

Item: **Beef Stew**

Document: **PCR-B-020. Beef Stew, Packaged in a Flexible Pouch, Shelf Stable**

Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **230** Component Classification: **PRIMARY**

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

**Item Characteristics**

Appearance: Cooked beef dices in gravy with vegetables.  
Beef dices: Brown cooked beef color.  
Vegetables: Potatoes a cooked off-white color, carrots a cooked carrot color, green peas a cooked green pea color.  
Gravy: Glossy, opaque, and moderately thick. Golden-brown to brown color.

Odor: Beef stew with vegetables in a beef flavored gravy.

Flavor: Beef stew with vegetables in a beef flavored gravy.

Texture: Beef: Moist and tender beef dices.  
Vegetables: Slightly soft to slightly firm.  
Gravy: Smooth and moderately thick.

**Possible Deteriorative Changes**

Appearance: Beef: Darkened  
Gravy: Darkened, excessively thick or thin

Odor: Souring of beef and/or gravy, metallic, earthy or musty.

Flavor: Metallic, bitter, stale, rancid, earthy.

Texture: Beef: Dry, chewy, tough.  
Vegetables: Extremely soft and mushy.  
Gravy: Excessively thick or thin

**Unique Examination/Test Procedures**

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Special Notes  
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