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• MONOGRAPH NO.: 5A5  
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ITEM: RICE, ORIENTAL STYLE (OSR)

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ITEM SPECIFICATION: MIL R 44473

CHARACTERISTICS OF ITEM:

APPEARANCE: Medium tan to light brown slightly clumpy rice kernels; reddish brown ham dices with visible celery pieces and water chestnuts; slightly oily surface.

ODOR: Mild to moderate soy sauce and cooked starchy rice.

FLAVOR: Slightly salty cooked rice with mild to moderate soy sauce and low smoked ham.

TEXTURE: Firm but chewy rice kernels, crunchy water chestnuts, and firm but tender celery pieces; oily mouthfeel.

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

POSSIBLE DETERIORATIVE CHANGES:

Appearance: Hard, dry and caked rice.

Odor: Stale rice, rancid oil.

Flavor: Stale rice, rancid oil, bitter celery, loss of flavor.

Texture: Hard, dry caked rice kernels that are difficult to separate.

UNIQUE EXAMINATION/TEST PROCEDURES: Product must be heated at least 50 minutes (preferably 60 minutes) for rice to readily separate.