

	Exact name
	Intended use
	Quality standard
	Product size
	Yield
	Size of container
	Type of packaging
	Packaging procedure
	Minimum weight per case
	Preservation method
	Point of origin
	Color
	Degree of ripeness
	Product form

A SPECIFICATION OUTLINE FOR FRESH PRODUCE PRODUCTS

	Iceberg lettuce
	Used for tossed salad
	U.S. No. 1 grade (high end) (or equivalent)
	10-pound poly pack
	Chopped lettuce
	Fresh, refrigerated
	Fully ripened

AN EXAMPLE OF A FRESH PRODUCE PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

	Exact name
	Intended use
	Quality standard
	Product size
	Drained weight (yield)
	Size of container
	Type of packaging
	Packaging procedure
	Packing medium
	Type of processing
	Color
	Product form

A SPECIFICATION OUTLINE FOR GROCERY PRODUCTS

	Pineapple slices
	Used for salad bar
	Dole brand (or equivalent)
	66 count
	Packed in No. 10 can
	Packed in unsweetened pineapple juice

AN EXAMPLE OF A GROCERY PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

	Exact name
	Intended use
	Quality standard
	Product size
	Yield
	Size of container
	Type of packaging
	Packaging procedure
	Preservation method
	Product form

A SPECIFICATION OUTLINE FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS

	Butter
	Used for customer service
	U.S. Grade AA (or equivalent)
	Butter chips
	90 count
	Chips individually wrapped in moisture-proof, vapor-proof material
	5-pound waxed box
	Refrigerated

AN EXAMPLE OF A DAIRY PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

	Exact name
	Intended use
	Quality standard
	Product size
	Size of container
	Type of packaging
	Packaging procedure
	Preservation method
	Color
	Product form

A SPECIFICATION OUTLINE FOR EGG PRODUCTS

	Scrambled egg mix
	Used on buffet
	Fresh Start brand (or equivalent)
	2-pound moisture-proof, vapor-proof carton
	Packed 6 cartons per case
	Refrigerated liquid

AN EXAMPLE OF AN EGG PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

	Exact name
	Intended use
	Quality standard
	Product size
	Yield
	Size of container
	Type of packaging
	Packaging procedure
	Preservation method
	Product form

A SPECIFICATION OUTLINE FOR POULTRY PRODUCTS

	Boneless, skinless chicken breast, raw
	Used for dinner entrées
	Tyson brand (or equivalent)
	Packed 48, 4-ounce portions per case
	Packed in moisture-proof, vapor-proof container
	Layered in plastic cell-pack inserts
	Fresh frozen

AN EXAMPLE OF A POULTRY PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

	Exact name
	Intended use
	Quality standard
	Packed Under Federal Inspection (PUFI)
	Product size
	Yield
	Size of container
	Type of packaging
	Packaging procedure
	Packing medium
	Preservation method
	Point of origin
	Product form

A SPECIFICATION OUTLINE FOR FISH PRODUCTS

	Tuna, solid white, albacore
	Used to prepare tuna salad
	Chicken of the Sea brand (or equivalent)
	Water pack
	Packed in 66½ ounce can
	Packed 6 cans per case
	Moisture-proof case

AN EXAMPLE OF A FISH PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

	Exact name
	Intended use
	Quality standard
	Product size
	Yield
	Size of container
	Type of packaging
	Packaging procedure
	Preservation method
	Point of origin
	Tenderization method
	Product form

A SPECIFICATION OUTLINE FOR MEAT PRODUCTS

	New York strip steak
	Used for dinner entrée
	Meat Buyer's Guide (MBG) No. 1180
	USDA Choice Grade (high end) (or equivalent)
	Cut from USDA Yield Grade 2 carcass (or equivalent)
	Dry aged 14 to 21 days
	12-ounce portion cut
	Individually wrapped in plastic film
	Layered in 10- to 12-pound moisture-proof case
	Refrigerated

AN EXAMPLE OF A MEAT PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

	Exact name
	Intended use
	Brand name
	Size of container
	Type of container
	Preservation method
	Point of origin
	Vintage
	Alcohol content

A SPECIFICATION OUTLINE FOR BEVERAGE ALCOHOL PRODUCTS

	Vodka
	Used for drink service at the service bar
	Used in the service bar's automatic drink dispenser
	Smirnoff brand (or equivalent)
	80 proof
	1.50 liter, or 1.75 liter, glass bottle

AN EXAMPLE OF A BEVERAGE ALCOHOL PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

	Exact name
	Intended use
	Quality standard
	Size of container
	Type of container
	Preservation method
	Product form

A SPECIFICATION OUTLINE FOR NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PRODUCTS

	Cola: regular; diet; regular caffeine-free; diet caffeine-free
	Used for drink service in lounge, service bar, and dining room
	Coca-Cola brand
	5-gallon bag-in-the-box pack
	Postmix syrup

AN EXAMPLE OF A NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

APPLY WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED

1. Your line cooks have been bugging you for months to get a food processor for the restaurant. They currently use blenders to puree all the soups, sauces, and other items. They've gone through three industrial blenders in the past year. With an overall smallwares budget of \$1,000 per year, what type of processor would you consider purchasing? Provide sources for your decision—including, but not limited to, Internet printouts, store flyers, advertisements, documentation from foodservice operations, or vendors. Make clear what financial and operational benefits your plan has.
2. You have a full-time staff of 20 who provide fresh-from-scratch items for your daily dinner menu. Unfortunately, health insurance costs skyrocketed, and you will have to replace 10 full-time employees with less-experienced part-time workers. Instead of butchering your meats in-house, you decide to purchase preportioned shrink-wrapped meats. What purchasing issues might this decision affect? Discuss both positive and negative things.