indicating the internal flushing, filling, or calibrating fluid used. The delivery limitations and handling requirements for age control items shall be clearly identified on the exterior container.

4.4 International Shipments/Buyer's Assets

4.4.1 Packaging Standards - Item shall be preserved, packaged, and packed in accordance with the manufacturer's commercial practice suitable to the specified mode of transportation. Such packaging is to afford the degree of protection necessary to prevent damage during shipment or deterioration under those environmental conditions that may result during international movement of commodities. Selected materials and construction standards shall be compatible with U.S. Department Of Transportation (DOT) standards and regulations. Packaging involved shall consider through transportation from origin to the ultimate destination.

4.4.2 Waterproof Barriers - Items suitable for shipment in open crates or without overbox will not require protection against moisture. However, for these items which require such protection, a suitable shroud will be used. Shrouds shall be placed to avoid formation of water pockets and to permit free circulation of air. Sharp points of contact between the item and shroud shall be cushioned to prevent rupture or chafing. Those items requiring protection from humidity shall be encased in water-vapor proof barrier with desicant enclosed and excess air removed from the barrier by means of either pressure or vacuum.

4.4.3 Containers - Shipping containers shall be uniform in size and shall be of minimum tare weight and cube consistent with the protection required and shall be made of waterproof materials. Corrugated fiberboard containers shall be fabricated from materials that meet or exceed those specifications of PPP-F-320 and shall not exceed 96 inches in combined length and breadth. Closure shall be by waterproof tape with all joints sealed by taping, and by banding when required by size and weight. When the capacity of fiberboard containers is exceeded, plywood and/or lumber construction shall be used. Plywood material shall be of exterior grade and shall conform to the minimum requirements of specification NN-P-530. Shipping configuration shall conform to those dimensions of standard carrier containers wherever possible. Items shall be wrapped and taped for water tightness. Container design and construction will provide for handling and component protection. All containers shall meet the minimum packaging requirements of the common carrier (if so shipped) for their acceptance for safe transportation at the lowest rate applicable. Crating will not be required