Area

**23** Determine if the ingredient is sensitive to temperature and humidity.

**23.1** If sensitive to temperature and humidity:

- calculate the temperature and humidity limits
- continuously monitor the temperature and humidity of raw material handling areas
- continuously monitor the temperature and humidity of mixing and filling areas.

## Supporting Documents

Supplier Requirement- General	SU-RQ-005
Ingredient Supplier Requirements	SU-RQ-010
Ingredient Supplier Requirement— Food Allergen and Sensitivity Control	SU-RQ-110

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### Definitions

**Pre-pack:** A material filled to an agreed unitized weight and supplied to the bottler or CPS location site without being previously opened at any TCCC entity.

**Pre-pack supplier:** A supplier authorized by The Coca-Cola Company under its selection process ("Authorized Supplier") and with written agreement from The Coca-Cola Company, or its affiliates, to supply ingredients to a specified weight with controls in place that meet the requirements defined in this pre-pack requirements. Suppliers authorized to supply pre-packs are noted as such in the facility record in Picasso.

**The Coca-Cola system:** The Coca-Cola Company and its bottling partners.

**Weight manifest:** This is written confirmation that the ingredients' actual net weight in each package meets the weight tolerances of The Coca-Cola Company as stated in appendix 1 of this document. The weight manifest must be batch and delivery specific. This information must be reported to the stated significant digit.

### Revision History

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Revision Date	Summary of Change
31-May-2019	Updated the definitions for weight manifest and pre-pack. Also added the definition for Pre-pack supplier. Added a requirement to submit weight manifest along with the acceptable formats. Added requirement to place accountability of acceptance/approval of pre-pack weight onto CPS. Removed reference to appendix two and removed appendix two.
15-Dec-2014	New document to establish the minimum mandatory TCCC requirements for suppliers of pre-packed ingredients. This document brings requirements from the internal Dry Filling Requirements (BP-RQ-320) and the Commercial Instruction shared with suppliers of pre-packed ingredients.