

ITEM: Fruit Bar, Apple

(FBA)

MONOGRAPH NO.: KC4

APPROXIMATE CALORIC VALUE: 214 to 256 Kilocalories.

CHARACTERISTICS OF ITEM:

APPEARANCE: The intact bar shall be light to medium brown in color. The covering shall be uniform. The filling shall be light brown color typical of cooked apple, smooth except for small fruit chunks, evenly distributed to the edge of the bar.

ODOR: Baked pastry, mild, sweet, apple fruit odor.

FLAVOR: Sweet, baked pastry (cereal) covering; sweet apple flavor. May be slightly tart.

TEXTURE: Soft covering; thick jam-like apple filling.

DEFECTS LIKELY TO OCCUR:

APPEARANCE: Fruit bar crushed or broken; darkening of crust (uneven) and/or filling; dry crust and/or filling

ODOR: Sour or musty, fermented or scorched.

FLAVOR: Musty covering; fermented or sour; low fruit flavor

TEXTURE: Dry, hard; excessively soggy covering; excessive crumbling or cracking
Thick or rubbery filling.

UNIQUE EXAMINATION/TEST PROCEDURES: This product is vacuum packed. Inspect for 'inadequate vacuum' by firmly grasping the edges of the package and attempt to pull or stretch the material away from the product for a short time. A pouch with adequate vacuum will return to its original shape when pressure is released. Gently attempt to move product within the pouch by pressing on the product's edge. If the vacuum is inadequate to preserve and protect the product, the product will move easily within the pouch. If mold is observed, check the package closely for tears, cuts or holes. If any are noted, score the package defect and note the mold in the narrative.

SPECIAL NOTES: Serviceability is considered significantly affected when more than 25% of the product is crushed or reduced to powder. If more than one fruit bar per package, then slight sticking together of the bars may occur.