

Item: **Cheese filled crackers, Cheddar cheese (Type VII, Flavor 1)**

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Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **240** Component Classification: **Primary**

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

Item Characteristics

Appearance: Cylindrical cracker shell surrounding a cheese filling.
 Cracker shell: Golden brown color with salt crystals that adhere to the surface.
 Filling: Orange-brown.

Odor: Cracker shell: Baked wheat cracker.

Flavor: Cracker shell: Baked wheat cracker.
 Filling: Mild tangy cheddar cheese.

Texture: Cracker shell: Crunchy, dry.
 Filling: Soft, slightly chalky.

Possible Deteriorative Changes

Appearance: Crushed, broken; darkening of exterior or filling.

Odor: Rancid, stale, scorched or other non-typical odor.

Flavor: Rancid, stale, scorched or other non-typical flavor.

Texture: Slightly soft to soft exterior, extremely hard, crumbly filling.

Unique Examination/Test Procedures

NA

Special Notes

Serviceability is significantly affected if more than 30 percent of filled crackers are broken per pouch. This product should contain an oxygen scavenger. If defects such as oxidized or rancid odors or flavors exist, they are likely due to package failure or the absence of an oxygen scavenger.