# Specifications for corn cob as bedding material for laboratory mouse & rat

#### 1. Quality

- i) The corn cob is meant for use as bedding material for laboratory animals.
- ii) The corn cob should be clean and dry; free from dust.
- iii) The corn cob should be smooth in texture and uniform in size.
- iv) The corn cob should be free from any contaminants like aflatoxins, heavy metals, insecticides residue etc.
- v) The size of the corn cob should be 2-3 mm in diameter.

# 2. Sample analysis report

i) Supplier should submit detailed (elaborate) laboratory analysis report on aflatoxin, heavy metals and insecticides residue contents etc. of the corn cob to be supplied ii) Analysis report should be sent along with quotation and subsequently thereafter with each batch of supply.

### 3. Packaging

Corn cob weighing 25 Kg should be packed in clean and airtight bags...

# 4. Supply Instructions

- (i) Supply of the item should generally be made in four installments of 3000 Kg each in a calendar year or as and when required by the purchaser.
- (ii) Supply of the item has to be made strictly as per the approved sample till the last installment.

### 5. Conditions for supplier of corn cob

- i. Vender who has failed to deliver the item on time in the past need not participate.
- ii. Uninterrupted supply of the item is a primary requirement and therefore delay in supply even by 3-4 days is not acceptable.
- iii. Necessary action as provided under rules will be initiated in case a vendor fail to comply supply schedule communicated by the purchaser.
- iv. Purchaser shall reserve right to terminate purchase order any time during the currency of the contract or reject material supplied there under if the quality of the item is found unsatisfactory.

#### 6. Sample

Sample of the corncob is required along with quotation