

Item: **Penne with vegetable sausage crumbles in spicy tomato sauce (PVS)**

Document: **PCR-P-036, Penne with Vegetable Sausage Crumbles in Spicy Tomato Sauce, Packaged in a Flexible Pouch, Shelf Stable**

Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **255** Component Classification: **Primary**

Estimated Shelf Life: **36 months at 80°F**

### **Item Characteristics**

Appearance: Sauce: medium reddish orange, thick and cohesive with discernable pieces of tomato, diced green bell pepper, red bell pepper, and herbs and spices. Pasta: typical cooked appearance, intact, tubular with ridges and diagonal end cuts, not less than 1.5 inches +/- .25 inches. Crumbles: random size with a cooked ground meat appearance.

Odor: Sauce: cooked tomato with moderately intense Italian chili powder spicing with ground black pepper spicing and moderate pungency. Pasta: typical cooked. Crumbles: typical of Italian style sausage.

Flavor: Sauce: cooked tomato with moderately intense Italian chili powder spicing with ground black pepper spicing and moderate pungency. Pasta: typical cooked. Crumbles: typical of Italian style sausage.

Texture: Sauce: thick and slightly free flowing. Pasta: slightly soft to slightly firm. Not pasty. Crumbles: typical of cooked ground meat.

### **Possible Deteriorative Changes**

Appearance: Moderately darkened sauce. Excessively thick or thin sauce. Pasta excessively broken or very mushy.

Odor: Scorched, bitter, oxidized. Loss of spice.

Flavor: Scorched, bitter, oxidized. Loss of spice.

Texture: Sauce excessively thick or thin. Pasta excessively soft, mushy, or broken up. Crumbles tough or dry.

### **Unique Examination/Test Procedures**

NA

### **Special Notes**

The sausage style crumbles are a vegetarian meat analogue and therefore should not be evaluated as a meat product.