
• MONOGRAPH NO.: 1C5

ITEM: Beef Chunks with Noodles in Sauce (BCN)

NSN: 8940 01 470 3154 Polymeric Tray ITEM SPECIFICATION: PCR B 023
8940 01 470 3209 Tray Pack Can ITEM SPECIFICATION: PCR B 018

CHARACTERISTICS OF ITEM:

APPEARANCE: medium brown to reddish-brown beef chunks (approximately ¾"x ¾ "x1 ¼ "); intact 1" to 4" fettuccini egg noodle pieces; reddish-brown moderately thick sauce, specks of spice in sauce, bits of onion in the sauce

ODOR: cooked beef and tomato, beef broth, black pepper and onion (blended spice), mild spicy

FLAVOR: slightly acidic tomato, tomato/beef gravy flavor; bland egg noodle; cooked beef; black pepper, mild spice blend

TEXTURE: smooth medium bodied sauce; slightly rubbery firm noodles; chewy, tender beef

ESTIMATED SHELF-LIFE AT: 80 DEGREES F: 36 months
100 DEGREES F: 6 months

POSSIBLE DETERIORATIVE CHANGES:

Appearance: darkening of meat, sauce and noodles

Odor: loss of odor, rancid, oxidized beef, metallic can odor

Flavor: bitter sauce, sour/rancid, can flavor; acidic, oxidized beef; loss of flavor

Texture: thicker sauce due to noodle deterioration, separation/oiling off of sauce; loss of dice integrity of meat; tough, stringy meat; pasty, softening of the noodles

UNIQUE EXAMINATION/TEST PROCEDURES: none