

ITEM: Crackers

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MONOGRAPH NO.: KC1

APPROXIMATE CALORIC VALUE: 199 Kilocalories.

CHARACTERISTICS OF ITEM:

APPEARANCE: Square, evenly baked to light golden color except for edges that may be light to dark brown. Surface contains numerous perforations.

ODOR: Very slightly toasted cracker. Yeast-like odor is often noticeable.

FLAVOR: Ranges from a salty cracker to bland cracker. Yeast-like flavor is often noticeable.

TEXTURE: Dry, flaky to crumbly.

DEFECTS LIKELY TO OCCUR:

APPEARANCE: Darkened (but not due to over baking at origin).

ODOR: Stale, cardboard, rancid.

FLAVOR: Stale, musty, bitter, rancid.

TEXTURE: Excessively dry and crumbly.

UNIQUE EXAMINATION/TEST PROCEDURES: When the package is first opened the product should be smelled for off-odors. Odors that dissipate rapidly (i.e., musty, yeasty, slightly rancid) should be noted but not scored as a surveillance defect provided no other condition factor such as off-taste is also noted.

SPECIAL NOTES: Serviceability of the cracker is considered significantly affected when more than 25% of the product's volume is crushed or reduced to crumbs. This item is vacuum packed, but does not contain an inner liner. The flavor, odor, and texture is similar to, but not exactly like a saltine soda cracker. The sealed bag shall continue to exhibit tight adherence to the large flat surfaces of the contents when pulling force is applied at the center of each side seal. This force shall be applied by holding each side seal between thumb and forefinger of each hand.