
* **MONOGRAPH NO: M2K**

ITEM: Chili and Macaroni, Thermostabilized, For Meal, Ready-To-Eat

(CAM)

NSN: 8940-01-375-4375

ITEM SPECIFICATION: PCR-C-027

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APPROX CALORIC VALUE: 226 kilocalories (PRIMARY)

CHARACTERISTICS OF ITEM :

Appearance: Sauce; thick, red-brown with finely ground meat and some larger meat pieces. Macaroni; thick walled swollen pasta.

Odor: Spicy tomato sauce; canned, cooked meat

Flavor: Beef; canned, cooked beef. Macaroni; cooked pasta. Sauce; spicy slightly acidic tomato sauce.

Texture : Beef; finely ground, slightly dry and chewy. Macaroni; medium firm, cooked pasta. Sauce; moderately thick.

DEFECTS LIKELY TO OCCUR:

Appearance: Sauce; moderately darkened, excessive oiling off of fat, excessively, thin or thick. macaroni; extremely soft or mushy

Odor: Rancid, sour

Flavor: Rancid chicken, sauce; bitter vegetables.

Texture : bitter, rancid; sour, stale; lack of spice and tomato flavor

UNIQUE EXAMINATION / TEST PROCEDURES: : If upon opening, the characteristics described above are not apparent when the product is cold, heat the pouched product in boiling water or heat the pouch contents in a sauce pan for several

minutes and inspect it for condition. After heating, the appearance should approximate that described above. Note: Even though heating will allow the true product characteristic to be seen, the product must be serviceable in the unheated state.

SPECIAL NOTES: Pasta that has a soft texture is characteristic of this item just as it is with commercially produced canned pasta products.