
* MONOGRAPH NO.: M9A

ITEM: Catsup, Tomato

NSN: 8950-00-149-1105

ITEM SPECIFICATION: MIL-C-44075

APPROXIMATE CALORIC VALUE: 23-24 Kilocalories (ANCILLARY)

CHARACTERISTICS OF ITEM:

APPEARANCE: Dry: Fine granules, pink and white, free flowing without clumps (see Special Notes). Rehydrated: Thick, pulpy, dark red paste when reconstituted.

ODOR: Tomato, spicy, sweet, vinegar-like.

FLAVOR: Low sweet vinegar, hot pepper, moderate spice, tomato.

TEXTURE: Dry: Loose, free-flowing red and white granules. Reconstituted: Smooth, pulpy, paste.

DEFECTS LIKELY TO OCCUR:

APPEARANCE: Moderate to extreme darkening.

ODOR: Scorched, sour (especially if heat abused).

FLAVOR: Scorched, sour, bitter, burnt.

TEXTURE: Dry: Gummy, caked, hardened. Reconstituted: Excessively thick and pasty.

UNIQUE EXAMINATION/TEST PROCEDURES: Initial examination should be in the dehydrated state. Final examination and evaluation should be done after reconstitution in two full teaspoons of cold water (i.e., 50-60 degrees F). Product should be completely soluble.

SPECIAL NOTES: Signs of deterioration noted above are characteristic of heat abuse and/or package failure.