
*** MONOGRAPH: FPS/LR 01**

ITEM: Food Packet, Survival, Aircraft Life Raft

ITEM SPECIFICATION: A-A-20331 (Aircraft Life Raft) Type II, Style A, Class 1 or 2

NSN: 8970-01-028-7813 Aircraft Life Raft, Class 1

NSN: 8970-01-028-7814 Aircraft Life Raft, Class 2 (Kosher, Halal)

APPROXIMATE CALORIC VALUE:

Aircraft Life Raft – 400 kilocalories per bar

CHARACTERISTICS:

APPEARANCE:

Light to dark, golden brown, dense, compressed bar, approximately 4”x 2”x 0.5” rectangle, oily, slightly glossy, flat surface.

ODOR:

Moderate coconut, sweet, buttery/oily, toasted grain, slight dairy, low to mild vitamin.

FLAVOR:

Coconut, buttery, sweet, honey, toasted grain, oil, low to mild vitamin.

TEXTURE:

Very firm and dense, slightly crunchy, shortbread texture, oily mouth feel, crumbles in mouth.

POSSIBLE DETERIORATIVE CHANGES:

APPEARANCE:

Dark brown, or pale uncooked cookie color, excessive crumbs or powder, oiling off, irregular shape.

ODOR:

Raw or uncooked dough, low sweet, low toasted, low coconut, rancid, cardboard, stale, soapy, scorched, strong vitamin.

FLAVOR:

Rancid oil, low coconut, low/no sweet, sour, citrus, rancid, bitter, soapy, stale, strong vitamin, musty.

TEXTURE:

Grainy, crystallization, hard, dry, oily, increased crumbliness or brittleness.

***SPECIAL NOTES:**

Check odor on just opened package for best evaluation of quality. Check for vacuum packaging. Product typically not crumbly even when excess handling occurs.