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Item: **Almond and coconut, Nuts, Uncoated, Conventional, Nut Bar**

Document: **A-A-20245, Granola Bars (With or Without Nuts) and Nut Bars**

Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **220**

Component Classification: **Primary**

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

Item Characteristics

Appearance: Golden tan color rectangular bar, slightly rough and slightly glossy exterior. Moderately porous interior, with whole and pieces of almonds with skins and small intact off-white to light tan round rice crisps and light tan coconut flakes distributed throughout.

Odor: Moderate coconut, sweet honey, slight almond, and toasted grain.

Flavor: Moderate coconut, sweet honey, slight almond, and toasted grain.

Texture: Pliable and chewy with crispy rice grains and coconut flakes, and crunchy almonds.

Possible Deteriorative Changes

Appearance: Darkening or evidence of burnt particulates. May have surface oiliness due to fat migration.

Odor: Rancid, stale, oxidized, soapy.

Flavor: Rancid, stale, oxidized, soapy.

Texture: Excessive hardening (very firm, hard to bite into), excessive stickiness, crumbly.

Unique Examination/Test Procedures

This product is vacuum packaged. Inspect for inadequate vacuum by firmly grasping the edges of the package and attempting to pull or stretch the material away from the product for a short time. A pouch with adequate vacuum will return to its original shape when pressure is released. If vacuum is adequate the product will not move easily within the pouch.

Special Notes

Serviceability is considered significantly affected when bars are broken into more than three pieces or when more than 25 percent of product is crushed or reduced to powder.