

ITEM: Minestrone Stew (MIN)

NSN: 8940-01-467-2497

ITEM SPECIFICATION: PCR-M-0004

APPROXIMATE CALORIC VALUE: 150 Calories (PRIMARY)

CHARACTERISTICS OF ITEM:

APPEARANCE: Small, intact, off white to pale tan shell shaped pasta with dark reddish brown kidney beans, and a variety of vegetables in a pale reddish tan sauce with tomato pieces and herbs.

ODOR AND FLAVOR: Characteristic of hearty cooked minestrone with Italian seasonings.

TEXTURE: Slightly soft to slightly firm pasta and vegetables in a smooth moderately thick sauce.

DEFECTS LIKELY TO OCCUR:

APPEARANCE: Darkened or off color past, sauce, and vegetables. Little free sauce.

ODOR AND FLAVOR: Scorched or burnt, musty, loss of Italian flavor, oxidized.

TEXTURE: Pasta and vegetables soft or mushy. Sauce thick or pasty.

UNIQUE EXAMINATION/TEST PROCEDURES:

SPECIAL NOTES: