

Item: **Meatballs in Tomato Sauce**

Document: **CID A-A-20349 Meatballs in Tomato Sauce, Canned or in Flexible Pouches and PKG&QAP**

Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **250** Component Classification: **Primary**

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

**Item Characteristics**

Appearance: Meatballs in tomato sauce.  
Meatballs: Cooked ground beef color and uniform in size and shape.  
Tomato sauce: Medium red to dark reddish brown color.

Odor: Meatballs: Cooked beef.  
Tomato sauce: Well blended cooked tomato mildly seasoned with Italian herbs and spices.

Flavor: Meatballs: Cooked beef.  
Tomato sauce: Well blended cooked tomato mildly seasoned with Italian herbs and spices.

Texture: Meatballs: Moist and tender. Not dry or mushy.  
Tomato sauce: Moderately thick.

**Possible Deteriorative Changes**

Appearance: Meatballs: May darken.  
Tomato sauce: May darken

Odor: Meatballs: Excessively metallic, rancid, sour, scorched, bitter or other objectionable odors.  
Tomato sauce: May exhibit loss of Italian herbs or spices.

Flavor: Meatballs: Excessively metallic, rancid, sour, scorched, bitter or other objectionable flavors.  
Tomato sauce: May have too much or too little Italian seasoning.

Texture: Meatballs: May become dry, chewy, or mushy.  
Tomato sauce: May become excessively thick or thin or oily.

**Unique Examination/Test Procedures**

NA

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**Special Notes**

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